

Christ Church St Lucia
Service booklet for Holy Eucharist
The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
8.30am Sunday 4 October 2020

INTROIT HYMN: *"Together in Song"* 433

1. Christ is our cornerstone,
on whom alone we build;
with his true saints alone
the courts of heaven are filled:
on his great love
our hopes we place
of present grace
and joys above.

2. With psalms and hymns of
praise
this holy place shall ring;
our voices we will raise
the Three in One to sing,
and thus proclaim
in joyful song
both loud and long
that glorious name.

3. Here, gracious God, draw near
and move among us now;
receive each fervent prayer,
accept each faithful vow,
and more and more
on all who pray
each holy day
your blessings pour.

4. Here may we gain from heaven
the grace which we implore;
and may that grace, once given,
be with us evermore,
until that day
when all the blest
to endless rest
are called away.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The president greets the assembly

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

Let us pray.

**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.'

We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.
Let us then run our race, laying aside every weight and bringing our sins to the Lord in penitence and faith.

Lord, we have sinned in thought, word and deed:

Lord have mercy

Lord have mercy

We are truly sorry and we ask you to forgive us:

Christ have mercy

Christ have mercy

Help us by your Spirit to live in newness of life:

Lord have mercy

Lord have mercy

The Priest declares God's forgiveness

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 MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Almighty God,
your Son Jesus was the stone rejected by the builders,
and, by your doing,
he has been made the chief cornerstone:
grant that, by the power of his Spirit working in us,
we may become living stones
built up into your dwelling place,
a temple holy and acceptable to you;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Isaiah 5.1-7

Let me sing for my beloved, my love-song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.
He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watch-tower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.
What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?
And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;
I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.
For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice, but saw bloodshed;
righteousness, but heard a cry!

Hear the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:7-16

(sung by the choir)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew,

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 21.33-46

‘Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.” So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures:

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.'

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

This is the Gospel of our Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

SERMON

The Rector

THE 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

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

The prayers conclude with;

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

OFFERTORY HYMN: *"Hymns Ancient and Modern 134"*

1. All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing:

alleluia, alleluia;

O burning sun with golden beam,
and silver moon with softer gleam,

Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2. O flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear.

alleluia, alleluia!

O fire so masterful and bright,
providing us with warmth and light,

Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3. Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfolds rich blessings on our way,

alleluia! alleluia!

all fruits and flow'rs that in you
grow,

let them his glory also show;

Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4. Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness,

alleluia! alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the
Son,

and praise the Spirit, Three in One;

Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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.

Loving God,

we thank you for this world of wonder and delight.

You have given it to us to care for,

so that all your creatures may enjoy its bounty.

Lord our God,

we give you thanks and praise.

We thank you that when we turned away from you,
you sent Jesus to live and work as one of us,
and bring us back to you.

He showed us how to love you
and set us free to love and serve one another.

Lord our God,

we give you thanks and praise.

We thank you that on the cross

Jesus took away our sin,
all that keeps us from each other and from you.

He frees us from hate and fear,
from all that destroys love and trust.

Lord our God,

we give you thanks and praise.

And so with everyone who believes in you,
with all the saints and angels,
we rejoice and praise you, saying:

**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.**

And now we thank you
for these gifts of bread and wine;
may we who receive them,
as Jesus said,
share his body and his blood.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread
and gave you thanks.
He broke the bread and gave it to his friends, and said,
'Take and eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper he took the cup
and gave you thanks.
He shared the cup with them and said,
'This is my blood poured out
so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

You have gathered us together
to feed on Christ
and to remember all he has done for us:

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Fill us with your Spirit
that we may follow Jesus
in all we do and say,
working for justice and bringing your peace
to this world that you have made.
Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION.

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.**

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 priest and other communicants receive the Holy Communion.

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

God, the source of all holiness:

may we who have shared at this table
as strangers and pilgrims on earth
be welcomed with all your saints
to the heavenly feast in your kingdom.

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.**

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *"Together in Song" 245*

1. We have a gospel to proclaim,
Good news for all throughout the
earth;

The gospel of a Saviour's name,
We sing his glory, tell his worth.

2. Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,
Not in a royal house or hall
But in a stable dark and dim,
The Word made flesh, a light for
all.

3. Tell of his death at Calvary,
Hated by those he came to save,
In lonely suffering on the cross,
For all he loved his life he gave.

4. Tell of that glorious Easter
moon,

Empty the tomb, for he was free.
He broke the power of death and
hell

That we might share his victory.

5. Now we rejoice to name him
King,
Jesus is Lord of all the earth,
This gospel message we proclaim,
We sing his glory, tell his worth.

NOTICES

BLESSING AND 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.**

Dear sisters and brothers, let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
In the name of Christ. Amen

Music List

4 October 2020
(Proper 22a)

Organ Prelude:

Jesus Christus, unser Heiland, BWV 666 - J.S.Bach (1685-1750)

Musical Reflection *(following the Sermon):*

Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier (var.3) – C.H. Rinck (1770-1846)

Communion Motet:

Ave verum corpus - W.A.Mozart (1756-1792)

Organ Postlude:

Prelude in c, op.37/1 - Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

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God our refuge, we seek your protection.

Protect the vulnerable from illness:

those who are old and frail,
weakened by years and struggle;
those who care for others,
expending energy and love;
those for whom inability to work
means hardship and poverty.

Protect us from the greed and suspicion

which snatches at our own security
stock-piling and panic-buying
that deprives others of the necessities of life.

Protect us from the shortsightedness

which sees the germ in our own eyes
and ignores the plagues
of hunger, war and violence
that take so many lives each day.

Protect us from the isolation

that leads to loneliness and despair
denying the interconnectedness
that links us with one another.

God our refuge

in our panic and fear
may we not lose sight of our common humanity
that makes us one people in you. **Amen.**

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