



# A very warm Welcome to St Michael's Church

Sunday 19th April

One of the loveliest stories in the *Gospel* is the story of the risen Jesus joined two of his disciples on the road to Emmaus. On the journey he explained the Scriptures to them, and revealed himself in the breaking of bread. This very same thing happens for us this morning and everytime we celebrate the Eucharist - Jesus instructs us and nourishes us in *Communion*.

## **Opening Sentence**

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

**Hymn** : Praise my soul the king of heaven

## **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**

May your people exult for ever, O God,  
in renewed youthfulness of spirit,  
so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption,  
we may look forward in confident hope  
to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection.  
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 (2:14-22-33)

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to

life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always,  
for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me.  
So my heart was glad  
and my tongue cried out with joy;  
my body, too, will rest in the hope  
that you will not abandon my soul to Hades  
nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.  
You have made known the way of life to me,  
you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

‘Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God’s right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.’

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

**Gradual Hymn** : Give thanks with a grateful heart

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

A reading from the first letter of St Peter (1:17-21)

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

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

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us.

Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

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

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke (24:13-35)

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the

blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

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

**Sermon** (Sit)

**Creed**

**I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God,  
Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
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.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to 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 with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

**Offertory Hymn:** Alleluia Sing to Jesus

### **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.**

**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

Receive, O Lord, we pray,  
these offerings of your exultant Church,  
and, as you have given her cause for such great gladness,  
grant also that the gifts we bring  
may bear fruit in perpetual 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*

## Preface

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  
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:

**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.**

*The priest continues*

**For the Kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours now and for ever**

Breaking of the Bread:

Priest: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**People: Though we are many we are one body, because we all  
share in the one bread.**

*Preparation for Communion:*

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 recognised the Lord Jesus  
in the breaking of bread, alleluia.

*We now come forward to receive Communion or a blessing when  
directed by the Sides people*

## Communion Hymn:

Blessed assurance  
There is a redeemer  
Before the throne of God

## 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**

**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.**

*Concluding rite: Blessing & Dismissal*

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

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!**

## **Final Hymn: Go Forth and tell**

### **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**

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

Sr Pat, Androulla, Grace Small, Sybil Lee, Ceva Clements, Perry Wells, Olive, Arzu Dawson, Charlotte B, Denise Clarke, Frances, Sarah, Katie Kirkland, Bet, Tracey and the Tuite family, George Brown, Zarina, Abbey-Sue and Marcia, Barry James, Audley Watson, Lurleen, Georgia Cordell, Kathleen, Shirley & Leslie Angus, Christopher John, Jazzmine Grimes, Michelle, Fannos jirdani, Ray Bennett, Emmanuel Kuye, 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 Clements, Jereline Simoms, Ayo Dumbuya, Dorren Norine, Shola Adebawale, Una and Pat Murphy, Andrea Negri, Shane Claridge, James Ighodaro, Theresa Naish, Anastasia, Allen, Jean Bromley, Josephine Baker, Saman Joseph, Myrtle, Joe Donkor, Dorothy, Brandon, Ronald, Edna Noel, Evelyn Baker, Gabriel, Anna and Louis, Jean, Dot, Rosemary Stone, Susan Joy, Mai Lee, Freddie Jones, Ester Thompson, Heather and Sarah, Luke and John Burke, Nabawanda Matlida, Donald, Lorraine, Pat Stephenson, Janet Syson, Anthony, Austin, Owen, Rose Gallagher, Ryan Ayoki

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

Fanny Metu, C J Willis, Andrew King

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

20 <sup>th</sup> April	Amella Collins
21 <sup>st</sup> April	Magdalene Ubah, Bernice Kuye
24 <sup>th</sup> April	Isabelle Maeght England, Alan Clement, Malicus(Denzil) Pownall

**St Michael's candle:** is burning in loving memory of  
Amella Collins

**The Blessed Sacrament candle:** is burning in loving memory of  
Rosemary Canjee

**The Blessed Virgin Mary:** is burning in loving memory of  
Guy Ng Yu Tin

**The flowers at St Michael's statue –**