

A very warm welcome to St Michael's Church

Sunday 3rd March 2024



Third Sunday of Lent

Christ gave his life in love to his Father.
In a way which we do not understand
this death shows forth the wisdom of God.
Christ rose again from the dead. This great miracle
on which our faith depends
shows that we believe that the message of eternal life
is contained in Christ's death and resurrection

Opening Sentence

I will prove my holiness through you.
I will gather you from the ends of the earth;
I will pour clean water on you and wash away all your sins.
I will give you a new spirit within you, says the Lord.

Opening Hymn: I heard the voice of Jesus say.

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

Opening Prayer

Let us pray for confidence in the love of God and the strength to overcome all our weakness.

Father,
you have taught us to overcome our sin by prayer, fasting and works of mercy. When we are discouraged by our weakness, give us confidence 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 book of Genesis(20:1-17)

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea

and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the Sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.

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

Gradual Hymn: God forgave my sin in Jesus (freely, freely)

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians(1:22-25)

And so ,while the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

Acclamation

**Praise to you O Christ: King of eternal glory.
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord,
whoever believes in me will never die.
Praise to you O Christ: King of eternal glory**

Gospel

The Lord be with you, **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John(2:13-25)

Glory to you, O Lord.

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

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

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 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 (sit)

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

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 always with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Offertory Hymn: Forty Days and forty nights

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

Lord, by the grace of this sacrifice
may we who ask forgiveness
be ready to forgive one another.

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 everliving God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks. This great season of grace is your gift to your family to renew us in spirit. You give us strength to purify our hearts, to control our desires, and so to serve you in freedom. You teach us how to live in this world, with our

heart set on the world that will never end. Now, with all the saints and angels we praise you for ever:

**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:

**Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

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:

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.**

All: **With this wine...**

Communion Antiphon

The sparrow even finds a home, the swallow finds a nest wherein to place her young, near to your altars, Lord of hosts, my King, my God! How happy they who dwell in your house! For ever are they praising you.

We now come forward to receive Communion or a blessing as directed by the sides people.

Communion Hymn: My song is love unknown

Prayer after Communion

Lord,
in sharing this sacrament
may we receive your forgiveness
and be brought together in unity and peace,
through Christ our Lord who is Lord for ever and ever. **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

The Blessing & Dismissal

Blessing

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

May the Father enlighten your minds and guide your steps.
May Jesus his son give you courage to always act justly.
May the Holy Spirit guide your actions with his wisdom.
And may 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.**

Final Hymn: When I survey

The Angelus

Remember Fr Ian is called by God to serve the people of Wood Green so he is never too busy to talk to you should you need to.

At your service: Fr Ian Booth - 020 83513125 frianbooth@googlemail.com

Stations of the Cross

Tonight and every Sunday evening in Lent we shall follow the way of the Cross, a powerful devotion that reminds us of Christ's suffering and death. The Stations of the Cross mark the last 14 steps of Christ's life and at each station we pause to reflect and pray. The devotion lasts about 45 minutes. Do join us throughout Lent and be powerfully reminded of God's Love for you.

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

Denise Clarke, Bernice Kuye, Malicus Pownall, George Booth, Frances, Katie Kirkland, Bet, George Brown, Zarina, Abbey-Sue and Marcia, Barry James, Audley Watson, Lurleen, Christopher Gibbons, Georgia Cordell, Kathleen, Jean Bjork, Simon Payen, Shirley Angus, Christopher John, Jazzmine Grimes, Michelle, Androulla & Fannos Hadjiordani, Ray and Pam Bennett, Emmanuel Kuye, Krystyna Hammil, Cicely Blalock, Amy Harris, Jerry Moran, Daniel Sintin, Sally Sintin, Amie Samura, Marcus Cullen, Jennifer Douglas, Joshua Rattray, Victorine Clarke, Thomas Hewitt, Geri Thompson, Mary Thompson, Sarah Reggerie, Ian Lennon, Kathleen Wale, Serena Forni, Derek Ogden, Lawrence Barrett, Dominic Swift, Peter John Clements, Jereline Simoms, Ayo Dumbuya, Dorren Norine, Shola Adebawale, Una and Pat Murphy, Andrea Negri, Shane Claridge, Francis Burniston, James Ighodaro, Theresa Naish, Loiuisse, Anastasia, Allen, Jean Bromley, Josephine Baker, Saman Joseph, Myrtle, Joe Donkor, Dorothy, Brandon, Ronald, Edna Noel, Evelyn Baker, Rita Thompson, Gabriel, Anna and Louis, Jean, Dot, Rosemary Stone, Susan Joy, Mai Lee, Freddie Jones, Ester Fisher, Heather and Sarah, Dean Facey, Luke and John Burke, Nabawanda Matlida

for those who have died recently

Stanley & Clyde Grimes, Comfort Renner, Fr David

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

4th March	Florrie Howard
9th March	Leabert Rowe

St Michael's Candle:

Is burning in loving memory of Marcel Ng Yu Tin

The Blessed Sacrament Candle:

Is burning for in loving memory of Osbourne Willams

The Blessed Virgin Mary's Candle:

Is burning in loving memory of Tylemay Vythelingum

The flowers at St Michael's statue:

Given in Loving memory of **(not during Lent)**