



The Anglican Parish of
CHRIST CHURCH ST LUCIA

Sunday, 11th October 2020

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 23



Online Service of
Praise, Prayer & Proclamation

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Welcome

Fr. Michael

Organ Prelude

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele, op.65/51 – Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)
(Deck thyself, my soul with gladness)

Opening Sentence:

sung by Cantor

This is our God for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Isaiah 2.9

The Greeting

You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

1 Peter 2.9–10

The following thanksgiving is said together

**Gracious God, we humbly thank you
for life and health and safety,
for freedom to work, leisure to rest,
and for all that is beautiful in creation and human life.
But, above all, we praise you for our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
for his death and resurrection;
for the gift of your Spirit;
and for the hope of sharing in your glory.
Fill our hearts with all joy and peace in believing;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

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

Thank you, Father, for making yourself known to us
and showing the way of salvation through faith in your Son.
We ask you now to teach and encourage us through your word,
so that we may be ready to serve you;
for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Saving and healing God, you have promised that those who have died with Christ shall live with him: grant us grace to be continually thankful for all you have done for us, and in that thankfulness to be eager to serve and live for others, so that we and all your children may rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Reader:

Isaiah 25.1-9

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Hear the word of the Lord:
thanks be to God.

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd:
therefore can I lack nothing.
- 2 He will make me lie down in green pastures:
and lead me beside still waters.
- 3 He will refresh my soul:
and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil:
for you are with me, your rod and your staff comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the face of those who trouble me:
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.
- 6 Surely your goodness and loving-kindness will follow me
all the days of my life:
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come.

Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city.

Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Hear the word of the Lord:
thanks be to God.

Acclamation *Es ist das Heil uns kommen her - Max Gulbins (1862-1932)*

*Salvation has come to us full of grace and kindness
Works help no more, they shall not protect us.
Faith looks to Jesus Christ, the mediator.*

The Sermon *Canon Libbie Crossman*

Vocal Reflection *The Lord's my Shepherd – Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)*
Psalm 23

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in one God,
who made and loves all that is.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was born, lived, died and rose again,
and is coming to call all to account.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who calls, equips and sends out God's people,
and brings all things to their true end.**

This is our faith, the faith of the Church:

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

Invitation to the Confession

Return to the Lord your God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Joel 2.13

Let us now confess our sins to almighty God.

**God the Father, maker of heaven and earth,
have mercy on us.**

**God the Son, redeemer of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**God the Holy Spirit, giver of light and life,
have mercy on us.**

**For accepting life yet living it without you,
for living without concern for others,
for tolerating oppression, injustice and wrong,
for disobeying your will and commandments,
for refusing to love and forgive others,
for turning the world to our own purposes and desires,
forgive us, Lord.
That in all things we may hold to your will and purpose,
Lord, hear us. Amen.**

The minister declares God's forgiveness

O God, you have searched us out and known us,
and all that we are is open to you.
We confess that we have sinned:
we have used our power to dominate
and our weakness to manipulate;
we have evaded responsibility
and failed to confront evil;
we have denied dignity
to ourselves and to each other,
and fallen into despair.

We turn to you, O God;
we renounce evil;
we claim your love;
we choose to be made whole.

THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER

The Intercessions

Leader: Dell Ponsonby

Father we give thanks that you look mercifully upon the world today and heal the sorrows and sufferings of mankind. May the power of the Holy Spirit avert nations from the lust of power, from racial hatred and jealousy, from the worship of material things.

Grant that in every land the rule of tyranny may be broken, the cause of righteousness may triumph, and all peoples may learn to serve you in the peace and freedom of your kingdom. May your Grace and wisdom guide the researchers developing vaccines for Covid19.

Merciful God we thank you that you call us to your service as members of the Body of Christ. Every one of us has a vocation to fulfil and a ministry to exercise. We thank you that your entire Church is a holy priesthood, and that it is the privilege of each of us to intercede for the world, to introduce others to Jesus. Help us to see this more clearly and show us what it means for our own life and service.

Gracious and loving God you call us to love you with our whole being and to love our neighbours as ourselves. May we live, work and pray as one body in Christ; do apart nothing which we can do together and do together what we cannot do apart. At this time of uncertainty and upheaval may your love hold us together.

We give you thanks that we can worship together in these unusual times and thank you for the support and tireless energy of our clergy and fellow parishioners. May we never be afraid to show our love and support for those in our community, regardless of age, race or beliefs.

We pledge ourselves to your Kingdom in the certainty that, if it is your will, You will heal us, and all for whom we pray, from all that harms our bodies, minds, hearts and spirits.

May we keep in our hearts:

People who have recently suffered natural disasters and thank you for the support and help from volunteers and emergency services

People who are struggling to make ends meet

People who are recovering from illness

People who have been forgotten just because they are out of our presence

We thank you for all who give their time and talents to help those in need

We offer our prayers specifically for Jarman, Julia, Annie and Ferdinand, Bishop David, Derek, Darrel, Gwenda and Jane. We remember Fr Michael in hospital and pray for a successful outcome and speedy recovery, and in a moment of silence we bring to you those known to us personally.....

We remember all who have died recently and all whose anniversary of death occurs near this time

May their souls rest in peace and rise in glory.

Let us pray with a clear conscience and peaceful heart in the words Jesus taught us.

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

May the God of peace equip you with everything good for doing his will,
working in you what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory
for ever and ever; 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, go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude Fughetta in D - G.F.Handel ?? (1685-1759)

MUSIC LINKS:

Hymn:

Deck thyself my soul with gladness

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CjZ3JwrXwz8>

Anthem:

I sat down under his shadow - Bairstow

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P6JflnyQI9Q>

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