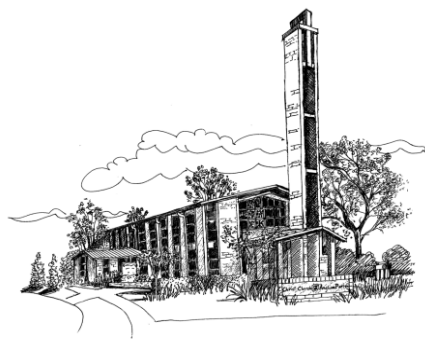


CHRIST CHURCH ST LUCIA



Sunday 22nd August, 2021

13th Sunday after Pentecost

(Proper 16)



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE: *Trio super: Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend, BWV 655*
- J.S.Bach (1685-1750)

INTROIT HYMN 449

Tune: CARLISLE

- 1 Stand up, and bless the Lord,
you people of his choice;
stand up, and bless the Lord your God
with heart, and soul, and voice.
- 2 Though high above all praise,
above all blessing high,
who would not fear his holy name,
and laud and magnify?
- 3 O for the living flame
from his own altar brought,
to touch our lips, our mind inspire,
and wing to heaven our thought.
- 4 God is our strength and song,
and his salvation ours;
then be his love in Christ proclaimed
with all our ransomed powers.
- 5 Stand up, and bless the Lord,
the Lord your God adore;
stand up, and bless his glorious name
henceforth for evermore.

James Montgomery (1771-1854), *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.**

Confession & Absolution

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.'

**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 Collects

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Everliving God,

by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:

hear the prayers we offer for all your faithful people,

that in the ministry to which you have called them

each may serve you in holiness and truth;

through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Bountiful God,
give to this parish a faithful pastor
who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments;
an encourager who will equip your people for ministry
and enable us to fulfil our calling.
Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience,
and to us give warm and generous hearts,
for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

(The exclusive use of male pronouns to denote the Divine (other than the person of Jesus) is a convention adopted by the translators. This incorrectly associates God with maleness and maleness with God. Please feel free to replace 'he' with a pronoun of your choice)

Old Testament Reading

Joshua 24.1-2a, 24.14-18

Reader: A reading from the Old Testament

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, 'Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. 'Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord.

Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.'

Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

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

The eyes of God are on the righteous:
and his ears towards their cry.

The Lord sets his face against wrong doers:
to root out their memory from the earth.

The righteous cry; the Lord hears it:
and frees them from all their afflictions.

The Lord is close to those who are broken-hearted:
and the crushed in spirit he saves.

The trials of the righteous are many:
but our God delivers us from them all.

He guards all our bones:
so that not one is broken.

Evil will slay the wicked:
and those who hate the righteous will be destroyed.

The Lord ransoms the lives of his servants:
and none who hide in him will be destroyed.

New Testament Reading

Ephesians 6.10-20

Reader: A reading from the New Testament

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness.

As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.

With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

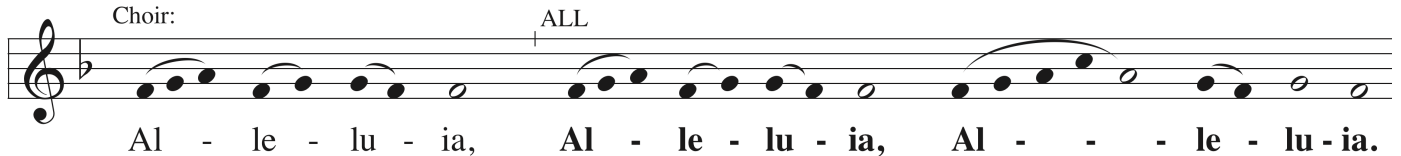
GRADUAL HYMN 430

Tune: CAPEL

- 1 Your words to me are life and health;
pour strength into my soul;
enable, guide, and teach my heart
to reach its perfect goal.
- 2 Your words to me are light and truth;
from day to day they show
their wisdom, passing human thought,
as in their truth I grow.
- 3 Your words to me are full of joy,
of beauty, peace, and grace;
from them I learn your blessed will,
through them I see your face.
- 4 Your words you have fulfilled on earth,
yourself, the living Word;
within my heart your image print
in clearest lines, O Lord.

Words: George Currie Martin (1865-1937) *alt*

The Gospel Acclamation



Choir:
Al - le - lu - ia, ALL
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - - - le - lu - ia.

Choir/ALL: Alleluia, **alleluia, alleluia.**

Choir: *Your words are spirit Lord and they are life:
you have the message of eternal life.*

Choir/ALL: Alleluia, **alleluia, alleluia.**

The HOLY GOSPEL

John 6.56-69

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.

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'

He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.'

For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.' Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him.

So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

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

The Sermon: The Venerable Valerie Hoare

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: Stewart, Jenny, Dell, Linda, David, Jarman, Phillip, Julia, Gwenda, Darrel,
Fr. David, Sophie, Michelle, Zoe & Merle.*

Let us pray for the world and for the church.

Silent Meditative Intercessions

We pray for our hurting world:

*disasters, war zones, victims and victors, the disposed and fearing
and those suffering through the pandemic*

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

Silence

We pray for Defence:

First Responders, Medical personnel, their selfless actions, their woundedness

Music Fantasia in c (Pt.1), BWV 537 – J.S.Bach

Silence

We pray for those in our community:

41 soldiers in Afghanistan, and those who have died since returning

Music Prelude (Organ Book)– Jean Langlais

Silence

With trust and faith 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 540 (t.142)

Tune: REGENT SQUARE

- 1 Christians, lift your hearts and voices,
let your praises be outpoured;
come with joy and exultation
to the table of the Lord;
come believing, come expectant,
in obedience to his word.
- 2 See, presiding at his table,
Jesus Christ our great high priest;
where he summons all his people,
none is greatest, none is least;
graciously he bids us welcome
to the eucharistic feast.
- 3 Lord, we offer in thanksgiving
life and work for you to bless;
yet unworthy is the offering,
marred by pride and carelessness;
so, Lord, pardon our transgressions,
plant in us true holiness.
- 4 On the evening of his passion
Jesus gave the wine and bread,
so that all who love and serve him
shall for evermore be fed.
Taste and see the Lord is gracious,
feed upon the living bread.

John Edward Bowers (b.1923-)

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.

It is right to praise you, faithful God,
always and everywhere,
for with your only begotten Son
and life-giving Spirit,
you are the one true God from everlasting to everlasting.

At the dawn of time you wrought from nothing
a universe of beauty and splendour,
bringing light from darkness and order from chaos.

You formed us, male and female, in your image,
and endowed us with creative power.

We turned away from you but you did not abandon us.
You called us by name and searched us out,
making a covenant of mercy,
giving the law, and teaching justice by the prophets.

And so we praise you,
joining with your faithful people of every time and place,
singing the eternal song:

**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.**

When the fullness of time was come,
you sent your Son to be born of Mary.

Bright image of your glory,
he learnt obedience to you in all things,
even to death on a cross, breaking the power of evil,
freeing us from sin, and putting death to flight.

You raised him from death,
exalting him to glory,
and the new day dawned.

On the night he was betrayed
your Son Jesus Christ shared food with his friends,
his companions on the way.

While at table he took bread,
blessed, and broke it,
and giving it to them, said:
'Take, eat; this is my body.'

He took a cup of wine, and,
giving thanks, he gave it to them, and said,
'This is my blood of the covenant,
which is poured out for many.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

Therefore, living God, as we obey his command,
we remember his life of obedience to you,
his suffering and death,
his resurrection and exaltation,
and his promise to be with us for ever.
With this bread and this cup
we celebrate his saving death until he comes.

In faith we acclaim you, O Christ:

Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

Accept, we pray, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
and send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration
that all who eat and drink at this table
may be strengthened by Christ's body and blood
to serve you in the world.

As one body and one holy people,
may we proclaim the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord,
through whom, with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, eternal God, now and for ever.

**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 (sung by all 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 (7am): *Voluntary No. III in G – A.E.Floyd (1877-1974)*

CHOIR: Come down, O love divine - William Harris (1883-1973)

*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.*

*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 illumining.*

*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.*

*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 Love create a place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.*

Words: Bianco da Siena (d. 1434); tr. R.F. Littledale

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

Lord, the earth is filled with your gift from heaven;
we grow bread from earth, and wine to cheer our hearts.

Ps.103: 13-15

The SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Living God,
in this holy meal you fill us with new hope.
May the power of your love,
which we have known in your word and sacrament,
continue your saving work among us,
give us courage for our pilgrimage,
and bring us to the joys you promise.

**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.**

- 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night;
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, thy child let me be;
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.
- 3 Be thou my armour, my sword for the fight.
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower.
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.
- 4 Riches I scorn and the world's empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only the first in my heart;
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.
- 5 High King of heaven after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Gaelic c. 8th cent., tr. Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931),
versified by E. H Hull (1860-1935) *alt*

THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; 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: *Præludium in E - Vincent Lübeck (1654-1740)*

Today's Mass Setting: Shepherd

*The flowers today are given in memory of Caitlin O'Connor (28/02/1981 – 22/08/2020)
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Readings for Sunday 29th August 2021

Deuteronomy 4.1-2, 6-9 | Psalm 15 | James 1.17-27 | Mark 7.1-8, 14-23

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