



The Anglican Parish of
CHRIST CHURCH ST LUCIA

Sunday, 20th September 2020

Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist & Martyr
(21 September)



Online Service of
Praise, Prayer & Proclamation

<https://youtu.be/v82mQ8hSIF8>

Welcome Rev. Canon Libbie Crossman

Organ Prelude Fughette über: Ach Gott un Herr – Andreas Sabelon (1772-1838)

Opening Sentence: sung by Cantor

Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.
Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.'
For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.

Matthew 9.12-13

The Greeting

We stand before the throne of God with countless crowds
from every nation and race, tribe and language.
Blessing and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honour, power and might
be to our God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The following thanksgiving is said:

**Blessed are you, Sovereign God of all,
to you be glory and praise for ever!
In the darkness of this passing age,
your saints proclaim the glory of your kingdom,
revealed among us in Christ, our light.
Open our eyes to behold your presence
and join our song with that of the saints
in praise of all your marvellous deeds.
Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The following prayer and the Collect of the Day are said in preparation for the reading and teaching of Scripture

Bountiful God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word: by your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy, and to live according to it, that we may grow in faith and hope and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Almighty God,
who through your Son Jesus Christ
called Matthew from the selfish pursuit of gain
to become an apostle and evangelist:
free us from all greed and love of riches
so that we may follow the steps of our Lord Jesus Christ
in the way of self-giving love;
who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Old Testament

Reader: Eleanor Reid

Proverbs 3.1-6

My child, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments; for length of days and years of life and abundant welfare they will give you.

Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favour and good repute in the sight of God and of people.

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Hear the word of the Lord:

thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 19: 1-6

sung by Cantor

Wrench / Howard Hughes

Response Christopher Wrench

The heav'ns de - clare the glo - ry of God.

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God:
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork;
- 2 One day tells it to another:
and night to night communicates knowledge. RESPONSE
- 3 There is no speech or language:
nor are their voices heard;
- 4 Yet their sound has gone out through all the world:
and their words to the ends of the earth. RESPONSE
- 5 There he has pitched a tent for the sun:
which comes out as a bridegroom from his chamber,
and rejoices like a strong man to run his course.
- 6 Its rising is at one end of the heavens,
and its circuit to their farthest bound:
and nothing is hidden from its heat. RESPONSE

The New Testament

Reader: Rev. Bill Crossman

Matthew 9.9-13

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners." But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom.

To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Organ Acclamation

Wer nur den lieben Gott läßt walten (var. 7), op.78/8 – C.H. Rinck (1770-1846)

Those who hope in God will be wonderfully sustained through every trial.

The Sermon

Rev. Bill Crossman

Vocal Reflection

Thou art God - Lionel Bourne (b.1960)

*Thou art the peace of all things calm;
Thou art the place to hide from harm.
Thou art the light that shines in dark;
Thou art the hearts eternal spark.
Thou art the door that's open wide;
Thou art the guest that waits inside.
Thou art the stranger at the door;
Thou art the calling of the poor.*

(repeat)

*Thou art peace, thou art calm.
Thou art my love, thou art my Lord and with me still,
Thou art my love, keep me from ill,
Thou art my light, the truth, the way.
Thou art my Saviour this day,
Thou art my Saviour this very day.*

David Adam (b.1936)

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Invitation to the Confession

God the Father forgives us in Christ and heals us by the Holy Spirit.
Let us therefore put away all anger and bitterness, all slander and malice,
and confess our sins to God our redeemer.

Silence for reflection

We have wandered from your paths, yet your truth leads us home.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We have failed to live as your children, yet your love restores us.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

We are disfigured by our sin, yet your power heals us.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The minister declares the absolution

May the God of all healing and forgiveness
draw you to himself, and cleanse you from all your sins
that you may behold the glory of his Son,
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER

The Intercessions

Leader: Eleanor Reid

Encouraged by our fellowship with St. Matthew and all the saints, let us pray:

Gracious God, your Son called men and women to leave the past behind them and to follow him as disciples in the way of the cross. Look with mercy on all he has called, marked with the cross and made his disciples within the Church.

*Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.***

Your Son told his disciples not to be afraid, and at Easter breathed on them his gift of peace. Look with mercy upon the world into which he sent them out, and give it that peace for which it longs.

*Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.***

Your Son formed around him a company who were no longer servants but friends, and he called those who obeyed him his brother and sister and mother. Look with mercy upon our families and our friends and upon the communities in which we share.

*Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.***

Your Son sent out disciples to preach and to heal the sick. Look with mercy on all those who yearn to hear the good news of salvation, and renew among your people the gifts of healing.

*Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.***

Gracious God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, among whom was St. Matthew whose life and example we celebrate today.

Encourage us by their example so that we may run with perseverance the race that lies before us, and share with them and all who have walked with Christ in the banquet of your eternal kingdom

*Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.***

Rejoicing in the presence of St. Matthew and all the saints we pray:

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prayer

Loving God,
we thank you for hearing our prayers,
feeding us with your word,
and encouraging us in our meeting together.

**Take us and use us
to love and serve you
and all people,
in the power of your Spirit
and in the name of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

God give you grace to follow Matthew and all the Saints
in faith and hope and love,
and to know the fruit of God's spirit in your lives;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Dear sisters and brothers, let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude *Concerto in G (1st mvt), BWV 592 - J.S.Bach / Prince Johann Ernst*

Director of Music/Organist: Christopher Wrench
Cantor/Organ Scholar: Talia Garret-Benson

MUSIC LINKS:

Hymn:

Will you come and follow me?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pnXOEUS7BBM&t=55s>

Anthem:

Lead me, Lord – Samuel Sebastian Wesley (2 versions!)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VE16lO2Zjhq>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ld4dAtk9sg>

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