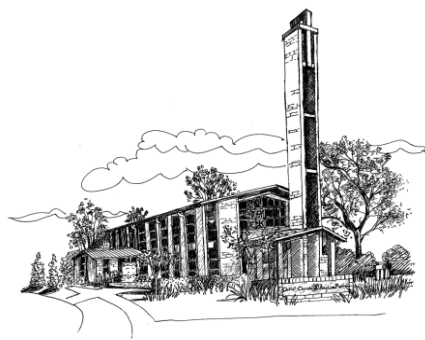


# CHRIST CHURCH ST LUCIA



**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2021**

*14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

(Proper 17)



## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE: *Vater unser im Himmelreich - Georg Böhm (2 Sept 1661-1733)*

## INTROIT HYMN

Tune: FULDA

- 1 God of all power, and truth, and grace,  
which shall from age to age endure,  
whose word, when heaven and earth shall pass,  
remains and stands for ever sure;
- 2 that I your mercy may proclaim,  
that all the world your truth may see,  
hallow your great and glorious name,  
and perfect holiness in me.
- 3 Purge me from every evil blot;  
my idols all be cast aside:  
cleans me from every sinful thought,  
from all the stain of self and pride.
- 4 Give me a new, a perfect heart,  
from sorrow free, and doubt and fear;  
the mind which was in Christ impart,  
and let my spirit know you near.
- 5 O that I now, from sin released,  
your word may to the utmost prove,  
enter into the promised rest,  
the Canaan of your perfect love!

Charles Wesley (1707-88) *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**

*14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

Cleanse our consciences, O Lord,  
and enlighten our hearts

through the daily presence of your Son Jesus Christ,

that when he comes in glory to be our judge

we may be found undefiled and acceptable in his sight;

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

*Deuteronomy 4.1-2, 4.6-9*

*Reader: A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy*

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you.

You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!' For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

Hear the word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God.**

Lord, who may abide in your tabernacle:  
or who may dwell upon your holy hill?

Whoever leads an uncorrupt life and does the thing which is right:  
who speaks the truth from the heart,  
and has not slandered with the tongue;

Who has done no evil to a friend:  
nor vented abuse against a neighbour;

In whose eyes the worthless have no honour:  
but who makes much of those that fear the Lord;

Whoever has sworn to a neighbour: and will not go back on that oath;

Who has not put money to usury:  
nor taken a bribe against the innocent.

Whoever does these things shall never be overthrown.

**New Testament Reading**

*James 1.17-27*

*Reader: A reading from the letter of James*

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness.

Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like.

But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless.

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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

**GRADUAL HYMN 427**

Tune: RAVENSHAW

- 1 Lord, your word abiding,  
and our footsteps guiding,  
gives us joy for ever,  
binds us all together.
- 2 Who can tell the pleasure,  
who recount the treasure,  
by your word imparted  
to the simple-hearted?
- 3 Word of mercy, giving  
nourishment for living:  
word of life, supplying  
comfort for the dying.
- 4 O that we, discerning  
its most holy learning,  
Lord, may love and fear you,  
evermore be near you.

Henry Williams Baker (1821-77) *alt.*

*The Gospel Acclamation*

Choir: ALL

Al - le - lu - ia, 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 Lord be with you,  
**And also with you.**

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

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.)

So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines." You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.'

When he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about the parable. He said to them, 'Then do you also fail to understand? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile, since it enters, not the heart but the stomach, and goes out into the sewer?' (Thus he declared all foods clean.) And he said, 'It is what comes out of a person that defiles. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

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.

*The prayers conclude with the Lord's Prayer:*

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to 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 398**

Tune: DOWN AMPNEY

- 1 Come down, O Love divine,  
seek now this soul of mine,  
and visit it with your own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear  
and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.
- 2 O let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;  
and let your glorious light  
shine ever on my sight  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

- 3 Let holy charity  
mine outward garment be,  
and lowliness become my inner clothing:  
true lowliness of heart,  
which takes the humbler part  
and for 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 we become the place  
in which the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

Bianco da Siena (d. 1434)

Tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-90) *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.**

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: *Jesu, meine Zuversicht - Gerald Near (b.1942)*

CHOIR: God be in my head – John Rutter (b.1945)

God be in my head, and in my understanding,

God be in mine eyes, and in my looking.

God be in my mouth and in my speaking.

God be in my heart and in my thinking.

God be at mine end, and at my departing.

*Sarum Primer, 1558*

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

O Lord, how great is the depth of kindness  
which you have shown to those who love you.

## 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.**

### THANKSGIVING HYMN 231

Tune: CAMBERWELL

- 1 At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,  
every tongue confess him King of glory now;  
this the Father's pleasure, that we call him Lord,  
who from the beginning was the mighty word.
- 2 Humbled for a season, to receive a name  
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came;  
faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,  
brought it back victorious when from death he passed.
- 3 In your hearts enthrone him, there let him make new  
all that is not holy, all that is not true;  
he is God the Saviour, he is Christ the Lord  
ever to be worshiped, trusted and adored.
- 4 When this same Lord Jesus shall appear again,  
in his Father's glory, there with him to reign,  
then may we adore him, all before him bow,  
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

Caroline M Noel (1817-1877) *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 C, BuxWV 137 - Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)*

*Today's Mass Setting: RUTTER*

*Services on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September** (15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)  
Season of Creation | Biodiversity*

*Preacher: **The Ven. Valerie Hoare**  
Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 7am & 9am*

Services throughout September will celebrate the  
***Season of Creation - A Home for All | Renewing the Oikos of God***  
Each week focusing on a different gift of God's creation

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***Readings for Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021***

*Job 28.1-11 | Psalm 148 | Colossians 1.15-20 | Matthew 6.25-33*

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