

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF  
**S. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,**  
CHRISTCHURCH



**The Second Sunday of Easter**  
16 April 2023

## From the Vicar...

Low Sunday. The second Sunday of the Easter Season. The origin of the 'low' name is uncertain, but it may indicate the contrast between it and the great Easter festival immediately preceding, and also, perhaps, to signify that, being the Octave Day of Easter, it was considered part of that feast, though in a lower degree. Or, the word "low" may be a corruption of the Latin word *laudes*, the first word of a sequence used in the historical *Sarum Rite*. Its liturgical name is *Dominica in albis depositis*, derived from the fact that on it the neophytes, who had been baptised on Easter Eve, then for the first time laid aside their white baptismal robes.

On this Sunday we often encounter the Gospel reading that deals with St Thomas. After the heights of the Great Three Days, it is a pertinent reminder to us that both *faith* and *doubt* are a part of the Christian life. Thomas, who often gets a bad rap for his doubt, in some sense represents us all in our own encounters with the Resurrected Christ. We want to *see* and *touch* this risen Christ for ourselves. Fortunately, the Risen Christ meets us in our doubt and bids us to *see* and *touch* through this Eucharistic Feast. So, as we enter these 50 days of Easter celebration let us take up His offer of new life so that with Thomas we might declare, "My Lord and my God, Alleluia!"

Easter Blessings,  
Father Jordan



If you would like a copy of the music for the mass setting and hymns please speak to one of the Sides People.

### Online Services

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**Sunday**

10.00 am Solemn Mass

**Health & Safety Regulations:** In an emergency, use the closest exit and assemble in the drop-off zone. In an earthquake, drop down and shelter behind or under a pew, covering your head. Follow instructions.

### Parish Covid Practices

- Mask wearing is optional. Hand sanitizer is available for you to use, and you are encouraged to use it - especially as you come to Communion.
- In greeting one another nearby at The Peace, please be conscious that some people may not wish to touch other people (even with a handshake).
- You may receive Communion in one kind only (Consecrated Bread). You may come up for a Blessing (hold your hands crossed across your chest, rather than held out to receive the Bread). You may receive in both kinds (Consecrated Bread and Wine, by drinking or intinction).

## **The Second Sunday in Easter**

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<b>Celebrant 8.00 am:</b>	Fr Geoff Paterson	
<b>Celebrant 10.00 am:</b>	Fr Jordan Greatbatch	<b>Organ:</b> Paul Ellis and Eric Apperley
<b>Cantor:</b>	Ros Calvert-Griffin	
<b>Mass Setting:</b>	A New Peoples Mass	Dom Gregory Murray
<b>Organ Voluntary:</b>	Christlag in Todesbanden	JS Bach

**Introit Hymn:** 124

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,  
Your sweetest notes employ,  
The Paschal victory to hymn  
In strains of holy joy.

Triumphant in his glory now  
His sceptre ruleth all,  
Earth, heaven, and hell before him bow,  
And at his footstool fall.

How Judah's Lion burst his chains,  
And crushed the serpent's head;  
And brought with him,  
from death's domains,  
The long-imprisoned dead.

While joyful thus his praise we sing,  
His mercy we implore,  
Into his palace bright to bring  
And keep us evermore.

From hell's devouring jaws the prey  
Alone our Leader bore;  
His ransomed hosts pursue their way  
Where he hath gone before.

All glory to the Father be,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,  
While endless ages run. Alleluya! Amen.

### **Greeting:**

Ki te ingoa ✠ o te Matua, me te Tamaiti, me te Wairua Tapu. Amine.  
(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!**

This is the day which the Lord has made. **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

## The Blessing and Sprinkling of Water

Dear brothers and sisters,  
let us humbly beseech the Lord our God  
to bless this water he has created,  
which will be sprinkled on us  
as a memorial of our Baptism.  
May he help us by his grace  
to remain faithful to the Spirit we have received.

*The Priest prays over the water and then blesses the congregation*

May almighty God cleanse us of our sins, and through the celebration of this Eucharist make us worthy to share at the table of his Kingdom. **Amen.**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's 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.**

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, grant that we, who have not seen, may have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**First Reading:** *(sit)* Acts 2: 14a, 22–32

Jenny Daniels

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm:** 16

**R. You show me the path of life: in your presence is the fullness of joy.**

1. Preserve me, O God, for in you I have taken refuge. I have said to the Lord, 'You are my God, from you alone comes all my prosperity.' **R.**
2. You, Lord, are my allotted portion and my cup, you yourself have cast my lot. My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed I have a noble heritage. **R.**
3. I keep you always before me; you are on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall. So my heart is glad and my soul rejoices, my body also shall rest in safety. **R.**

**Second Reading:** (*sit*) 1 Peter 1: 3–9

Joshua Wilson Black

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed.

Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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**Gospel Acclamation:** (*stand*)

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Jesus said: You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord be with you

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

**The Lord bless you**

**Praise and Glory to God**

**Gospel:** John 20: 19–31

When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side.

Do not doubt, but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of Christ. **Praise to Christ the Word.**

**Sermon:** Fr Jordan Greatbatch

**Affirmation of Faith:**

**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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became fully human (*all genuflect or bow*).**

**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, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, and 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:** Robert Maclagan

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord: **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**  
May they rest in peace and rise in glory. **Amen.**

**Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with you,  
blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

**The Peace**

The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

*At the Peace all may exchange a non physical greeting with those near them.*

E te whanau, we are the body of Christ.

**By one spirit we were baptised into one body.**

Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace:

**Amen. We are bound by the love of Christ.**

**Offertory:** Brenda Withell, Mary Stevenson

### **The Preparation of the Gifts**

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.**

By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share  
in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity. **Amen.**

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 our spiritual drink. **Blessed be God for ever.**

**Offertory Hymn:** 119 (Tune 107)

The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
Now is the Victor's triumph won;  
O let the song of praise be sung.  
Alleluya!

On the third morn he rose again  
Glorious in majesty to reign;  
O let us swell the joyful strain.  
Alleluya!

Death's mightiest powers have  
done their worst,  
And Jesus hath his foes dispersed;  
Let shouts of praise and joy outburst.  
Alleluya!

He brake the age-bound chains of hell;  
The bars from heaven's high portals fell;  
Let hymns of praise his triumph tell.  
Alleluya!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee  
From death's dread sting thy servants free,  
That we may live, and sing to thee.

Pray, sisters and brothers,  
that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty One.

**May the Lord receive the sacrifice at your hands,  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

Living God, receive all we offer you this day. May your spirit of peace remain in the hearts of all who believe, and continue your work throughout the world, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord is here.  
Lift up your hearts.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**God's Spirit is with us.  
We lift them to the Lord.  
It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ your only Son. We praise you with greater joy than ever on this Easter day, when Christ became our Paschal sacrifice.

He has made us children of the light, rising to new and everlasting life. He has opened the gates of heaven to receive his faithful people. His death is our ransom from death: his resurrection is our rising to life.

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 might.  
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.**

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father. Send your Holy Spirit, that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

On the night before he died, your Son Jesus Christ took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them, and said: Drink this, all of you, for 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, to remember me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Glory to you, Lord Christ: your death we show forth;  
your resurrection we proclaim; your coming we await. Amen!  
Come, Lord Jesus.**

Therefore, loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Christ, our great high priest.

Hear the prayers of the family you have gathered here before you. In mercy and love unite all your children, wherever they may be.

Welcome into your kingdom our departed brothers and sisters, and all who have left this world in your friendship. We hope to enjoy for ever the vision of your glory through Christ our Lord, from whom all good things come.

United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours,  
here and everywhere, now and for ever. Amen.**



The risen Christ is in our midst, so with Christ we pray.

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours, now and for ever.  
Amen.**

Kua ākona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki,  
ka inoi tatou:  
E tō mātou Matua i te rangi  
Kia tapu tōu Ingoa.  
Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.  
ki runga ki te whenua,  
kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.  
Hōmai ki a mātou āiane  
he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.  
Murua ō mātou hara,  
Me mātou hoki e muru nei  
i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.  
Aua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;  
Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:  
Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha,  
me te korōria,  
Āke ake ake. Āmine

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Margaret Maclagan, Jenny Daniels

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

**We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.**

Let us feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth, alleluia.

This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Happy are we who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*For Communion, leave your seat by the side aisle and come down the central aisle. You are encouraged to use the hand sanitizer.*

**Anthem: (Cantor)** O Sons and Daughters

Walford Davies

**Communion Hymn:** 456

Teach me, my God and King,  
In all things thee to see;  
And what I do in anything  
To do it as for thee!

All may of thee partake;  
Nothing can be so mean,  
Which, with this tincture, 'for thy sake',  
Will not grow bright and clean.

A man that looks on glass,  
On it may stay his eye;  
Or if he pleaseth, through it pass,  
And then the heaven espy.

A servant with this clause  
Makes drudgery divine;  
Who sweeps a room, as for thy laws,  
Makes that and the action fine.

This is the famous stone  
That turneth all to gold;  
For that which God doth touch and own  
Cannot for less be told.

## Notices

### Prayer after Communion:

Father, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life. Strengthen our faith, that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

### Solemn Blessing:

May God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, open to you who believe the gate of everlasting life. **Amen.**

May God the Son, who in bursting the grave has won a glorious victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit, whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples, empower you and fill you with Christ's peace. **Amen.**

May the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and always. **Amen.**

The Mass is ended. Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace. Alleluia! Alleluia! **Amen. We go in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### Final Hymn: 113

Love's redeeming work is done;  
Fought the fight, the battle won:  
Lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er!  
Lo, he sets in blood no more!

Lives again our glorious King;  
Where, O Death, is now thy sting?  
Dying once, he all doth save;  
Where thy victory, O grave?

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal,  
Christ has burst the gates of hell;  
Death in vain forbids his rise;  
Christ has opened Paradise.

Soar we now where Christ has led,  
Following our exalted Head;  
Made like him, like him we rise;  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!  
Praise to thee by both be given:  
Thee we greet triumphant now;  
Hail, the Resurrection thou!

**Organ Voluntary:** Fanfare

John Cook

**THIS WEEK****NOTICES**

**Meditation Group**—Wednesday 12.00 noon in the church. Contact: Therese Aitchison 0212516282.

**Bible Study**— Thursday 11.00 am, Parish Lounge.

**Pastoral Care Meeting**—Friday 10.00 am.

**Inasmuch Basket**—please continue to support the work of the City Mission.

**NEXT WEEK****The Third Sunday of Easter**

23 April 2023

<b>8:00 am</b> Mass	<b>Celebrant:</b>	Fr Geoff Paterson
<b>10:00 am</b> Mass	<b>Celebrant:</b>	Fr Jordan Greatbatch
<b>Servers:</b> <b>SD:</b> Rachel Watson	<b>MC:</b> Joshua Wilson Black	<b>Th:</b> Robert Calvert
<b>Cr:</b> Lawrence Watson	<b>Ac:</b> Liam Moore, Andrew Moorhouse	
<b>First Reading:</b>	Rachel Watson	Acts 2: 14a 22-32
<b>Second Reading:</b>	Johann Williams	1 Peter 1: 17-23
<b>Gospel:</b>	Luke 24: 13-35	
<b>Sermon:</b>	Fr Jordan Greatbatch	
<b>Eucharist Ministers:</b>	Rachel Watson, Peter Daniels	
<b>Sides people:</b>	Gail Chiswell, Adrienne Curtis	
<b>Intercessions:</b>	Jenny Daniels	
<b>Offertory:</b>	Jenny and Peter Daniels	
<b>Morning Tea:</b>	Gail and Tim Chiswell	
<b>Sacristan:</b>	Jenny Daniels	
<b>Sacristy:</b>	Joy Coulter	
<b>Livestream:</b>	Michael Graveston	
<b>Flowers:</b>	Toni Stewart	
<b>Evensong Readers:</b>	Joshua Wilson Black	Haggai 1: 13-2:9
	Simon Green	1 Corinthians 3: 10-17

**Please pray for...****The Sick:**

Alastair Scott, Rita Libeau, John Preston, Lois Peters, Denis Coulter, Betty Mechen, Suzanne Keys, Ghislaine Brewer-Quirke, Clemency Mutze, Lesta Smithson, Peter Easterbrook.

Sr Annette, Anne Fenton, Oscar Bisman, Fi-Bee, Kay Burgess, Magda Burney, David & Sandra, Philip Souter, Ongloon Yee, Raylene Coochey, Deb Smith, Andrew Lawson.

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8:00 am      **Low Mass**  
10:00 am      **Solemn Mass**  
7:00 pm      **Evensong & Benediction**

**Monday**  
12:35 pm      Mass

**Tuesday**  
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12:00 pm      Meditation Group  
12:35 pm      Mass

**Thursday**  
11:00 am      Bible Studies  
12:35 pm      Mass

**Friday**  
12.35 pm      Mass

**Next Sunday      The Third Sunday in Easter 23 April 2023**

8:00 am      Low Mass  
10.00 am      Solemn Mass  
7:00 pm      Taizé

**Parish Annual General Meeting**

30 April 2023 after the 10am Mass

Reports are due on 17 April 2023. Please email them to the Parish Office at  
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