

**La Côte Anglican Church
A Service of the Word
with a Celebration of Holy Communion
on Zoom
19th Sunday after Trinity
18th October 2020**

Treasures of darkness

THE GATHERING

Welcome

The Greeting

We come from scattered lives to meet with God.

Let us recognize his presence with us.

Silence is kept.

As God's people we have gathered:

let us worship him together.

Prayer of Approach

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.

Hymn *Glorious things of thee are spoken*

Glorious things of thee are spoken *sung by St Martin's Voices*

- 1 Glorious things of thee are spoken,
 Zion, city of our God;
 he whose word cannot be broken
 formed thee for his own abode.
 On the Rock of Ages founded,
 what can shake thy sure repose?
 With salvation's walls surrounded,
 thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

- 2 See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters,
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage-
grace which, like the Lord the giver,
never fails from age to age?
- 3 Saviour, if of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name.
Fading is the worldling's pleasure.
all his boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure
none but Zion's children know.

John Newton (1725-1807)

Prayers of Penitence

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin
and be faithful to Christ.

As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith,
we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

**All God of mercy,
we acknowledge that we are all sinners.
We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said
and done,
and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.
For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,
forgive us for all that is past,
and help us to live each day
in the light of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon *you*,
pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins,
confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness,
and keep *you* in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Collect

Faithful Lord,
whose steadfast love never ceases
and whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you
and to receive the gifts of your love,
new every morning,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 45: 1-7

1 Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him
and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him –
and the gates shall not be closed:
2 I will go before you and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron,
3 I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I,
the LORD, the God of Israel,
who call you by your name.
4 For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name, I surname you,
though you do not know me.
5 I am the LORD, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you,
though you do not know me,
6 so that they may know,
from the rising of the sun and from the west,
that there is no one besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.
7 I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the LORD do all these things.
This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 22: 15-22

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

When the chief priests and Pharisees had heard the parables,
they realized that Jesus was speaking about them. 15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted
to entrap him in what he said.

16 So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. 17 Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' 18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? 19 Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. 20 Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' 21 They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' 22 When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

**All We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

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

Prayers of Intercession

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace

God will speak peace to his people,
to those who turn to him in their hearts.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All and also with you.

Offertory Hymn *O Lord you search me and you know me*

O God you search me and you know me

recorded remotely by the Choral Scholars of St Martin-in-the-Fields in their homes, and edited together.

- 1 *O God, you search me and you know me.
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down you are before me:
ever the maker and keeper of my days.*
- 2 *You know my resting and my rising.
You discern my purpose from afar.
And with love everlasting you besiege me:
in ev'ry moment of life and death, you are.*
- 3 *Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,
you have known its meaning through and through.
You are with me, beyond my understanding:
God of my present, my past and future, too.*
- 4 *Although your Spirit is upon me,
still I search for shelter from your light.
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you:
even the darkness is radiant in your sight.*
- 5 *For you created me and shaped me,
gave me life within my mother's womb.
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you:
safe in your hands, all creation is made new.*

Bernadette Farrell (b.1957) from Psalm 139

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Sharing at the Table of the Lord

The Lord is here.

All his Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right,

it is our duty and our joy,

at all times and in all places

to give you thanks and praise,

holy Father, heavenly King,

almighty and eternal God,

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For he is your living Word;

through him you have created all things from the beginning,

and formed us in your own image.

Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross;
you raised him from the dead
and exalted him to your right hand on high.

Through him you have sent upon us
your holy and life-giving Spirit,
and made us a people for your own possession.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:
**All 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.]**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;

we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

[Great is the mystery of faith:]

All Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

**All Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.**

Amen.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

Let us prepare ourselves so that we know the presence of Christ with us at this communion
(short pause).

**All We offer and present to you, Lord our heavenly Father, ourselves, our souls and
bodies, to be a holy and living sacrifice; grant that being present together in heart and
mind at this holy communion, we may now be filled with your heavenly blessing
through the redeeming grace of you Son our Saviour Jesus Christ... [short pause]**

**Lord Jesus Christ, in outward signs of bread and wine you have made known your
presence among us; as we unite with one another from the places where we are, may
your communion be fulfilled in us now through the work of the life-giving Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

All We thank you, Lord,
that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
prepared for all peoples.
Amen.

Song *In Christ alone*

In Christ alone my hope is found *sung by St Martin's Voices*

- 1** In Christ alone my hope is found,
he is my light, my strength, my song;
this cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all,
here in the love of Christ I stand.
- 2** In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save:
till on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied -
for every sin on him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.
- 3** There in the ground his body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am his and he is mine -
bought with the precious blood of Christ.
- 4** No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from his hand;
till he returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Stuart Townend (born 1963) and Keith Getty (born 1974)

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Blessing

The Lord bless you and watch over you,
the Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you,
the Lord look kindly on you
and give you peace.
and the blessing ...

All Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Prayer and Care

This week if you would like prayer for anything, do contact [Peta Tracey](#), who will share your prayer request in confidence with our La Côte Church prayer group.

Finding out more about us

Please go to www.lacotechurch.ch for more information about our church.

Worship this afternoon in the Temple de Gingins at 4pm. Please register if you are attending with Liz Bramley.

Support for our church

On behalf of our church - thank you to all of you who are pledging and donating your collections online.

Thank you also to those who are putting collection money aside each week.

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