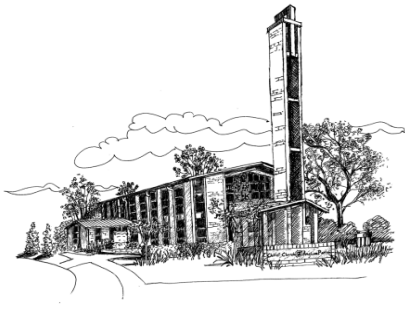


CHRIST CHURCH ST LUCIA



Sunday 23rd May, 2021

Pentecost

8.30am (combined service)

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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE 3 Versets sur le "Veni Creator" - André Fleury (1903-1995)
Veni Creator Spiritus - Gerald Near (b.1940)

INTROIT HYMN 398

Tune: DOWN AMPNEY

- 1 Come down, O Love divine,
 seek thou this soul of mine,
 and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
 O Comforter, draw near,
 within my heart appear
 and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

- 2 O let it freely burn,
 till earthly passions turn
 to dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;
 and let thy glorious light
 shine ever on my sight
 and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

- 3 Let holy charity
 mine outward vesture be,
 and lowliness become mine inner clothing:
 true lowliness of heart,
 which takes the humbler part
 and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

4 And so the yearning strong
with which the soul will long
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace
till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

*Bianco da Siena d. 1434
Tr. Richard Frederick Littledale 1833-90 alt.*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

**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

The Spirit of truth comes to convict of sin, of righteousness, and of judgement. Let us then open our hearts and confess 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.**

Kyrie eleison

**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

**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

Pentecost

Almighty God,
you sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love, joy, and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 37.1-14

Reader: A reading from the Book of Ezekiel

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.'

Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.'

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone.

I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.'

I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely."

Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104: 26-36 *(sung by the choir)*

Chant - C. Hubert H. Parry

Lord, how various are your works:
in wisdom you have made them all,
and the earth is full of your creatures.

There is the wide, immeasurable sea:
there move living things without number, great and small;

There go the ships, to and fro:
and there is that Leviathan whom you formed to sport in the deep.

These all look to you: to give them their food in due season.

When you give it to them, they gather it:
when you open your hand they are satisfied with good things.

When you hide your face, they are troubled:
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

When you send forth your spirit they are created:

and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever:
may the Lord rejoice in his works.

If he look upon the earth, it shall tremble:
if he but touch the mountains, they shall smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live:
I will praise my God while I have any being.

May my meditation be pleasing to him:
for my joy shall be in the Lord.

New Testament Reading

Acts 2.1-21

Reader: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.'

All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.

No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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

GRADUAL HYMN 413

Tune: ALL FOR JESUS

- 1 Holy Spirit, come confirm us
in the truth that Christ makes known;
we have faith and understanding
through your helping gifts alone.
- 2 Holy Spirit, come console us,
come as advocate to plead,
loving Spirit from the Father,
grant in Christ the help we need.
- 3 Holy Spirit, come renew us,
come yourself to make us live:
holy, through your loving presence,
holy, through the gifts you give.
- 4 Holy Spirit, come possess us,
you the love of Three in One,
Holy Spirit of the Father,
Holy Spirit of the Son.

William Brian Foley 1919-2000

The Gospel Acclamation



Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Choir: *Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful;
and kindle in them the fire of your love*

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The HOLY GOSPEL

John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15

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.

‘When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. ‘I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, “Where are you going?” But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. ‘I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

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

The Sermon: The Venerable Michael Faragher

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 & Merle.

Let us pray for the world and for the church.

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

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

We all exchange a COVID safe sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN 415 (t.432)

Tune: WESTMINISTER ABBEY

- 1 Praise the Spirit in creation, breath of God, life's origin:
Spirit moving on the waters, quick'ning worlds to life within,
source of breath to all things breathing, life in whom all lives begin.
- 2 Praise the Spirit, close companion of our inmost thoughts and ways;
who, in showing us God's wonders, is himself the power to gaze;
and God's will, to those who listen, by a still small voice conveys.

3. Praise the Spirit, who enlightened priest and prophets with the word;
his the truth behind the wisdoms which as yet know not our Lord;
by whose love and power, in Jesus God himself was seen and heard.
- 4 Tell of how th'ascended Jesus armed a people for his own;
how a hundred men and women turned the known world upside down,
to its dark and furthest corners by the wind of heaven blown.
- 5 Pray we then, O Lord the Spirit, on our lives descend in might:
let your flame break out within us, fire our hearts and clear our sight,
till, white hot in your possession, we too set the world alight.
- 6 Praise, O praise the Holy Spirit, praise the Father, praise the Word,
Source, and Truth, and Inspiration, Trinity in deep accord;
through your voice which speaks within us we,
your creatures call you Lord.

Michael Edward Hewlett (1916 – 2000), 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.

Today we give you thanks
that in fulfilment of your promise
you pour forth your Spirit upon us,
filling us with gifts and leading us into all truth.
You give us power to proclaim your gospel to all nations
and to serve you as a royal priesthood.

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

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: *Andante espressivo (Var.3 'Veni creator', op.4) - Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)*

MOTET: *I Will Sing With The Spirit - John Rutter (b.1945)*

I will sing with the spirit: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

And I will sing with the understanding also: Alleluia ...

I will sing with the spirit: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Post-Communion Sentence *(sung by the choir)*

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit
and they spoke of the great things God had done. Alleluia.

Giver of life and love, we thank you that in this heavenly banquet you invigorate and renew us. Living in the unity of the Spirit, may we boldly use your gifts to continue your work in 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 420 (t.590)

Tune: BLAENWERN

- 1 Holy Spirit, go before us,
every mind and heart prepare
for good news of life in Jesus,
for the joyful hope we share.
Gently lead the lost to safety,
gently teach them Wisdom's way,
till they come to seek you gladly,
till we find the words to say.

- 2 Holy Spirit, come and help us,
give us words to speak of Christ.
Teach us how to tell all people:
deepest darkness can be light!
Help us tell how faithful God is,
and how Jesus sets us free;
take our words, and make them gospel,
so that many may believe.

- 3 Holy Spirit, stay to show us
how to serve as Christ served us.
May our words of love be grounded
in love's actions, first and last.
Your good news is news of justice,
and the strong befriend the weak
in your service, till compassion
builds the peace the nations seek.

Elizabeth J Smith (b.1956)

Acknowledgment of Fr. Michael's Ministry

Presentation to Fr. Michael & Rhonda

CHORAL BLESSING: *The Lord Bless you and keep you - John Rutter*

(Guest Conductor - Emily Cox)

THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

God stir up within you the gift of the Spirit
that you may confess Jesus Christ as Lord
and proclaim the joy of the everlasting gospel wherever you may be;
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.

POSTLUDE:

Fantasia super: Komm, heiliger Geist, Herre Gott, BWV 651 - J.S.Bach

Today's Mass Setting: DUDMAN

CHORAL EVENSONG *at 5.30pm tonight*

Services on Sunday 30th May (Trinity)

Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 7am & 9am

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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