



CHRIST CHURCH ST LUCIA

Sunday, 8th November 2020

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 27a



HOLY EUCHARIST - 7am & 9am

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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Mass Setting: DUDMAN

ORGAN PRELUDE *Meditation - Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)*

INTROIT HYMN (TIS 266)

Tune: WACHET AUF

- 1 **'Wake, awake, for night is flying,
the watchmen on the heights are crying,
'Awake, Jerusalem, arise!'
Midnight hears the welcome voices,
and at the rousing cry rejoices:
'Where are you, all you virgins wise?
the bridegroom comes, awake!
Your lighted lamps then take. Hallelujah!
With joy prepare to meet him there;
the royal wedding feast is near.'**

- 2 **Zion hears the watchmen singing,
and all her heart new joy is springing;
she wakes, she rises from her gloom.
For her Lord now comes all-glorious,
and strong in grace, in truth victorious;
her star is risen, her light has come.
Now come, O precious crown,
Lord Jesus, God's own Son. Hail, hosanna!
O lead us all into the hall
where you provide your joyful meal.**

**3 Now let all the heavens adore you,
and saints and angels sing before you
with harp and cymbal's joyful tone.
Gates of pearl in heaven are shining;
there, with the angel-choir combining,
we gather round your radiant throne.
No eye has seen that sight,
no ear heard such delight.
What rejoicing!
Yet there will we eternally
with songs acclaim your majesty.**

Philipp Nicolai 1556-1608
tr. Catherine Winkworth 1827-78 *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 at 9am)*

**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

Eternal God, you have taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand: keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom, so that, so that when Christ, the bridegroom, comes we may go out joyfully to meet him, and with him enter into the marriage feast that you have prepared for all who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Amos 5.18-24

Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Hear the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 70

(sung by the choir at 9am)

Chant – Christopher Gibbons

- 1 O God, be pleased to deliver me:
O Lord, make haste to help me.
- 2 Let them be put to shame and confounded who seek my life:
let them be turned back and disgraced who wish me evil.
- 3 Let them turn away for shame:
who say to me 'Aha, aha!'
- 4 Let all who seek you be joyful and glad because of you:
let those who love your salvation say always 'God is great.'
- 5 As for me, I am poor and needy:
O God, be swift to save me.
- 6 You are my helper and my deliverer:
O Lord, make no delay.

The HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25.1-13

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.

'The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.'

Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.'

And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut.

Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.'

Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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

The SERMON

Fr. Michael

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 599, t.219i)

Tune: SAVANNAH

- 1 Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**
- 2 Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.**
- 3 Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.**
- 4 Take my silver and my gold,
nothing, Lord, would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.**

- 5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.**
- 6 Take my love: my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.**

Frances Ridley Havergal 1836-79, *alt.*

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 *Expressions No.6 – Jean Langlais (1907-1991)*

COMMUNION MOTET *Thou knowest, Lord - Henry Purcell (1659-1695)*

*Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;
shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayers;
but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty.
O holy and most merciful Saviour, thou most worthy Judge eternal,
suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from thee. Amen.*

From the Burial Service (BCP)

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 456)

Tune: THORNBURY

- 1 Your hand, O God, has guided
your flock from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written,
full clear on every page;
your people owned your goodness,
and we their deeds record,
and both of this bear witness:
one church, one faith, one Lord.**

- 2 Your heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest, as to least;
they bade them rise, and hasten
to share the great King's feast,
and this was all their teaching,
in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming
one church, one faith, one Lord.**

- 4 Your mercy will not fail us,
nor leave your work undone;
with your right hand to help us,
the victory shall be won,
and then by all creation
your name shall be adored,
and this shall be their anthem:
One church, one faith, one Lord.**

Edward Hayes Plumpton (1821-91) *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 *Prelude & Fugue in Bb, BWV 560 - circle of J.S.Bach*

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