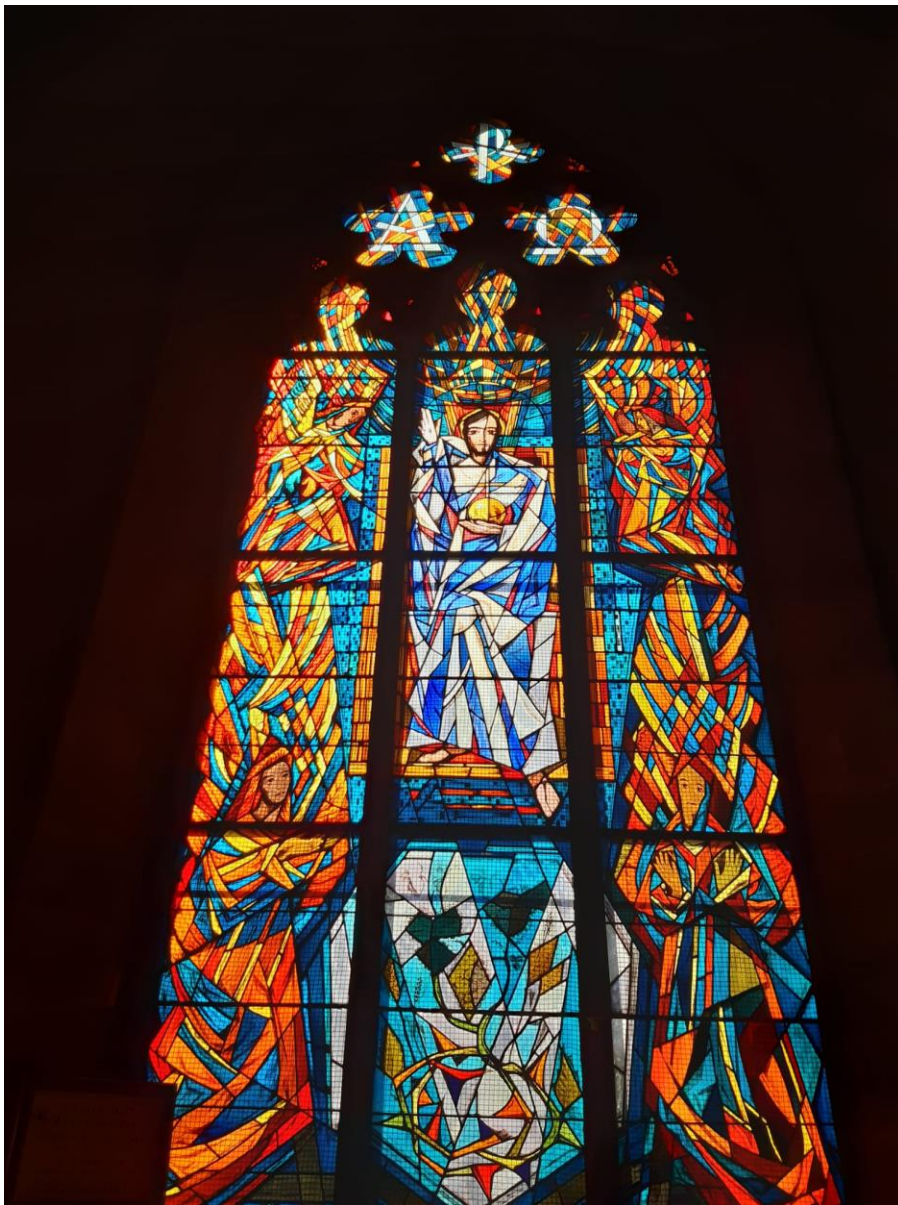




Holy Trinity Geneva
Eucharist with Spiritual Communion
Wednesday 21st July 2021
Bartolomé de Las Casas (c. 1484 - 1566)
Common Worship Order



PREPARATION

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Welcome and Introduction

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

The presiding minister greets everyone joining our service and introduces the theme for the day's eucharist.

We commemorate the life Bartolomé de Las Casas, known as the Apostle to the Indies, and pray for the well-being in our day of the peoples among whom he served.

We say together :

**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 AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

Confession

**Almighty God our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,**

through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
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. Amen

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his 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.

COLLECT

Let us pray.

Holy and righteous God, you created us in your image. Grant us grace to contend fearlessly against evil and to make no peace with oppression. Help us, like your servant Bartolomé to use our freedom to bring justice among people and nations, to the glory of your name; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Lesson Romans 8. 14-30

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan

inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 49 vv. 1-6, 12, 15 -20. *Audite haec, omnes*

Response : Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence.

O hear ye this, all you peoples : give ear all you inhabitants of the world,

all children of men and sons of Adam : both rich and poor alike.**R/**

For my mouth shall speak wisdom : and the thoughts of my heart shall be full of understanding.

I will incline mine ear to a riddle : and unfold the mystery to the sounds of the harp.

Why should I fear in the evil days : when the wickedness of my deceivers surrounds me,
though they trust to their great wealth : and boast of the abundance of their riches? R/

A rich man without understanding : is like the beasts that perish.

But God will ransom my life : he will take me from the power of the grave. R/

Do not fear when a man grows rich : when the wealth of his household increases,

for he will take nothing away with him when he dies : nor will his wealth go down after him.

Though he counts himself happy while he lives : and praises you also when you prosper,

He will go down to the company of his fathers : who will never see the light.

A rich man without understanding : is like the beasts that perish.

Alleluia, Alleluia: Blessed are those whose strength is in you, **Alleluia**

Gospel Reading John 8.31-36

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus said, 'If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.' They answered him, 'We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, "You will be made free"?''

Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there for ever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily Dr Clare Amos

Commemorating Bartolomé de las Casas, Apostle to the Indies



What man of sound mind will approve a war against men who are harmless, ignorant, gentle, temperate, unarmed, and destitute of every human defence? For the results of such a war are very surely the loss of the souls of that people who perish without knowing God and without the support of the sacraments, and, for the survivors, hatred and loathing of the

Christian religion. . . The Indians are our brothers, and Christ has given his life for them. Why, then, do we persecute them with such inhuman savagery when they do not deserve such treatment? The past, because it cannot be undone, must be attributed to our weakness, provided that what has been taken unjustly is restored."

-- from *In Defence of the Indians*
by Las Casas

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

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Abba,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
You have graced us with the spirit of freedom,
And the privilege of calling upon you by name.
May we use this precious freedom
To give a voice to all who are enslaved
By poverty or persecution,
Held captive by discrimination or disease.
Grant us courage to name injustice wherever it appears,
And to speak your Word of truth,
Sure that the love of God in Christ Jesus has power
To set all people free,
Enabling them to live in glorious liberty,
As your cherished sons and daughters. Amen



The prayers conclude with prayer requests:

We pray for the sick and those caring for them, especially Eve Walker, Lucinda RiisJohannessen, Sue Lloyd, Alistair and Erica Palframan, Nathan Zabula, Maya Mortimer, Chakravarthi Raghavan, David Robinson, Jacob Myhre, Rosabelle de Silva, José Martinez, François Dériaz, Marianne Wheatley, Silvio Morson, Anna Porraccin, John Taylor, Valerie Slessor, Frances Boo, Rémy Boo, Jenny Syrathev, George Thomasz, Emmanuel Palmer, Lorensz Ranasinghe. And among the faithful departed we remember Brian Hooley/

And so we commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God.

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And with your spirit

The table is prepared.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Lord God,
our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever!

From the beginning you have created all things
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech that with angels and archangels
and all the powers of heaven
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

**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.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord!
As a mother tenderly gathers her children
you embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,
to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,
he came to supper with his friends,
and taking bread, he gave you thanks.
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take eat: this is my body which is given for you

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
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.

Great is the mystery of
faith:

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

Father, we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;

we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you
these gifts of your creation;
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,
form us into the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Remember Lord your Church in every land.
Reveal her unity, guard her faith,
and preserve her in peace

Bring us at the last with all your saints
to the vision of that eternal splendour
for which you have created us;

through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
by him, with him, and in him,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

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

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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body
because we all share in the one bread.

Agnus Dei

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, give us your peace.

Let us prepare ourselves to make our spiritual communion.

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 your 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.

Prayers after Communion

Our loving heavenly Father, help us to follow the example of your servant Bartolomé in resisting evil and opposing the oppression of others, so that with him and all the faithful departed we may come to your eternal joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies,
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen**

Blessing

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

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