

# CHRIST CHURCH ST LUCIA

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2021

*The 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
(Sunday after Ascension)*



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## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *Prière du Christ montant vers son Père - Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)*  
*(Prayer from Christ ascending towards His Father)*

*"And now, O Father, I have manifested Thy name unto men ... and now,  
I am no more in the world, but these are in the world and I come to Thee" [Jn.17:6,11]*

INTROIT HYMN 369 (vv 1, 3-6)

Tune: CHISLEHURST

- 1 Hail the day that sees him rise, *hallelujah!*  
to his throne above the skies; *hallelujah!*  
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given,  
enters now the highest heaven.  
*Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!*
  
- 3 Heaven now its Lord receives, *hallelujah!*  
yet he loves the earth he leaves, *hallelujah!*  
though returning to his throne,  
still calls humankind his own.  
*Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!*
  
- 4 See! he lifts his hands above, *hallelujah!*  
see! he shows his prints of love; *hallelujah!*  
hark! his gracious lips bestow  
blessings on his church below.  
*Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!*

- 5 Still for us he intercedes, *hallelujah!*  
his prevailing death he pleads; *hallelujah!*  
near himself prepares our place,  
he the first fruits of our race.  
*Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!*
- 6 There we shall with you remain, *hallelujah!*  
partners of your endless reign; *hallelujah!*  
there your face unclouded view,  
find our heav'n of heav'ns in you.  
*Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!*

*Charles Wesley (1707-88), 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 has entered heaven itself, there to appear before God on our behalf. Let us therefore draw near in full assurance of faith, and confess our sins to the God of grace.

**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 Seventh Sunday of Easter*

Almighty God,  
your blessed Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things:  
mercifully give us faith to trust that, as he promised,  
he abides with us on earth until the end of time;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading**

*Acts 1.15-17, 1.21-26*

*Reader: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.'

So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us – one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.'

So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

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

### **Psalm 1**

*(said at 7am; sung at 9am)*

Chant - C.V.Stanford

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.

But their delight is in the law of the Lord:  
and on that law will they ponder day and night.

They are like trees planted beside streams of water:  
that yield their fruit in due season.

Their leaves also shall not wither:  
and look, whatever they do, it shall prosper.

As for the ungodly, it is not so with them:  
they are like the chaff which the wind scatters.

Therefore the ungodly shall not stand up at the judgement:  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

For the Lord cares for the way of the righteous:  
but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

## Second Reading

1 John 5. 9-13

*Reader: A reading from the first letter of John*

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. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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

## GRADUAL HYMN 378 (*vv1-3, 6*)

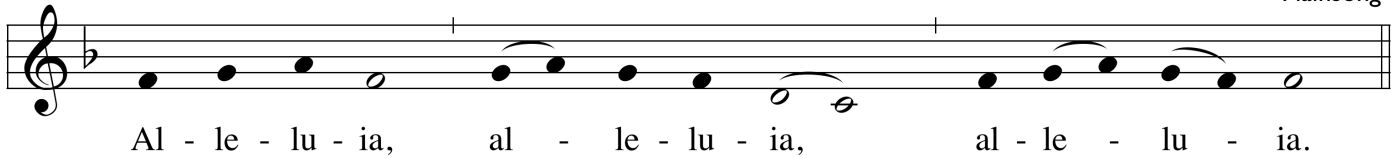
Tune: ST MAGNUS

- 1 The head that once was crowned with thorns  
is crowned with glory now;  
a royal diadem adorns  
the mighty victor's brow.
- 2 The highest place that heaven affords  
is his, is his by right,  
the King of kings and Lord of lords  
and heav'n's eternal light,
- 3 the joy of all who dwell above,  
the joy of all below,  
to whom he manifests his love  
and grants his name to know.
- 6 The cross he bore is life and health,  
though shame and death to him;  
his people's hope, his people's wealth,  
their everlasting theme.

*Thomas Kelly (1769-1855)*

*The Gospel Acclamation*

Plainsong



Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

Choir: *The Lord said: I will not leave you orphans  
I will come back to you and your hearts will rejoice.*

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

**The HOLY GOSPEL**

*John 17.6-19*

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.**

‘I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.

I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.

Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled.

But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

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, Fr. David,  
Sophie, 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:*

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,  
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

The God of heaven and earth give you peace.  
Christ the risen and ascended Lord give you peace.  
The Spirit who fills your life give you peace.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*We all exchange a COVID safe sign of peace.*

## OFFERTORY HYMN 520 (*vv 1-2, 4-6*)

Tune: ST HELEN

- 1 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,  
first-begotten from the dead,  
you alone our strong defender, lifting up your people's head:  
alleluia, alleluia, Jesus, true and living bread.
- 2 Here our humble homage pay we, here in loving reverence bow;  
here for faith's discernment pray we,  
lest we fail to know you now:  
alleluia, alleluia, you are here, we ask not how.
- 4 Paschal Lamb, your offering, finished  
once for all when you were slain,  
in its fullness undiminished shall for evermore remain,  
alleluia, alleluia, cleansing souls from every stain.
- 5 Great High Priest of our profession  
through the veil you entered in;  
by your mighty intercession grace and mercy you can win:  
alleluia, alleluia, only sacrifice for sin.
- 6 Life-imparting heavenly manna,  
stricken rock with streaming side,  
heaven and earth with loud hosanna  
worship you, the Lamb who died  
alleluia, alleluia, ris'n, ascended, glorified!

*George Hugh Bourne (1840-1925), 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 and rising to new life,  
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin  
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

You have highly exalted him,  
and given him the name which is above all other names,  
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow  
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

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: *Wer nur den lieben Gott laßt walten, BWV 691 – J.S.Bach*

MOTET: *I will not leave you comfortless* – William Byrd (1543-1623)

*I will not leave you comfortless, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

*I go and come again to you, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

*And your heart shall rejoice, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

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

This is the prayer of Jesus: that his disciples may become one as he is one with the Father, alleluia, alleluia.

God of glory

you sent your Son Jesus Christ into the world

to preach the gospel of the kingdom.

Strengthen us who share this meal to continue his mission

by living the good news we proclaim.

**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 228** (*vv 1-4, 6*)

Tune: DIADEMATA

- 1 Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon the throne;  
hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own:  
awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for me,  
and hail him as your chosen king through all eternity.
- 2 Crown him the Son of God before the worlds began:  
and we who tread where he has trod  
crown him the Son of Man,  
who every grief has known that wrings the human breast,  
and takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.

- 3 Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,  
those wounds yet visible above in beauty glorified:  
no angel there on high can fully bear that sight,  
but downwards bends a burning eye at mysteries so bright.
- 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save:  
his glories now we sing who died, and rose on high;  
who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
- 6 Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time,  
Creator of the rolling spheres, majestic and sublime:  
all hail, Redeemer, hail! for you have died for me;  
your praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

*Matthew Bridges (1800-9)<sup>4</sup> & Godfrey Thring (1823-1903), alt.*

## THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Christ the King of Glory, who has ascended into heaven,  
open your eyes to behold him in majesty,  
open your hearts to receive him in love,  
and draw you into the fullness of his kingdom;  
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!**

POSTLUDE: *War March of the Priests - F. Mendelssohn (1809-1847)*

*(special request by Fr. Bill)*

*Today's Mass Setting: MATHIAS*

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*Services on **Sunday 23rd May** (Pentecost)*

*Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 8.30am.*

*Preacher: The Ven. Michael Faragher*

*Choral Evensong at 5.30pm*

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

*The Parish Office is attended Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 12pm*

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### ***Upcoming Events***

*Parish Council will meet on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm*

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