

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF
ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
CHRISTCHURCH



The Third Sunday of Easter
4 May 2025

From the Vicar...

Dear Friends

Christus surréxit! - Surréxit vere, allelúja

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

We are now entering into our third week of the Easter Season. The Great Fifty Days of Easter form a single festival period in which the tone of joy created at Easter Sunday is sustained through the following seven weeks as the Church celebrates the Risen Christ. Early Christians gave the name Pentecost to this whole fifty-day span of rejoicing, which the Church father Tertullian calls ‘this most joyful period’. On the fortieth day there has from the late fourth century been a particular celebration of Christ’s Ascension. Our Liturgy reflects this joyful tone by the admission of the usual confession rite in place for an acknowledgment of our baptism through the sprinkling of water blessed at the Easter Vigil. Let us keep up the celebration for fifty days so that we might live out this Easter joy in our home, workplaces and the community.

This Sunday’s Gospel Jon 21:1-19 continues the experience the disciples had of the Risen Jesus. Today’s readings speak of the meaning of discipleship both in our internal attitudes and in our relating with other people. The Gospel and, to some extent, the Second Reading speak of recognising the presence of God and of Jesus in our daily life while the Second Reading also calls us to witness to our faith with consistency and courage. One flows from the other. To be a genuine disciple of Jesus, it is not enough just to be ‘holy’ and to be good, but to have the courage, when the call comes, to do difficult things and perhaps even to suffer. In sharing the suffering of Jesus we also share in his glory.

Perhaps we could finish with the words of a prayer of Cardinal John Henry Newman (slightly adapted), which beautifully expresses what we are considering:

Dear Jesus,
Help me to spread your fragrance everywhere I go.
Flood my soul with your spirit and life.
Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly
that all my life may be only a radiance of Yours.
Shine through me and be so in me
that every person I come in contact with
will feel your presence in me.
Let them look up and see,
not only me, but also Jesus.

Easter Blessings,



Fr Jordan

Copies of the music for the mass setting and hymns are available from the Sides People.

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Celebrant 8.00 am: Fr Jordan Greatbatch
Celebrant 10.00 am: Fr Jordan Greatbatch **Organ:** Paul Ellis

Sidespeople: Judith McKaskell, Carol Fraser

Mass Setting: Mass of St Cedd Peter Nardone
Organ Voluntary: Christ is estanden JS Bach

Introit Hymn: 352

Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love!
Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds yet visible above
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Virgin's Son,
The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won
Which now his brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic Rose,
As of that Rose the Stem;
The Root whence mercy ever flows,
The Babe of Bethlehem.

Crown Him the Lord of peace,
Whose power a sceptre sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
Absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end,
And round his pierced feet
Fair flowers of Paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime.
Glassed in a sea of light,
Where everlasting waves
Reflect his throne--the Infinite!
Who lives--and loves--and saves.

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)*

O God, in Christ's humiliation, you stooped down, and raised up the fallen world in the resurrection; grant to your faithful people a holy joy, so that those whom you have freed may delight in you eternally; through Jesus Christ who is alive with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

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

Responsorial Psalm: 30

R. My heart shall sing your praise without ceasing.

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have lifted me up: I cried to you for help and you have restored my health. **R.**

Let your servants sing praises to you, O Lord, for your anger is but for a moment, and in your kindness is life. Tears may linger at nightfall, but joy comes with the dawn. **R.**

You have turned my mourning into dancing: you have stripped off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, so that I will give thanks to you for ever. **R.**

Second Reading: *(sit)* Revelation 5: 11–14

Brenda Withell

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!"

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea and all that is in them, singing,

"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might forever and ever!"

And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshipped.

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Gospel Acclamation: *(stand)*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ is risen, creator of all; he has shown pity on all people.

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 21:1-19

Deacon Robert Jamieson

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he had taken it off, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them, and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

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

Sermon:

Deacon Robert Jamieson

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: Johann 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: Jenny and Peter Daniels

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: 362

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Sion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken
Formed thee for his own abode:
On the Rock of Ages founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters,
And all fear of want remove:
Who can faint, while such a river
Ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord the giver,
Never fails from age to age.

Saviour, if of Sion's city
I through grace a member am,
Let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name:
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
All his boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasure
None but Sion's children know.

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.**

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 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.

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 īnoi 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 whakaoranga mātou i te kino:
Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha,
me te korōria,
Āke ake ake. Āmine

Eucharistic Ministers: Rachel Watson, Margaret Maclagan

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 sanitiser.

Communion Anthem: Christ the Lord is risen

arr. Geoffrey Shaw

Communion Hymn: 84

It is a thing most wonderful,
Almost too wonderful to be,
That God's own Son
should come from heaven,
And die to save a child like me.

But even could I see him die,
I could but see a little part
Of that great love, which,
like a fire,
Is always burning in his heart.

And yet I know that it is true:
He chose a poor and humble lot,
And wept, and toiled, and mourned,
and died
For love of those who loved him not.

It is most wonderful to know
His love for me so free and sure;
But 'tis more wonderful to see
My love for him so faint and poor.

And yet I want to love thee, Lord;
O light the flame within my heart,
And I will love thee more and more,
Until I see thee as thou art.

Let us pray. (*silence*)

Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord, and grant, we pray, that those you were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries may attain in their flesh the incorruptible 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: 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.

Organ Voluntary: Choral Fantise on 'Lasst uns Erstanden' Flor Peeters

7.00pm Evensong and Benediction

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) Vida Hawkins (Mon) Noeline Calvert
(Wed) Melva Finney—Priest, Lynnette Apperley
(Fri) Jean Daybell (Sat) Mary Ibbotson

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.

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

Pray the Rosary—Thursday 12.00 noon.

Music Performance Group—Sunday 11 May 1.00pm.

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.

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.

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Christchurch**

This Sunday The Third Sunday of Easter—4 May 2025

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

Monday Feria
 No Mass

Tuesday St John the Evangelist

8.30 am Morning Prayer
12.35 pm Mass

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8.30 am Morning Prayer
12.00 pm Meditation Group
12.35 pm Mass

Thursday Dame Julian of Norwich, Mystic, 1417

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 Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop of Constantinople, Teacher of the Faith

8.30 am Morning Prayer
12.35 pm Mass
2.00 pm School Service

Saturday Feria

Next Sunday The Fourth Sunday of Easter—11 May 2025

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