



The Anglican Parish of
CHRIST CHURCH ST LUCIA

Sunday, 19th July 2020

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 11



Online Service of
Praise, Prayer & Proclamation

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Welcome

Rev'd Bill Crossman

Organ Prelude

Prelude in A, BWV 536 - J.S.Bach (1685-1750)

Opening Sentence:

sung by Cantor

You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Psalm 86.15

The Greeting

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another in all wisdom and as you sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3.16-17

The following thanksgiving is said together

**Gracious God, we humbly thank you
for life and health and safety,
for freedom to work, leisure to rest,
and for all that is beautiful in creation and human life.
But, above all, we praise you for our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
for his death and resurrection;
for the gift of your Spirit;
and for the hope of sharing in your glory.
Fill our hearts with all joy and peace in believing;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The following prayer and the Collect of the Day are said in preparation for the reading and teaching of Scripture

Thank you, Father, for making yourself known to us
and showing the way of salvation through faith in your Son.
We ask you now to teach and encourage us through your word,
so that we may be ready to serve you;
for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Saving God, in Jesus Christ you opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and constant wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Reader: Tom Van Den Bos

Isaiah 44.6-8

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god.

Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me.
Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be.

Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

Hear the word of the Lord:

thanks be to God.

Psalms 139:1-11, 23-4

sung by Cantor

Setting – Christopher Wrench

- 1 O Lord, you have searched me out and known me:
you know when I sit or when I stand,
you comprehend my thoughts long before.
- 2 You discern my path and the places where I rest:
you are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 For there is not a word on my tongue:
but you, Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You have encompassed me behind and before:
and have laid your hand upon me.

- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me:
so high that I cannot endure it.
- 6 Where shall I go from your spirit:
or where shall I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I ascend into heaven you are there:
if I make my bed in the grave you are there also.
- 8 If I spread out my wings towards the morning:
or dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand shall lead me:
and your right hand shall hold me.
- 10 If I say 'Surely the darkness will cover me:
and the night will enclose me',
- 11 The darkness is no darkness with you,
but the night is as clear as the day:
the darkness and the light are both alike.
- 23 Search me out, O God, and know my heart:
put me to the proof and know my thoughts.
- 24 Look well lest there be any way of wickedness in me:
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

New Testament Reading

Reader: Rev'd Bill Crossman

Matthew 13.24-30, 36-40

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away.

So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.'

The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' "

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field."

He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.

Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

Hear the word of the Lord:

thanks be to God.

Organ Acclamation *Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend – C.H. Rinck (1770-1846)*

*Lord Jesus Christ! Turn to us, send us your Holy Spirit:
with help and grace may he guide and lead us on the path to truth.*

The Sermon *Fr. Michael*

Musical Reflection *Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier, op.78/11 - Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)*

*Dearest Jesus, we are here to listen to your word,
direct our minds and desires to the teachings of heaven,
may our earthly hearts be wholly drawn to you.*

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in one God,
who made and loves all that is.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was born, lived, died and rose again,
and is coming to call all to account.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who calls, equips and sends out God’s people,
and brings all things to their true end.**

This is our faith, the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Invitation to the Confession

Return to the Lord your God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Joel 2.13

Let us now confess our sins to almighty God.

**Heavenly Father,
you have loved us with an everlasting love,
but we have broken your holy laws
and have left undone what we ought to have done.
We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them.
For the sake of your Son who died for us,
forgive us, cleanse us and change us.
By your Holy Spirit,
enable us to live for you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The minister declares God's forgiveness

God desires that none should perish,
but that all should turn to Christ, and live.
In response to his call we acknowledge our sins.
God pardons those who humbly repent, and truly believe the gospel.
Therefore we have peace with God, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Jesus is able for all time to save those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

Hebrews 7.25

THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER

The Intercessions

Leader: Rev'd Bill Crossman

Faithful God, hear our prayers for the world and its peoples. In the midst of ravages being wrought by pandemic, we pause to pray for those even now who suffer the ravages of war and oppression. We pray for prisoners of conscience, refugees and asylum seekers. We pray for all who work and negotiate for peace. Search out our hearts and lead us in your way, that we may work for peace and justice, beginning with the work of peace in our hearts.

*Merciful God, **Hear our prayer.***

Faithful God, hear our prayers for your church. We pray for our sisters and brothers in Christ the world over, for the Anglican Communion, for our Diocese, for our parish. We pray for all who worship this day. We thank you for technologies that assist in bringing us together for worship in these times and give thanks for those who offer their skills to enable this. Search out our hearts and lead us in your ways, that by our lives we may proclaim your good news to the world.

*Merciful God, **Hear our prayer.***

Faithful God, hear our prayers for our families and friends, especially those from whom we are separated at this time, and for the life of our community. We pray for all who contribute to the well-being of the communities in which we live, work and take our leisure. We pray for all who have the responsibility of administering and enforcing lockdowns, quarantine and border controls. Give them wisdom and compassion. Search out our hearts and lead us in your way, that we may live in love for you and for each other.

*Merciful God, **Hear our prayer.***

Faithful God, hear our prayers for all who are in pain, sorrow or hardship. We pray for those in enforced lockdown and quarantine, for those in hospital, for those in desperation worried about their lives and livelihoods and for their future lives. We pray for all working to develop an effective COVID vaccine. We pray for those known to us who are ill or grieving. Search out our hearts and lead us in your way, that we may respond with generous and open hearts to the needs of others.

*Merciful God, **Hear our prayer.***

Faithful God, hear our prayers for all who have died in resurrection hope. We give thanks for the lives of those who have guided our own spiritual journeys and those from this parish who have gone before us. Search out our hearts and lead us in the way everlasting, that we, with them, may come to share in the joy of your eternal life.

*Merciful God, **Hear our prayer.***

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

The Lord's Prayer

**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 SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prayer

Loving God, we thank you for hearing our prayers,
feeding us with your word,
and encouraging us in our meeting together.

**Take us and use us
to love and serve you
and all people,
in the power of your Spirit
and in the name of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

May the God of peace equip you with everything good for doing his will,
working in you what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for
ever and ever; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy
Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

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

Postlude *Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr, BWV 716 - J.S.Bach (1685-1750)*

*May God alone be praised and thanked for his mercy,
he protects us and looks upon us with compassion.*

MUSIC LINKS:

Hymn:

All my hope on God is founded

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8AL9g6GbWYo>

Anthems:

Thou knowest Lord – Henry Purcell

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w-2cpZvoJl4>

Remember not, Lord, our offences – Henry Purcell

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9wyEyszZ_s8

Other excellent weekly resources:

ABC Classic FM - For the God who sings with Stephen Watkins

Sundays 10pm-midnight or on demand:

<https://www.abc.net.au/classic/programs/for-the-god-who-sings/>

VIRTUAL EVENSONG from Trinity College Cambridge

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCn7d1iCH8cbdKfgFqueckig>

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