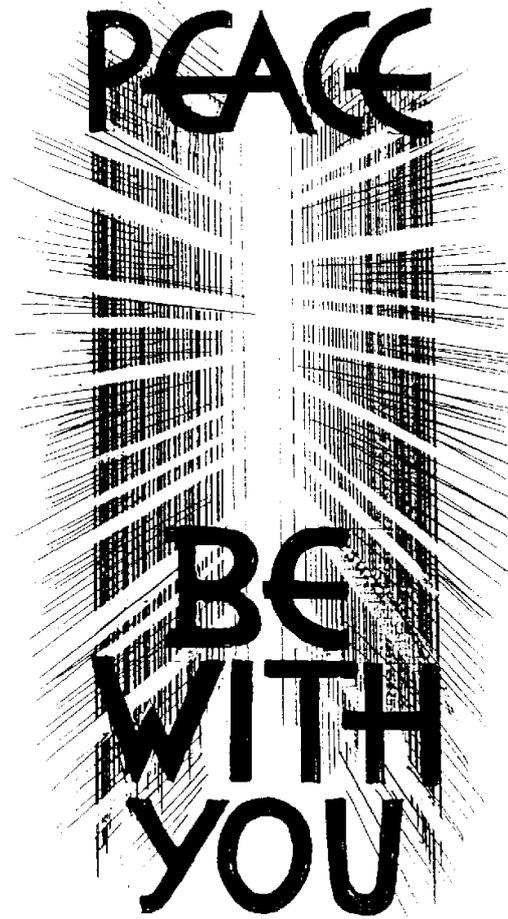


St Michael's Church

Sunday 19th April



Alleluia Christ is risen - He is risen indeed Alleluia!

In our Gospel, we see the apostles coming to terms with the fact that the Lord they saw brutally crucified has risen. Today Thomas speaks on our behalf as he overcomes his doubts and fears and encounters the risen Christ.

Opening Sentence

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God,
who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

Greeting and Entrance

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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.**

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.**

The Liturgy of the Word

God of everlasting mercy,
who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast
kindle the faith of the people you have made your own,
increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed,

that all may grasp and rightly understand
in what font they have been washed,
by whose Spirit they have been reborn,
by whose Blood they have been redeemed.
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 Acts of the Apostles (2:42-47)

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: 117(118):2-4,13-15,22-24

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let the sons of Aaron say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let those who fear the Lord say:

‘His love has no end.’ **R.**

I was thrust down, thrust down and falling,
but the Lord was my helper.

The Lord is my strength and my song;
he was my saviour.

There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just. **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. **R.**

2nd Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Peter (1:3.9)

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

Alleluia!

Gospel

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (20:19-31)

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

This is the Gospel of Our Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

The Creed

**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.**

Intercessions

Alleluia Christ is risen,
He is risen indeed, Alleluia.

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

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,
'peace be with you.' Then they were glad when they saw the Lord!

The peace of the Lord be with you always. Alleluia

And also with you Alleluia!

Offertory Prayers

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness
we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human
hands have made; it will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness
we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human
hands; it will become for us our spiritual drink.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. You called us into
being and have now gathered us together. Renew us by your Holy
Spirit that we may live to your glory and come to share the life of
your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever.

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

**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 Church.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

Prayer over the Gifts

Accept, O Lord, we pray,
the oblations of your people
(and of those you have brought to new birth),
that, renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism,
they may attain unending happiness.
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*

Father, all powerful and ever living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks.

We praise you with greater joy than ever
on this Eastertide,
when Christ became our paschal sacrifice.

He is the true lamb who took away the sins of the world.
By dying he destroyed our death;
by rising he restored our life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels in heaven
we proclaim your glory
and join in their unending hymn of praise singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and God of might,
heaven and earth, heaven and earth are full of your glory your
power and might
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heaven.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heaven.**

**Blessed, blessed is he who comes
Blessed, blessed is he who comes
Blessed is he, blessed is he,
who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heaven.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heaven.**

Lord, you are holy indeed,
the source of all holiness;
grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died
Christ is risen
Jesus Christ will come again
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heaven.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of all,
rejoicing at his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate the memorial of our redemption.

We thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you;
we offer you this bread and this cup;
we pray you to accept this our duty and our service,
a spiritual sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Send the Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts.
The Spirit of glory, the Spirit of grace,
that we may become your holy people
and these gifts may be our food and drink
for eternal salvation;
and gather into one in your kingdom
all those who share this one bread and one cup.

Father, remember all those you have united to your Son
through baptism and have called to your service;
remember our community here at St Michael's, and all those you
have entrusted to our care;
remember our bishop, remember the clergy,
and remember all those each one of us
has in mind at this time.

Remember our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest in
the hope of rising again; bring them and all the departed into the
light of your presence.

In the company of the Virgin Mary,
Mother of our Lord and God, John the Baptist,
St Michael, and all the saints,
may we praise and glorify you for ever,
through him from whom all good things come,
Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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:

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

Lamb of God

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
grant us peace.**

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the World.
Happy are those who are called to His supper.

Lord I am not worthy to receive you
but only say the word and I shall be healed.

Communion Antiphon

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

Concluding rite: Blessing & Dismissal

Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that our reception of this paschal Sacrament
may have a continuing effect
in our minds and hearts.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

Through the resurrection of his Son
God has redeemed you and made you his children.
May he bless you with joy. **Amen.**

The Redeemer has given you lasting freedom.
May you inherit his everlasting life. **Amen.**

By faith you rose with him in baptism.
May your lives be holy,
so that you will be united with him for ever. **Amen.**

May almighty God bless you,
the Father, the Son, + and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia Alleluia!

Regina Coeli

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Priest: The Mass is ended, Go in peace Alleluia Alleluia

People: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia Alleluia!!**

Regina Coeli

Joy to thee, O Queen of heaven! Alleluia.
He whom thou was meet to bear. Alleluia.
As he promised hath arisen. Alleluia.
Pour for us to God thy prayer. Alleluia.
Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia.
For the Lord has risen indeed, Alleluia.

Let us pray: O God, who by the resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, has been pleased to fill the world with joy, grant, we beseech You, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may receive the joys of eternal life, through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Fr Ian is already planning our return to Church whenever that may be. We will let you all know as soon as we are able to make a date for this return, but rest assured it will be a day of great celebration.

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

Trevor Thompson, Stella, Eric, 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 Adebawale ,Una and Pat Murphy , Andrea Negri, Shane Claridge, Francis Burniston, James Ighodaro, Theresa Naish, Louiise, 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

Lynette, Cam, George Edward Yendluri, Grace Caroline Stone, Rufus, Alberta

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

20 th April	Amella Collins
21 st April	Magdalene Ubah
24 th April	Isabelle Maeght- England