



# CHRIST CHURCH ST LUCIA

Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> October 2020

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Proper 25



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## HOLY EUCHARIST, 8.30am

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### GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

*Mass Setting: Dudman*

ORGAN PRELUDE *Dies sind die heiligen zehn Gebot, BWV 678 - J.S.Bach (1685-1750)*

INTROIT HYMN (TIS 398)

Tune: DOWN AMPNEY

- 1** Come down, O Love divine,  
seek now this soul of mine,  
and visit it with your own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear and kindle it,  
your holy flame bestowing.
- 2** There let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes,  
in its heat consuming;  
and let your glorious light  
shine ever on my sight  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.
- 3** Let holy charity my outer garment be,  
and lowliness become my inner clothing:  
true lowliness of heart,  
which takes the humbler part  
and for its own shortcomings  
weeps with loathing.

**4 And so the yearning strong  
with which the soul will long  
shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace  
till we become the place  
in which the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.**

Bianco de Siena (d. 1434)  
Tr. Richard Frederick Littledale 1833-90 alt.

*The president greets the assembly*

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**Blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.**

Let us pray.

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength’ Jesus said: ‘This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.’

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.  
As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith,  
we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

Lord, we have sinned in thought, word and deed:  
Lord have mercy,  
**Lord have mercy.**

We are truly sorry and we ask you to forgive us;  
Christ have mercy,  
**Christ have mercy.**

Help us by your spirit to live in newness of life:

Lord have mercy,

**Lord have mercy.**

*The Absolution*

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith, pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GLORIA *sung by all*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly king,  
almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:**

**receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,**

**you alone are the Lord,**

**you alone are the Most High**

**Jesus Christ,**

**with the Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

**Prayer of the Day**

O God, whose Son has taught us that love is the fulfilment of your law: stir up within us the fire of your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts your greatest gift of love, so that we may love you with our whole being, and our neighbours as ourselves; 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

*Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18*

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them:

You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour.

You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the Lord.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself.

You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord.

Hear the word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

*(sung by the choir)*

*Psalm 1 (plainsong)*

- 1 Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the ungodly:  
nor followed the way of sinners, nor taken their seat amongst the scornful.
- 2 But their delight is in the law of the Lord:  
and on that law will they ponder day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted beside streams of water:  
that yield their fruit in due season.
- 4 Their leaves also shall not wither:  
and look, whatever they do, it shall prosper.
- 5 As for the ungodly, it is not so with them:  
they are like the chaff which the wind scatters.
- 6 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand up at the judgement:  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
- 7 For the Lord cares for the way of the righteous:  
but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

## The HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 22.34-46*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew:

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him.

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"

He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?"

They said to him, "The son of David."

He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?"

No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

This is the Gospel of the Lord,  
**praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

ORGAN ACCLAMATION: Dies sind die heiligen zehn Gebot - J.C.Bach (1642-1703)  
*(These are the Holy Ten Commandments)*

**The SERMON** *The Rev'd Canon Libbie Crossman*

ORGAN REFLECTION: Ubi caritas et amor - Gerald Near (b.1942)  
*(Where there is charity and love, God is there.)*

**The NICENE CREED**

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

*At the conclusion of the prayers:*

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:

**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 GREETING OF PEACE

We are the body of Christ.  
**His spirit is with us.**  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

## OFFERTORY HYMN (TIS 572ii)

Tune: HEREFORD

- 1 O thou who camest from above,  
the pure celestial fire to impart,  
kindle a flame of sacred love  
on the mean altar of my heart.**
- 2 There let it for thy glory burn  
with inextinguishable blaze,  
and trembling to its source return,  
in humble prayer and fervent praise.**
- 3 Jesus, confirm my heart's desire  
to work and speak and think for thee;  
still let me guard the holy fire,  
and still stir up thy gift in me,**
- 4 ready for all thy perfect will,  
my acts of faith and love repeat,  
till death thy endless mercies seal,  
and make my sacrifice complete.**

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Loving God,

We thank you for this world of wonder and delight.

You have given it to us to care for,

so that all your creatures may enjoy its bounty.

Lord our God,

**We give you thanks and praise.**

We thank you that when we turned away from you,  
you sent Jesus to live and work as one of us,  
and bring us back to you.

He showed us how to love you

and set us free to love and serve one another.

Lord our God,

**We give you thanks and praise.**

We thank you that on the cross

Jesus took away our sin,

all that keeps us from each other and from you.

he frees us from hate and fear,

from all that destroys love and trust.

Lord our God,

**We give you thanks and praise.**

And so with everyone who believes in you,

with all the saints and angels,

we rejoice and praise you, singing:



**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,  
Hosanna in the highest.**

And now we thank you  
for these gifts of bread and wine;  
may we who receive them, as Jesus said,  
share his body and his blood.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread  
and gave you thanks.  
He broke the bread and gave it to his friends, and said,  
'Take and eat. This is my body given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper he took the cup  
and gave you thanks.  
He shared the cup with them and said,  
'This is my blood poured out  
so that the sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

You have gathered us together  
to feed on Christ  
and to remember all he has done for us:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Fill us with your Spirit  
that we may follow Jesus  
in all we do and say,  
working for justice and bringing your peace  
to this world that you have made.

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

As this broken bread was once many grains,  
which have been gathered together and made one bread:

**so may your Church be gathered  
from the ends of the earth into your Kingdom.**

AGNUS DEI

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

*The priest and other communicants receive the Holy Communion.*

ORGAN MUSIC            Meditation on 'At that first Eucharist' – Lynn Trapp (b.1963)

COMMUNION MOTET    A Prayer of St Richard of Chichester - L J White (1910-1949)

*O holy Jesus, most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother,  
may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly,  
and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.*

## PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Living God, in this holy meal you fill us with new hope.  
May the power of your love, which we have known in word and sacrament,  
continue your saving work among us,  
give us courage for our pilgrimage,  
and bring us to the joys your promise.

Most loving God,  
**you send us into the world you love.  
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage  
in the power of your Spirit.**

THANKSGIVING HYMN (TIS 571)

Tune: SONG 34

**1 Forth in your name, O Lord, I go,  
my daily labour to pursue,  
you, Lord, alone resolved to know  
in all I think or speak or do.**

- 2 **The task your wisdom has assigned  
here let me cheerfully fulfil;  
in all my work your presence find,  
and prove your good and perfect will.**
  
- 3 **You may I set at my right hand,  
whose eyes my inmost substance view,  
and labour on at your command  
and offer all my works to you.**
  
- 4 **Give me to bear your easy yoke,  
And every moment watch and pray,  
and still to things eternal look  
and hasten to that glorious day.**
  
- 5 **for you delightfully I employ  
all that your bounteous grace has given,  
and run my course with even joy,  
and closely walk with you to heaven.**

Charles Wesley (1707-88) *alt.*

## THE NOTICES

### BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The love of God be in your heart, the peace of God be in your mind, the grace of God be in your dealings; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## ORGAN POSTLUDE

*Fantasia* from Sonata 13 in Eb, op.161 – Joseph Rheinberger (1839-1901)

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