



CHRIST CHURCH ST LUCIA

Sunday 18th April, 2021

The 3rd Sunday of Easter



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PRELUDE: *Christ lag in Todesbanden - Georg Böhm (1661-1733)*
(Christ lay in the bonds of death)

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

INTROIT HYMN 391

Tune: AVE VIRGO VIRGINUM

- 1 Come, God's people, sing for joy, shout your songs of gladness,
for the hope of Easter day overcomes our sadness.
Come, with all God's people here, who with true affection
join again to celebrate Jesus' resurrection.
- 2 Years before, as Moses led Israel's sons and daughters
from their bonds to exodus through the Red Sea waters:
so the living Lord of life speaks through our baptism
of the new life which we share with him who is risen.
- 3 That first Easter he arose, his disciples greeting;
Christians now in every place still their Lord are meeting.
Christ, who died for all the World, in his death brings healing;
and his rising from the grave is God's power revealing.

Keith David Pearson (b.1925)
Based on John of Damascus (d. c.75)

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**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.'

Confession & Absolution

Christ our Passover Lamb has been offered for us,
therefore we come to celebrate the festival.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
with a sincere and a true heart.

**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.**

Kyrie eleison (said at 7am, sung at 9am)

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

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 (said at 7am, sung 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 Collect

for the Third Sunday of Easter

Lord of life, by submitting to death, you conquered the grave; by being lifted upon the cross, you draw all peoples to you; by being raised from the dead, you restore to humanity all that was lost through sin: be with us in your risen power, that in word and deed we may proclaim the marvellous mystery of death and resurrection. For all praise is yours, now and throughout eternity. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Acts 3.12-20

Reader: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?

The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer.

Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah appointed for you, that is, Jesus,

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 4

(said at 7am; sung at 9am)

Chant – John Joubert

Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness:
when I was hard-pressed you set me free;
be gracious to me now and hear my prayer.

Children of earth, how long will you turn my glory to my shame:
how long will you love what is worthless and seek after lies?

Know that the Lord has shown me his wonderful kindness:
when I call to the Lord he will hear me.

Tremble, and do no sin:
commune with your own heart upon your bed and be still.

Offer the sacrifices that are right:
and put your trust in the Lord.

There are many who say 'Who will show us any good?:
the light of your countenance, O Lord, has gone from us.'

Yet you have given my heart more gladness:
that they have when their corn, wine and oil increase.

In peace I will lie down and sleep:
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Second Reading

1 John 2.15-17; 3.1-6

Reader: A reading from the first letter of John

Do not love the world or the things in the world. The love of the Father is not in those who love the world; for all that is in the world—the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, the pride in riches—comes not from the Father but from the world. And the world and its desire are passing away, but those who do the will of God live for ever.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him.

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

GRADUAL HYMN 392

Tune: NETTLETON

1 At the dawning of salvation;
in the morning of the world,
Christ is raised, a living banner
by the love of God unfurled,
Through the daylight, through the darkness,
Christ leads on his great array:
all the saints and all the sinners
he has gathered on his way.

3 For the glory of salvation
in the dawn of Easter day
we will praise you, loving Father;
we rejoice to sing and pray
with the Son and with the Spirit.
Lead us on, your great array,
saints and sinners celebrating
your triumphant love today.

Jock Curle (b.1919)

The Gospel Acclamation



Plainsong

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Choir: *Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.*

All: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24.36b-48

The Lord be with you,
And also with you.

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost.

He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.'

Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

This is the Gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon: The Reverend Bill Crossman

ORGAN REFLECTION:

Ach bleib bei uns, Herr Jesu Christ, BWV 649 - J.S.Bach

(Stay with us, Lord Jesus Christ)

The NICENE 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: Colin, Jarman, Julia, Gwenda, Darrel, † David, Sophie, Fr. David, Michelle and Zoe.

Let us pray for the world and for the church.

The prayers are offered during which periods of silence may be kept.

The prayers conclude with the Lord's Prayer:

Rejoicing in God's new creation, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us,

**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

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,
Peace be with you.

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

Alleluia!

The peace of the Risen Christ be always with you.

And also with you. Alleluia!

We all exchange a COVID safe sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN 516 (t.AHB 438ii)

Tune: FARLEY CASTLE

- 1 Here, gracious Lord, we see you face to face;
here would we touch and handle things unseen,
here grasp with firmer hands th' eternal grace,
and for sustaining strength upon you lean.

- 2 Here would we feed upon the bread of God,
here drink with you the royal wine of heaven;
here would we lay aside each earthly load,
here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.
- 3 We need no help but yours, nor do we need
another arm save yours to lean upon;
it is enough, O Lord, enough indeed;
our strength is in your might, your might alone.
- 4 Ours is the sin, but yours the righteousness;
ours is the guilt, but yours the cleansing blood;
here are our robe, our refuge and our peace –
your blood, your righteousness, O Lord our God.
- 5 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
the Lamb's great bridal feast of bliss and love.

Horatius Bonar (1808-89)

The Prayer over the gifts:

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.

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.

By his death on the cross,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin,
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

And now we give you thanks
that you raised him to life triumphant,
and exalted him in glory.

By his victory over death,
the reign of sin is ended,
a new day has dawned,
a broken world is restored
and we are made whole once more.

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

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and
this 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 which is 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.'

In faith we acclaim you, O Christ

**Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

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.

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

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 (said at 7am, sung at 9am)

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 COMMUNION

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.

*Communicant Christians of other church traditions
are invited also to receive Communion.*

Music during Communion

ORGAN: *Chorale Prelude on 'Caithness' - C.H.Stewart (1884-1932)*

CHOIR MOTET: *O for a closer walk with God – C.V.Stanford (1852-1924)*

*O for a closer walk with God,
a calm and heav'nly frame;
a light to shine upon the road
that leads me to the Lamb!*

*Return, O holy Dove, return! Return! Return!
Sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
and drove thee from my breast.*

*So shall my walk be close with God,
calm and serene my frame;
so purer light shall mark the road
that leads me to the Lamb.*

Post-Communion Sentence *(sung by the choir at 9am)*

Christ had to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day. In his name penance for the remission of sins is to be preached in his name to all nations, alleluia. *Lk. 24:46-7*

Most glorious Lord of life,
we thank you that you nourish us in these Easter mysteries.
Fill us with the Spirit of love and unite us in faith,
that we may witness to the resurrection
and show your glory to all the world.

**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 245

Tune: FULDA

- 1 We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for all throughout the earth;
the gospel of a Saviour's name:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.
- 2 Tell of his birth at Bethlehem
not in a royal house or hall
but in a stable dark and dim,
the World made flesh, a light for all.
- 3 Tell of his death at Calvary,
hated by those he came to save,
in lonely suffering on the cross,
for all he loved his life he gave.
- 4 Tell of that glorious Easter morn;
empty the tomb, for he was free:
he broke the power of death and hell
that we might share his victory.

6 Now we rejoice to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel-message we proclaim:
We sing his glory, tell his worth.

Edward Joseph Burns (b.1938) *alt.*

THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

God the Father,
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be amongst you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Alleluia!
In the name of Christ. Alleluia!

ORGAN POSTLUDE: *Prelude & Fugue in G, BWV 541 - J.S.Bach*

Today's Mass Setting: Rutter

*Services on **Sunday 25th April** (Fourth Sunday of Easter):
Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 7 & 9am.
Both Services will acknowledge ANZAC Day. Medals may be worn.*

Preacher: The Rev'd. Bill Crossman

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

*Parish Council meets on Tuesday 20th April at 7pm.
The Parish Office will be attended from 8.30am to 12pm
Monday to Friday.*

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