

Anglican Diocese of Brisbane

CHRIST CHURCH ST LUCIA

CHORAL EVENSONG

Book of Common Prayer

Pentecost

Sunday, 19th May, 2024
5.30pm

Music

Canticles in Bb - CHARLES VILLIERS STANFORD (1852-1924)

Preces & Responses by RICHARD ALYEWARD (1626-1669)

The Lord's Prayer by ROBERT STONE (1516-1613)

Officiant & Preacher

The Rev'd Bill Crossman

The Lucian Singers

Director of Music / Organist

Christopher Wrench

Conducting Scholar

Matthew Dubery

The Order for Choral Evensong

VOLUNTARY Versets 1-4 sur le Veni Creator - Jean-Pierre Leguay (b.1939)

INTROIT If Ye Love Me - Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

 If ye love me, keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may abide with you for ever, ev'n the spirit of truth.

Turning to the people, the Officiant reads the Exhortation.

EXHORTATION

Officiant: We have come together in the presence of Almighty God
and of the whole company of heaven
to offer unto him our worship and praise and thanksgiving;
to make confession of our sins; to pray,
for others as well as for ourselves,
that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love
and shew forth in our lives the fruits of his grace;
and to ask on behalf of all people
such things as are necessary for their well-being.
Wherefore, let us now kneel in silence,
and remember God's presence with us.

All remain seated

The GENERAL CONFESSION

All: Almighty and most merciful Father,
We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices
and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against thy holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done:
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;
and there is no health in us.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.
Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults.
Restore thou them that are penitent;
According to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesu our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake;
That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy name.
Amen.

The Officiant stands and turning to the people - pronounces the Absolution:

The ABSOLUTION

Officiant: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who desireth not the death of a sinner,
but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live;
and hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers,
to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent,
the Absolution and Remission of their sins:
he pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent,
and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel.
Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance,
and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him,
which we do at this present;
and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure, and holy;
so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Officiant and Choir stand in their stalls for the Invocation

The PRECES

Cantor: O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Cantor: O God, make speed to save us.

Choir: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Please stand for the Gloria Patri

Choir: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.
Praise ye the Lord.

Please remain standing for the Office Hymn

HYMN 396

Come, Holy Spirit, our souls inspire

VENI CREATOR

Come, Holy Spirit, our souls inspire,
and lighten with your heavenly fire:
you the anointing Spirit are,
on us your sevenfold gifts you pour.

Your blessed unction from above
is comfort, life, and fire of love.
enable with perpetual light
the dullness of our blinded sight;

anoint and cheer our mortal face
with the abundance of your grace;
keep far our foes; give peace at home;
where you are guide, no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
and you with both, to be but one,
that through the ages all along,
this may be our endless song:

Praise to your eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Anon., Latin 9th Cent. (*Veni, Creator Spiritus*)
Attrib. Rabanus Maurus (c.776-856), tr. John Cosin (1594-1672)

Please sit

Psalm 103: 13-22

Chant by James Turle

Choir: Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children :
 even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him.
 For he knoweth whereof we are made :
 he remembereth that we are but dust.
 The days of man are but as grass :
 for he flourisheth as a flower of the field.
 For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is gone :
 and the place thereof shall know it no more.
 But the merciful goodness of the Lord endureth
 for ever and ever upon them that fear him :
 and his righteousness upon children's children;
 Even upon such as keep his covenant :
 and think upon his commandments to do them.
 The Lord hath prepared his seat in heaven :
 and his kingdom ruleth over all.
 O praise the Lord, ye angels of his, ye that excel in strength :
 ye that fulfil his commandment,
 and hearken unto the voice of his words.
 O praise the Lord, all ye his hosts :
 ye servants of his that do his pleasure.
 O speak good of the Lord, all ye works of his,
 in all places of his dominion :
 praise thou the Lord, O my soul.

Please stand

Choir: Glory be to the Father:
 and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
 As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be:
 world without end. Amen.

Please sit

1st LESSON: Ezekiel 36.22-28

Reader: A reading from the book of Ezekiel.

Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came.

I will sanctify my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them; and the nations shall know that I am the Lord, says the Lord God, when through you I display my holiness before their eyes.

I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you.

A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Reader: For the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

CANTICLE: **The Magnificat** (The Song of The Blessed Virgin Mary)

Choir: My soul doth magnify the Lord:
 and my spirit hath rejoiceth in God my Saviour.
 For he hath regarded the lowliness of his hand-maiden.
 For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
 For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his name.
 And his mercy is on them that fear him, throughout all generations.
 He hath shewed strength with his arm:
 he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
 He hath put down the mighty from their seat:
 and hath exalted the humble and meek.
 He hath filled the hungry with good things:
 and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He rememb'ring his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:
as he promised to our fathers, Abraham and to his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

Please sit

2nd LESSON: 1 Corinthians 12. 1-13

Reader: A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Reader: For the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

All stand

CANTICLE: Nunc Dimittis (The Song of Simeon)

Choir: Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,
 according to thy word.
 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
 which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
 to be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
 and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
 world without end. Amen.

Please remain standing for the Apostles' Creed.

The APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant: I believe in God,
All: **the Father almighty,**
 Maker of heaven and earth.
 And in Jesus Christ,
 His only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and was buried.
 He descended into hell.
 The third day he rose again from the dead,
 he ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
 from thence he shall come to judge
 the quick and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Ghost,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

Cantor: The Lord be with you.

Choir: And with thy spirit.

Please sit The Choir and Officiant remain standing

Cantor: Let us pray.

Choir: Lord, have mercy upon us.
 Christ, have mercy upon us.
 Lord, have mercy upon us.

The LORD'S PRAYER

Choir: Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our trespasses
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory
 for ever and ever. Amen.

Cantor: O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

Choir: and grant us thy salvation.

Cantor: O Lord, save the King.

Choir: And mercifully hear us, when we call upon thee.

Cantor: Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

Choir: And make thy chosen people joyful.

Cantor: O Lord, save thy people.

Choir: And bless thine inheritance.

Cantor: Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Choir: Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
 but only thou, O God.

Cantor: O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Choir: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

*The Officiant intones the collects,
the first of the Day, the second for Peace, and the third for Aid against all Perils.*

The Collect of the Day

Priest: 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.

Choir: Amen.

The Collect for Peace

Priest: O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels,
and all just works do proceed:
Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give;
that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments,
and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our
enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness;
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Choir: Amen.

The Collect For Aid Against All Perils

Priest: Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord;
and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils
and dangers of this night;
for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Choir: Amen.

The ANTHEM Come down, O Love Divine – William Harris (1883-1973)

The PRAYERS The Rev'd Bill Crossman

Concluding with the grace:

**All: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 and the love of God,
 and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
 be with us all evermore. Amen.**

Please stand for the Sequence Hymn

HYMN 409

O breath of life

SPIRITUS VITAE

O breath of life, come sweeping through us,
revive your church with life and power;
O breath of life, come cleanse, renew us,
and fit your church to meet this hour.

O wind of God, come bend us, break us,
till humbly we confess our need;
then in your tenderness remake us,
revive, restore: for this we plead.

O breath of love, come breathe within us,
renewing thought and will and heart;
come, love of Christ, afresh to win us,
revive your church in every part.

Revive us, Lord! Is zeal abating
while harvest fields are vast and white?
Revive us, Lord, the world is waiting,
equip your church to spread the light.

Elizabeth Ann Porter Head (1850-1936)

Please sit for the Sermon

The SERMON: The Rev'd Bill Crossman

Please stand for the final hymn

HYMN 572ii

O thou who camest from above

HEREFORD

O thou who camest from above,
the pure celestial fire to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart.

There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return,
in humble prayer and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work and speak and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up thy gift in me,

ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat,
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make my sacrifice complete.

Charles Wesley (1707-88) alt

*The hymn ended,
the Priest says the final prayer and pronounces the blessing*

The BLESSING

Priest: May the Spirit lead you into all truth,
giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
and to proclaim the wonderful works of God;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be amongst you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

Priest: Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

During the organ voluntary the procession of clergy departs via the West Door.

VOLUNTARY

Verset 5 sur le Veni Creator - Jean-Pierre Leguay (b.1939)

*If any wish to make an offering for the work of God in this parish,
a 'tap' terminal is available at the rear of the church.*

Service is from 'The Book of Common Prayer'. Reproduced with permission. Published under the E-pray Licence No. AUS01 3012303324R6. Other material is printed under CAL Licence No. 5264. CCLI Licence No. 78392 TIS Licence No. AUS20-10069E-6416S4. Readings are from the New Revised Standard Version of The Holy Bible ©1989, Collins Publishers.

Enquiries: Parish Office - 3870 8887

www.stlucia.anglicanchurchsq.org.au