

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF
ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
CHRISTCHURCH



The Second Sunday of Easter
27 April 2025

From the Vicar...

Dear Friends

Christus surrēxit! - Surrēxit vere, allelūja

“Christ is risen - He is risen indeed. Alleluia!”

This Sunday we celebrate what is sometimes known as 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 (those preparing for baptism), 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!”

Easter Blessings,



Fr Jordan

The Second Sunday of Easter

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Celebrant 8.00 am: Fr Peter Beck
Celebrant 10.00 am: Fr Peter Beck **Organ:** Eric Apperley
Mass Setting: A New Peoples Mass Dom Gregory Murray
Sides People: Maria Light, Joy Coulter

Organ Voluntary: Christ Lag in Todesbanden:
Fantasia super BWV 695 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.)

Grace and peace to you from God. **God fill you with truth and joy.**

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

Dear brothers and sisters,
let us humbly beseech the Lord our God
that this water which was blessed at the great feast of Easter,
now be for us a memorial of our Baptism.
May he help us by his grace
To remain faithful to the Spirit we have received.

The Priest sprinkles the people with Holy water followed by:

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.**

Let us pray. *(silence)*

Grant, we pray, O God, that we, who share in the paschal celebrations, may, through your goodness, hold fast to them in the way we live our lives; through Jesus Christ who is alive with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they made them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.” But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree.

God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

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

Responsorial Psalm: 118

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Let the family of Israel say: God’s love endures for ever. Let the family of Aaron say: God’s love endures for ever. **R.**

Let those who fear the Lord say: God’s love endures for ever. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner-stone. **R.**

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This is the day made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad in it. **R.**

O Lord, grant us salvation; O Lord, grant success. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; the Lord is our light. **R.**

Second Reading: *(sit)*

Revelation 1: 4– 8

Robert Maclagan

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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Gospel Acclamation: (*stand*)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; blessed are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you

The Lord bless you

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Praise and Glory to God

Gospel:

John 20: 19–31

Margaret Maclagan

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:

Margaret Maclagan

Affirmation of Faith:

(Stand)

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

**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: Fr Peter Williams

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.
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! Alleluya! Alleluya!

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

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

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

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.**

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the oblations of your people and of those you have brought to new birth, that, renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism, that may attain unending happiness. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here.
Lift up your hearts.

**God's Spirit is with us.
We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son.

And in this time above all we laud you yet more gloriously when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed. For he is the true Lamb who has taken away the sins of the world; by dying, he has destroyed our death, and by rising restored our life.

Therefore with the faithful who rest in him, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing...

**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.

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 ĭnoi 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.

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, 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.

Communion Anthem: Ye sons and daughters of the King—Paris 1683

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.

Let us pray. (*silence*)

Look upon your Church, O God, with unfailing love and favour, so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries, she may come to the glory of the resurrection, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Notices

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: Trumpet Tune

Frederick Swann

7.00 pm

Taizé

Please pray for...

The Sick:

Ashley Forman, Heather Flavell, Charles Barltrop, Jamie McDermott,
Terry & Betsy McKay.

Claire & John Preston, Lois Peters, Denis Coulter, Betty Mechen, Suzanne Keys,
Ghislaine Brewer-Quirke, Lesta Smithson, Pamela Hindin-Whitewood, John Bertken,
Peter Easterbrook, Anne Fenton, David & Sandra, Philip Souter, Deb Smith,
Andrew Lawson.

Anniversaries: (Sun) John Williamson, Priest
(Tues) Isla Hunter, Ross Williams , Irene Ginther
(Thurs) Frederick Cocks (Fri) Gertude Miller

THIS WEEK

NOTICES

EFTPOS is available by the North door if you wish to make a donation.

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

Vestry Meeting—Wednesday 5.30 pm, Parish Lounge.

Bible Study—Thursday 11.00 am and 6.00 pm, Parish Lounge.

Pray the Rosary—Thursday 12.00 noon.

Inasmuch Basket—please continue to donate staple household groceries to support the work of the **City Mission**.

No Mass on Mondays

Due to Father Geoff being away there will be no Monday Mass from the **28 April - 26 May**. The Mass on Mondays will return on the 2nd of June.

Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office is closed until 5 May 2025.

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.

NEXT WEEK**The Third Sunday of Easter**

4 May 2025

8:00 am Mass	Celebrant: Fr Jordan Greatbatch	Server: Eyob Habte
10.00 am Mass	Celebrant: Fr Jordan Greatbatch	
	Preacher: Deacon Robert Jamieson	
Servers:	SD: Rachel Watson	MC: Sung Bae
	Th: Lawrence Watson	Cr: Eyob Habte
	Ac: Callum Robertson, Michael Graveston	
First Reading:	Marla Hughes	Acts 9:1-6
Second Reading:	Brenda Withell	Revelations 5:11-14
Gospel:	Deacon Robert Jamieson	John 21:1-19
Eucharist Ministers:	Rachel Watson, Margaret Maclagan	
Sides people:	Judith McKaskell, Carol Fraser	
Intercessions:	Johnann Williams	
Offertory:	Jenny and Peter Daniels	
Morning Tea:	Vince Moreton, Pat Pilkington	
Sacristan:	Eyob Habte	
Sacristy:	Robert Maclagan	
Livestream:	Hugh Munro	
Flowers:	Toni Stewart	
Evensong Readers:	Ros Calvert, Jane Ellis	
Evensong Server:	Robert Calvert	

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Christchurch**

This Sunday The Second Sunday of Easter—27 April 2025

8.00 am **Low Mass**
10.00 am **Solemn Mass**
7.00 pm **Taizé**

Monday **St Mark the Evangelist**
No Mass

Tuesday Catherine of Siena, Teacher of the Faith, 1380
Henri Te Kirikaramu of Gate Pā. 1864
8.30 am Morning Prayer
12.35 pm Mass

Wednesday Feria
8.30 am Morning Prayer
12.00 pm Meditation Group
12.35 pm Mass
5.00pm Vestry

Thursday **St Philip and St James, Apostles**
8.30 am Morning Prayer
11.00 am Bible Study
12.00 noon Rosary Group
12.35 pm Mass
6.00 pm Bible Study

Friday Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher of the Faith, 373
8.30 am Morning Prayer
12.35 pm Mass

Saturday Feria

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8.00 am Said Mass
10.00 am Sung Mass
7.00 pm Evensong and Benediction