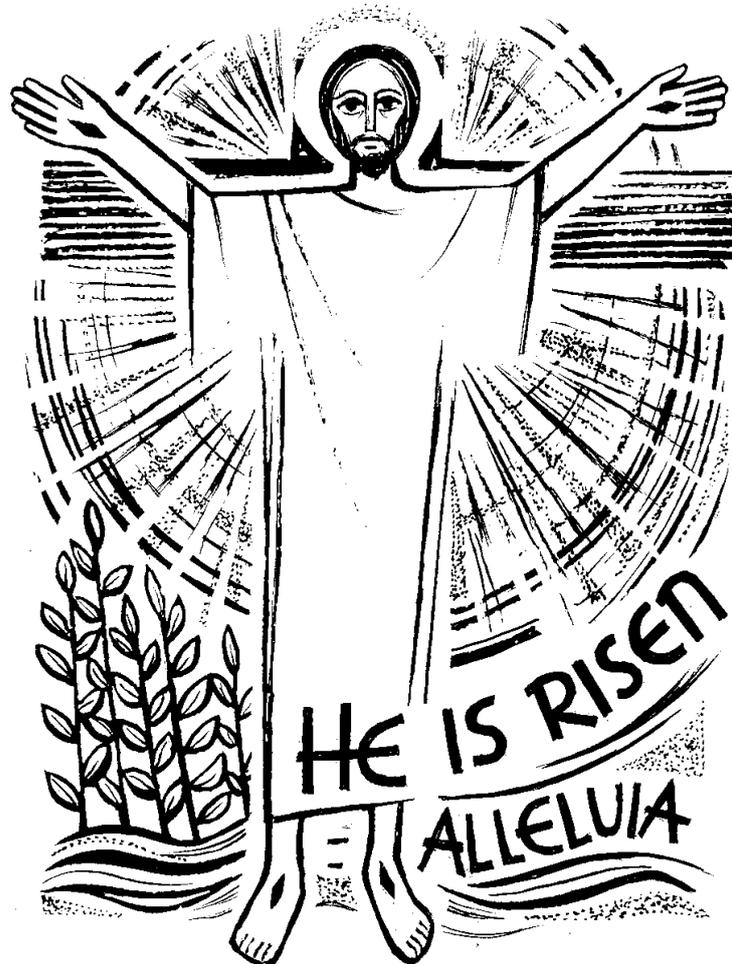


# St Michael's Church

Sunday 12th April



## The day of resurrection

Easter Day is the greatest day in the Church's calendar. Jesus has overcome death, not only for himself, but for all of us. The joy of Easter fills all the earth, the joy that death has been conquered. Let us open our hearts to receive this great joy.

Now Easter is upon us we must rejoice and celebrate and give thanks to God for the joy and hope the resurrection brings. This is what the discipline of our Lenten Journey has been

preparing us for and we should put as much effort now into our celebrating as we did in with our disciplines. Christ is risen, alleluia!!!

## **Opening Sentence**

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.  
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.  
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, 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**        (Stand)

**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

O God, who on this day,  
through your Only Begotten Son,  
have conquered death  
and unlocked for us the path to eternity,  
grant, we pray, that we who keep  
the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection  
may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit,  
rise up in the light of life.  
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 (10:34,37-43)

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## **Responsorial Psalm 117(118):1-2,16-17,22-23**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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.'

*This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad. R.*

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;

his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live

and recount his deeds. **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected

has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,

a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Colossians (3:1-4)

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed:

let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (20:1-9)

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture that he must rise from the dead.

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

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

Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord,  
we offer the sacrifice  
by which your Church  
is wondrously reborn and nourished.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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**

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 Easter Day,  
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.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of Holy Mary mother of God, St  
Michael and all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through 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**

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;  
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread  
of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

## **Prayer after Communion**

Look upon your Church, O God,  
with unfailing love and favour,  
so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries,  
she may come to the glory of the resurrection.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## *Concluding rite: Blessing & Dismissal*

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
People: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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

People: **Amen.**

### **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, Carol, Nathan and Laura would like to wish you all a very happy and holy Easter. May the risen Lord bless you.

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

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

12th April	Tina Beckett
13th April	Winnie Matthews
15 <sup>th</sup> April	Lydia Dorothy Mary Fossey
18 <sup>th</sup> April	Herbert Adams