



CHRIST CHURCH ST LUCIA

Sunday 9th May, 2021

The 6th Sunday of Easter



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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *Christ lag in Todesbanden (v.2) - H. Scheidmann (1596-1663)*

*Christ lay in the bonds of death, handed over for our sins.
He is risen again and has brought us life.
For this we rejoice and praise God singing: Alleluia, Alleluia.*

INTROIT HYMN 452

Tune: HEATHLANDS

1. God of mercy, God of grace,
show the brightness of your face;
shine upon us, Saviour, shine,
fill your church with light divine;
and your saving health extend
to the earth's remotest end.
2. Let the people praise you, Lord!
be by all that live adored;
let the nations shout and sing
glory to their Saviour king;
at your feet their tribute pay,
and your holy will obey.
3. Let the people praise you, Lord!
earth shall then its fruits afford;
God to us his blessing give,
we to God devoted live:
all below, and all above,
one in joy and light and love.

Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847), alt.

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 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Loving God,
your Son has chosen us and called us to be his friends:
give us grace to keep his commandments,
to love one another, and to bear fruit which will abide;
through him who is the true vine, the source of all our life,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Acts 10.44-48

Reader: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

Psalm 98

(said at 7am; sung at 9am)

Chant – Eric Ware

O sing to the Lord a new song:
for he has done marvellous things;

His right hand and his holy arm:
they have got him the victory.

The Lord has made known his salvation:
he has revealed his just deliverance
in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness
towards the house of Israel:
and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth:
break into singing and make melody.

Make melody to the Lord upon the harp:
upon the harp and with the sounds of praise.

With trumpets and with horns:
cry out in triumph before the Lord, the king.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it:
the good earth and those who live upon it.

Let the rivers clap their hands:
and let the mountains ring out together before the Lord;

For he comes to judge the earth:
he shall judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

Second Reading

1 John 5.1-12

Reader: A reading from the first letter of John

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments.

And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. There are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood, and these three agree. If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

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

GRADUAL HYMN 385

Tune: CHRISTCHURCH

1. Now is eternal life
if ris'n with Christ we stand,
in him to life reborn,
held firm within his hand;
no more we fear death's ancient dread,
in Christ arisen from the dead.
2. For God, the living God,
stooped down to share our state;
by death destroying death
Christ opened wide life's gate.
He lives, who died; he reigns on high;
who lives in him shall never die.
3. Unfathomed love divine,
come reign within my heart,
from you no depth or height,
nor life nor death can part;
my life with you in God shall be,
now and through all eternity.

*George Wallace Briggs
1875 - 1959 alt.*

The Gospel Acclamation

Plainsong



Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Choir: *All who love me keep my words:
and my Father will love them, and we will come to them.*

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The HOLY GOSPEL

John 15.9-17

The Lord be with you,
And also with you.

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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

The Sermon: The Reverend Bill Crossman

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, Phillip, Julia, Gwenda, Darrel, † David,
Sophie, Fr. David, Michelle, Zoe and Merle.*

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 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.*

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: *Psalm 116 (I love the Lord) - Bert Matter (b.1937)*

CHOIR MOTET: *If Ye Love Me - Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)*

*If ye love me, keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may bide with you for ever,
ev'n the spirit of truth.*

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

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord.

The Father will send you the Holy Spirit, to be with you forever, alleluia.

Eternal God, giver of life,

in the breaking of the bread we know the risen Lord.

May we who celebrate this holy feast

walk in his risen light and bring new life to all creation.

**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 596

Tune: RICHMOND

1. Fill my whole life, O Lord my God,
in every part with praise,
that my whole being may proclaim
your being and your ways.
2. Not for the lip of praise alone
nor ev'n the praising heart
I ask, but for a life made up
of praise in every part:
3. Praise in the common things of life,
its goings out and in;
praise in each duty and each deed,
however small and mean.
4. Fill every part of me with praise:
let all my being speak
of you and of your love, O Lord,
poor though I be and weak.
5. So shall you, Lord, receive from me
the praise and glory due;
and so shall I begin on earth
the song for ever new.
6. So shall no part of day and night
from sacredness be free;
but with you, Lord, in every step
my fellowship will be.

*Horatius Bonar
1808-89 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:

Sollt ich meinem Gott nicht singen?, op.78/17 – S. Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

*Should I not sing to my God? Should I not be grateful?
For in all things I see his goodness to me.
Surely there is nothing but tender love in his faithful heart,
which eternally lifts and carries all who serve him.
All things have but their day, but God's love abides for ever.*

Today's Mass Setting: MATHIAS

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*Services on **Sunday 16th May**
(7th Sunday of Easter – Sunday after Ascension)
Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 7 & 9am.*

Preacher: The Rev'd. Bill Crossman

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.*

Upcoming Events

Sunday 23rd May (Pentecost)

8.30am – Celebrate Pentecost and Farewell Archdeacon Michael Faragher

5.30pm – Choral Evensong
