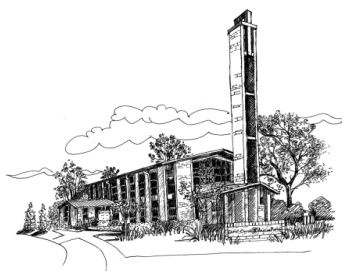


CHRIST CHURCH, ST LUCIA

Sunday 21st March 2021



The 5th Sunday in Lent

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PRELUDE

Largo (from Sonata V in C), BWV 529 - J.S.Bach

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

INTROIT HYMN 684

Tune: PICARDY

- 1 Love will be our Lenten calling, love to shake and shatter sin,
waking every closed cold spirit, stirring new life deep within,
till the quickened heart remembers what our Easter birth can mean.
- 2 Peace will be our Lenten living as we turn for home again,
longing for the words of pardon, stripping off old grief and pain,
till we stand, restored and joyful, with the Church on Easter day.
- 3 Truth will be our Lenten learning: hear the Crucified One call!
Shadowed by the Saviour's passion, images and idols fall,
and, in Easter's holy splendour, God alone is all in all.

Elizabeth J. Smith

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
whose mercy endures forever.

'This is the covenant I will make with them,' says the Lord God: 'I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God and they shall be my people.'

Jeremiah 31.33

**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 the commandments which God gave his people Israel.

1. I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of slavery; you shall have no other gods but me.
2. You shall not make for yourself a graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them.
3. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
4. Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shall you labour and do all you have to do, but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord your God.
5. Honour your father and your mother.
6. You shall do no murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.
10. You shall not covet anything that is your neighbour's.

**Lord, have mercy on us:
and write your law in our hearts by your Holy Spirit.**

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God,
though we have rebelled and wandered far off.

Let us then ask for mercy, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Merciful God, our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:**

**we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.**

Father, forgive us.

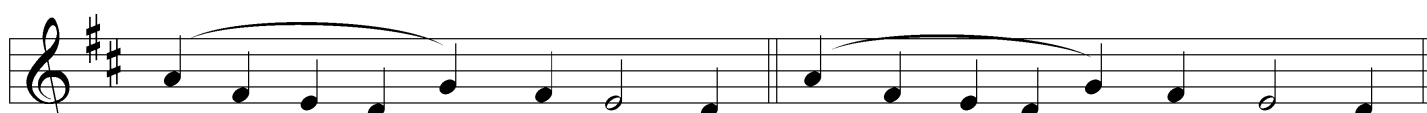
**Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.***

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.*

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

(sung at 9am)

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.
Holy God, have mercy on us.



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy. Ho - ly God have mer - cy on us.

THE COLLECTS

for the Fifth Sunday in Lent

O God, our Redeemer, in our weakness
we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope:
renew us by your Holy Spirit,
that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made,
and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent:
create and make in us new and contrite hearts,
that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledge our brokenness,
may obtain of you, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 31.31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

Psalm 119.9-16

said at 7am; sung by the choir at 9am

Chant: Joseph Barnby

- 9 How shall the young keep their path pure:
unless they hold to your word?
- 10 I have sought you with my whole heart:
let me not stray from your commandments.
- 11 I have treasured your words in my heart:
that I might not sin against you.
- 12 Blessed are you, Lord God:
O teach me your statutes.

- 13 With my lips I have been telling:
all the judgements of your mouth;
14 And I find more joy in the way of your commands:
than in all manner of riches.
15 I will meditate on your precepts:
and give heed to your ways;
16 For my delight is wholly in your statutes:
and I will not forget your word.

The HOLY GOSPEL

John 12.20-33

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say – "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

For the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON The Rev'd Bill Crossman

ORGAN REFLECTION *(at 9.00am)*

*Ich ruf zu dir, BWV 639 – J.S.Bach
(I call to you, Lord Jesus Christ)*

THE CREED

**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

Please pray for – Zoe, Julia, Audrey, Gwenda, Michelle, Sophie, Fr.David, Darrel, Jarman, †David, Daniel & Family

concluding with The Lord's Prayer:

Trusting in the compassion of God, as our Saviour taught us, so we 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

Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

(A COVID-safe greeting is offered without leaving our seats)

OFFERTORY HYMN 139

Tune: BOW BRICKHILL

- 1 O love of God, how strong and true,
eternal and yet ever new,
uncomprehended and unbought,
beyond all knowledge and all thought!

- 2 O wide-embracing, wondrous love,
we read you in the sky above,
we read you in the earth below,
in seas that swell and streams that flow.
- 3 We read you best in him who came
to bear for us the cross of shame,
sent by the Father from on high,
our life to live, our death to die.
- 4 We read your power to bless and save
ev'n in the darkness of the grave;
still more in resurrection light
we read the fullness of your might.
- 5 O love of God, our shield and stay
through all the perils of our way;
eternal love, in you we rest,
for ever safe, for ever blest.

Horatius Bonar 1808-89

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.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us.

He was tempted in every way as we are, yet he did not sin.

By his death on the cross and rising to new life,

he offered the one true sacrifice for sin

and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil,
and to walk in the way of his love.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

TEXT as SAID at 7am

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.*

TEXT as SUNG at 9am

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.
On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks he broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying,

'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,

'Drink from this, all of you.

This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

In faith we acclaim you, O Christ:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit
unite us in the body of your Son, and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND 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.**

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. *(sung by the CHOIR alone at 9am)*
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come let us take this holy sacrament
of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed
on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION *(7am)*

Like as the hart (Ps.42:1) - Peter Hurford (b.1930)

COMMUNION MOTET (9am) *Sicut cervus* – G. da Palestrina (c.1525-1594)

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum, ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks: so my soul longeth for thee, O God (Ps.42:1)

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Let us pray.

Compassionate and loving God, through your Son Jesus Christ you have fed us and have reconciled your people to yourself.

Following his example of fasting and prayer, may we obey you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love.

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.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN 595

Tune: WOLVERCOTE

- 1 O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
Lord, be for ever near me, my master and my friend:
I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.
- 2 Still let me feel you near me; the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, and tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw me nearer, and shield my soul from sin.
- 3 O let me hear you speaking, in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
Lord, speak to reassure me, to chasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, you guardian of my soul.
- 4 Lord, let me see your footmarks, and in them plant mine own;
that I may follow boldly and in your strength alone;
O guide me, call me, draw me, uphold me to the end;
and then to rest receive me, my Saviour and my Friend.

John Ernest Bode (1916-74), alt

NOTICES

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Christ our Saviour draw you to himself, that you may find in him crucified a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sin forgiven 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.

POSTLUDE *Fantasia & Fugue in g, BWV 542 - J.S.Bach (1685-1750)*

Mass Setting (9am): de Angelis (K) / Schubert (S/B/A) / Darke in a (Agnus)

Holy Week & Easter Services

Palm Sunday (28th March): Holy Eucharist at **7 & 9am**

Maundy Thursday (1st April): Sung Eucharist at **7.30 pm**

Good Friday (2nd April):

8.00 am Solemn Liturgy and distribution of the Reserved Sacrament

9.30 am Children's Stations of the Cross

1.30 pm Good Friday Devotion (*Stations of the Cross*) – Lucian Singers

Easter Day (4th April)

6.00 am **Dawn service** with the *lighting of the new fire*
& the renewal of Baptismal vows.

9.00 am **Sung Eucharist of Easter** with the renewal of Baptismal vows.

COVID-19 safe practices are still required before, during and after the services.

The Parish Office will be attended from 8.30am to 12pm Monday to Friday.

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