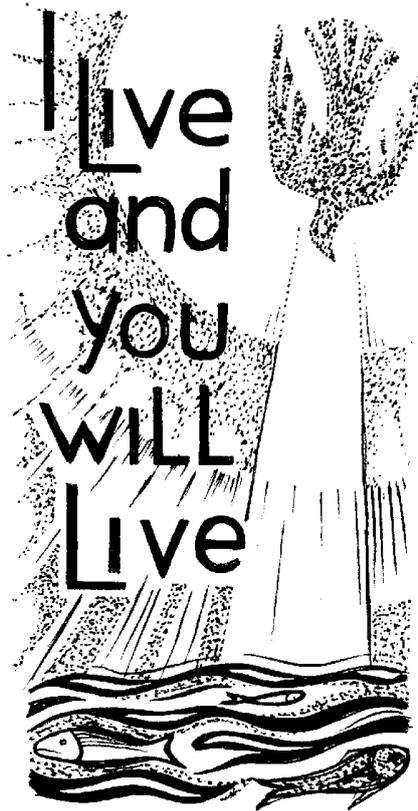


St Michael's Church

Sunday 29th March



Fifth Sunday of Lent

In today's *Gospel* we see a scene with which we are all familiar, namely, people weeping over the death of a loved one. Jesus is at the centre of that scene. He is the one who gives hope to those who are surrounded by the shadow of death for the Christ is the resurrection and the life.

Opening Sentence

Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.

Greeting and Entrance

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

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

Call to Confession

My brothers and sisters,
to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries,
let us first call to mind our sin.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring
us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God,
may we walk eagerly in that same charity
with which, out of love for the world,
your Son handed himself over to death.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading (Sit)

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel (37:12-14)

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you

on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm (129)

**R. With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading. **R.**

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you. **R.**

My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.
(Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord.) **R.**

Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity. **R.**

2nd Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans. (8:8-11)

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the

dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will never die.

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel

The Lord be with you,
And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John, (11:3-7,17-27,33-45)

Glory to you, O Lord.

Mary and Martha sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life.

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live,
and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.
I knew indeed that you always hear me,
but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me,
so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

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

Creed (Stand)

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 men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

**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.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He 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 Peace

Priest: Christ is our peace he has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross; we meet in his name and share his peace!

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Prayers

Priest: Let us pray my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

People: **May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

Prayer over the Gifts

Hear us, almighty God,
and, having instilled in your servants

the teachings of the Christian faith,
graciously purify them
by the working of this sacrifice.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you,
and with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts,
we lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just..... *The Eucharist prayer continues*

The Communion

Our Father

Let us pray with confidence to the Father
in the words our Saviour gave us:

**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.**

The priest continues

**For the Kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and for ever**

Breaking of the Bread:

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

**People: Though we are many we are one body, because we all
share in the one bread.**

Preparation for Communion:

All: **With this bread...**

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

People: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Communion antiphon

Everyone who lives and believes in me
will not die for ever, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

We pray, almighty God,
that we may always be counted among the members of Christ,
in whose Body and Blood we have communion.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen**

Prayer over the People

Bless, O Lord, your people,
who long for the gift of your mercy,
and grant that what, at your prompting, they desire
they may receive by your generous gift.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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St Michael's Followers. We are missing all the Sunday School sessions and hope you are all keeping well. We look forward to when the Church is able to open its doors once more. Parents if you want to use the faith 5 with your children, it uses simple prayer for the end of the day, using this pattern

FAITH 



Share - your highs and lows of the day

Read - a Bible story or passage

Talk - about how that might relate to your highs and lows

Pray - for one another's highs and lows

Bless - one another

They've made a Pandemic Hope resource available with 8 weeks' worth of daily readings and faith practices, as well as a chart of *Hymnal Handwashing Hits* and a *Prayer Bingo* chart!

It could be used with grandparents/godparents/anyone over Zoom, WhatsApp or Facetime.

iChild website- During these difficult times, we've opened up our entire bank of iChild crafts, activities and education resources. **For the next month all resources on the [iChild website](#) are completely free to use.** These resources can be used by anyone or any school/nursery looking after children around the world, especially the millions in lockdown. (If you are not a member, registration is quick, simple and free).

We pray for all who are ill, that God may grant them health and peace:

Perry Wells, George Booth, Kate, Seelah, Maureen Clements, Simon Payen, Shirley Angus, Augustus Olufunwa , Chris Zinzan, Doreen Lelliot, Bob Wood, Krystyna Hammil, Cicely Blalock, Androulla & Fannos Hadjiordani, Christopher Gibbons, Jazzmine Grimes, Emmanuel Kuye, Alexandra F Assis, Joshua Rattray, Elijah Blake, Jeffrey Blake, Victorine Clarke, Amy Harris, Thomas Hewitt, Geri Thompson, Mary Thompson, George Batley, Nancy Brittain, Sarah Reggerie, Jean Bjork, Ian Lennon, Kathleen Wale, Serena Forni, Naomi Brown, Derek Ogden, Lawrence Barrett, Dominic Swift, Jennifer Douglas Peter John Clements, Joan, Patience Mafunga, Jereline Simoms, Joy, Ayo Dumbuya, Ray and Pam Bennett, Dorren Norine, Beverley Pownall, Shola Adebowale ,Una and Pat Murphy , Andrea Negri, Shane Claridge, Francis Burniston, James Ighodaro, Theresa Naish, Loiuse, Anastasia, Allen, Jean Bromley, Angela Whyte, Josephine Baker, Saman Joseph, Marcus Cullen, Myrtle, Brenda la Rose, Joe Donkor, Dorothy, Brandon, Ronald, Edna Noel, Anita Atherley, Evelyn Baker, Vincent Booth, Derek Hugh ,Ulric and Rita Thompson, Zena Godfrey

for those who have died recently

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and for all whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

1st April

Steve Payen

3rd April

Cecil Bowyer