

# A very warm welcome to St Michael's Church

Sunday 28th April 2024



In our **Gospel** today we are reminded that if our belief in Christ is made visible in our actions, then in and through him, we become like fruit-bearing branches of the vine that is Christ himself.

## Opening Sentence

O sing a new song to the Lord,  
for he has worked wonders;  
in the sight of the nations  
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

**Opening Hymn:** Praise to the Lord, the almighty, the king of creation.

## 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**

Almighty ever-living God,  
constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us,  
that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism  
may, under your protective care, bear much fruit  
and come to the joys of life eternal.  
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**

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (9:26-31)*

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

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

**Gradual Hymn:** Purify my heart.

## **Second Reading**

*A reading from the first letter of Saint John (3:18-24)*

My children,  
our love is not to be just words or mere talk,  
but something real and active;  
only by this can we be certain  
that we are children of the truth  
and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence,  
whatever accusations it may raise against us,  
because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.  
My dear people,  
if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience,  
we need not be afraid in God's presence,  
and whatever we ask him,  
we shall receive,  
because we keep his commandments  
and live the kind of life that he wants.  
His commandments are these:  
that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ  
and that we love one another  
as he told us to.  
Whoever keeps his commandments  
lives in God and God lives in him.  
We know that he lives in us  
by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.  
Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.  
**Alleluia, alleluia!**

## **Gospel**

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

*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (15:1-8)*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples:  
'I am the true vine,  
and my Father is the vinedresser.  
Every branch in me that bears no fruit  
he cuts away,  
and every branch that does bear fruit  
he prunes to make it bear even more.  
You are pruned already,  
by means of the word that I have spoken to you.  
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.  
As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,  
but must remain part of the vine,  
neither can you unless you remain in me.  
I am the vine,  
you are the branches.  
Whoever remains in me, with me in him,  
bears fruit in plenty;  
for cut off from me you can do nothing.  
Anyone who does not remain in me  
is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers;  
these branches are collected and thrown on the fire,  
and they are burnt.  
If you remain in me  
and my words remain in you,  
you may ask what you will  
and you shall get it.  
It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit,  
and then you will be my disciples.'

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:** A new commandment I give unto you.

## **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

O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead, grant, we pray, that, as we have come to know your truth, we may make it ours by a worthy way of life. 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.**

## Preface

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

We praise you with greater joy than ever at this Easter time, when Christ became our paschal sacrifice. He is still our priest, our advocate who always pleads our cause. Christ is the victim who dies no more, the Lamb, once slain, who lives for ever.

The joy of the resurrection renews the whole world, while the choirs of heaven sing for ever to your glory:

**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 disciples recognized the Lord Jesus  
in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

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

**Communion Hymn:** Jesus Christ is waiting;  
Peace is flowing like a river.

## Prayer after Communion

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you give us your body and blood in the Eucharist  
as a sign that even now we share your life.  
May we come to possess it completely in the kingdom  
where you live 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**

## Notices

### The Blessing & Dismissal

The Lord be with you, **and also with you.**  
Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing

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**

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.

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

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**for those who have died recently**

Bernice Kuye, Eileen Davenport

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

28th April	Stanley Hemmings
1st May	Pamela Gildersleeve
2nd May	Lily Lambert, Malaki Watson
4th May	Amy Bernard

**St Michael's Candle:**

Is burning in loving memory of George Booth

**The Blessed Sacrament Candle:**

Is burning for in loving memory of Mr and Mrs Robert Ng Yu Tin

**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