

# A very warm Welcome to St Michael's Church Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August



Feeding the hungry - the people followed Jesus to a lonely spot, forgetting their food in order to listen to his words and to seek healing for their sicknesses.

We have come here today to meet Jesus. We too have left aside, if only for a while, our ordinary concerns to listen to Christ's words and to be healed by him.

## Opening Sentence

God, come to my help. Lord, quickly give me assistance.  
You are the one who helps me and sets me free:  
Lord, do not be long in coming.

## 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.

## Penitential Rite

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of  
God's Kingdom **Lord have mercy**

You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness.  
**Christ have mercy**

You will come in glory with salvation for your people.  
**Lord have mercy**

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

## The Liturgy of the Word

Let us pray.  
for the gift of God's forgiveness and love.

Father of everlasting goodness,  
our origin and guide,  
be close to us  
and hear the prayers of all who praise you.  
Forgive our sins and restore us to life.  
Keep us safe in your love.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,

who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **First Reading**

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah (55:1-3)

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;  
though you have no money, come!

Buy corn without money, and eat,  
and, at no cost, wine and milk.

Why spend money on what is not bread,  
your wages on what fails to satisfy?

Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat  
and rich food to enjoy.

Pay attention, come to me;  
listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant  
out of the favours promised to David.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Responsorial Psalm (144)**

**R. You open wide your hand, O Lord,  
you grant our desires.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

The eyes of all creatures look to you  
and you give them their food in due time.

You open wide your hand,  
grant the desires of all who live. **R.**

The lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.

He is close to all who call him,  
call on him from their hearts. **R.**

## Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.(8:35.37-39)

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Blessings on the King who comes,  
in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven  
and glory in the highest heavens!

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

## Gospel

The Lord be with you,

**And also with you.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (14:13-21)

**Glory to you, Lord.**

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five

loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

This is the Gospel of Christ.  
**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

## **Sermon**

### **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 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**

Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

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

### **The Peace**

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.  
**And with your spirit.**

### **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.**

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 holy Church.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

### Prayer over the Gifts

Merciful Lord, make holy these gifts,  
and let our spiritual sacrifice  
make us an everlasting gift to you.  
We ask this through Jesus 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**

### Preface

Father, all-powerful and ever living God,  
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

So great was your love  
that you gave us your Son as our redeemer.  
You sent him as one like ourselves,  
though free from sin,  
that you might see and love in us  
what you see and love in Christ.  
Your gifts of grace, lost by disobedience,  
are now restored by the obedience of your Son.

We praise you, Lord, with all the angels and saints  
in their songs of joy:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.**  
**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.**

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, Christ will come again.**

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.  
For thine is the Kingdom, the power,  
and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **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

You gave us bread from heaven, Lord: a sweet-tasting bread that was very good to eat

*If watching the Mass online, we would encourage you to join in with the liturgy. At the point at which the clergy who are present receive Holy Communion you may wish to make an act of spiritual communion by using one of the following prayers:*

My Jesus, I believe that you are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you.  
**Amen.**

Or

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the bread of life and the one true vine. I believe that you are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. I seek you. I worship and adore you. Since I cannot receive you in the Eucharistic bread and wine, I pray that you will come into my heart and soul, that I may be united to you, by your all-powerful and ever-present Holy Spirit. Let me receive you, and be nourished by you. Become for me the manna in my wilderness, the bread of angels for my very human journey through time, a foretaste of the heavenly banquet, and solace in the hour of my death. I pray all this, trusting that you yourself are our Life, our Peace, and our everlasting Joy. **Amen.**

## Prayer after Communion

Lord,

you give us the strength of new life  
by the gift of the Eucharist.

Protect us with your love  
and prepare us for eternal redemption.

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 Lord be with you,  
**and also with you.**

May our faith in the Father's love be strong.  
May our hope and trust in Jesus increase.  
May our love be enkindled by the Spirit  
who is poured into our hearts.  
And the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always . **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **The Angelus**

The angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary  
**And she conceived by the Holy Spirit**

Hail, Mary, full of grace  
The Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou among women,  
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
Pray for us sinners, now,  
And at the hour of our death.**

Behold the handmaid of the Lord  
**Be it unto me according to thy word.**

Hail Mary.....  
**Holy Mary.....**

And the Word was made flesh.  
**And dwelt among us**

Hail Mary.....  
**Holy Mary.....**

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.  
**That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts;  
That as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by  
the message of an angel, so by his Cross and Passion we may be  
brought to the glory of his Resurrection; Through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. **Amen**

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***for those who have died recently***

Lynette, Cam, Alberta, Ellerston, Terry, Jane Large, Adam, Stanley Manning, Ernest Chapman, Sunnie Briggs, Eileen Ridge, Alan Dowsett, Stella

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

2<sup>nd</sup> August            Leslie Norman Pr

**St Michael's Candle:** Is burning for Marina Thomas  
and in Loving memory of Oliver and David Blalock

**The Blessed Sacrament Candle:** is burning in loving memory of  
Tylemay Vythelingum

**The Blessed Virgin Mary's Candle:** is burning in loving memory  
Rosemary Canjee