

St Michael And All Angels Sandhurst



Order for a Service to be used at home (Adult version) Easter Sunday, 12th April 2020

Notes on using this service

*This service has been written to be used with one or more adults at home.
(There is a separate order of service intended for families.) It should also be used for joining in the live-streamed service at
www.facebook.com/StMichaelsSandhurst.*

It is suggested that if possible you print out copies for each person, or download it to a tablet or smartphone per person, or display it on a TV screen.

The roles of leading and reading the Bible reading and the prayers can be shared out.

*Posture: choose what is most suitable for you;
you might like to stand to sing and to share the Peace, sit or kneel for the prayers and sit for the rest.*

Please adapt the material to suit your situation.

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Texts from the Bible are taken from the New Revised Standard Version,
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Opening Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The President greets the people.

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
on the morning of Christ's resurrection
we gather to celebrate together his victory over death.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Hymn

Listen to it and sing along. You can find it at
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qBNamFYN_6E

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day; Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross; Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss; Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing; Alleluia!
Unto Christ our heavenly King; Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave; Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save: Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured; Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now in heaven above he's King; Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing: Alleluia!

Lyra Davidica, 1708

The Pascal Candle is blessed. The President traces a cross upon it, then the Greek first letter Alpha (Α) above, the Greek last letter Omega (Ω)below.

I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

The Pascal Candle is lit

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

The Light of Christ!

Thanks be to God

Confession

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
as we come to celebrate Christ's victory over sin and death,
let us call to mind our sins.

Silence

God our Father,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins.
For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our lives;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish, without thinking of you;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For failing you by what we do and think and say;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you
by temptations in the world about us;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

The President says the Absolution

May the God of love bring *us* back to himself,
forgive *us our* sins,
and assure *us* of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect for Easter Sunday

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity. **Amen.**

Bible Reading: Jeremiah 31:1-6 (NRSV)

At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

²Thus says the LORD:

The people who survived the sword

 found grace in the wilderness;

when Israel sought for rest,

³ the LORD appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;

 therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

⁴Again I will build you, and you shall be built,

 O virgin Israel!

Again you shall take your tambourines,

 and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.

⁵Again you shall plant vineyards

 on the mountains of Samaria;

the planters shall plant,

 and shall enjoy the fruit.

⁶For there shall be a day when sentinels will call

 in the hill country of Ephraim:

‘Come, let us go up to Zion,

 to the LORD our God.’

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

Psalm 118:14-24 (NRSV)

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.

- ¹⁵ There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:
‘The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;
- ¹⁶ the right hand of the LORD is exalted;
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.’
- ¹⁷ I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the LORD.
- ¹⁸ The LORD has punished me severely,
but he did not give me over to death.
- ¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.
- ²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.
- ²¹ I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
- ²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
- ²³ This is the LORD’s doing;
it is marvellous in our eyes.
- ²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and
the living one; I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.
Alleluia.

When the Gospel is announced

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end: This is the Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to you, O Christ.

Matthew 28:1-10 (NRSV)

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.

² And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, “He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.” This is my message for you.’ ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, ‘Greetings!’ And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.’

This is the Gospel of the 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 and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,

who 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

*The response to Lord in your mercy
is hear our prayer*

Quotations are from “This Joyful Eastertide” by George Ratcliffe Woodward (1894)

This Joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow.

Heavenly Father, This Easter day, we ask you to comfort all those who are feeling sorrowful.

For many of us, Easter is a time when we gather together with family and friends, but this Easter we cannot. We hold up to you those who we would normally be with and ask you to reassure them that while we can't be physically with them, we haven't forgotten them and still love them, help us to connect with them.

We pray for those who are confused and don't understand why they can't see family and friends and ask you to comfort them with your presence.

We pray for our lent charity, Sandhurst Day Centre and hold up to you those who would normally use it, those who care for the users and would receive respite while their loved ones were at the centre and the staff and trustees. We ask you to be with them all at this time.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

My love, the crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.

*Had Christ that once was slain, ne'er burst his three—day prison,
our faith had been in vain; but now hath Christ arisen.*

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks that Jesus triumphed over death. We pray for all those who have not yet come to know that your son conquered death; help us all to share the good news with others through our words and actions.

We pray for each member of our church and pray that during this time we may draw closer to you and our faith is strengthened. Heavenly Father, help us to remain connected to other members of our church as we can't meet together.

We ask you to strengthen all clergy and lay leaders at St. Michael's especially John, John, Jane, Mike and Angela and bless the work that they do.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber, till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number.

We ask you to be with those who would normally be working but can't and unsure what to do with the time, a sense of

purpose. We pray that they do not turn to drink and drugs at this time. We pray that people who are finding this situation stressful and frustrating do not take it out on the ones they live with.

We pray for those in our community who are key workers, those working in the NHS, emergency services, postal workers, armed forces, food producers and retail. We pray that you are with them and help them to be rested when they are off duty.

We pray for the businesses and their leaders as they work out how to get through this time. We ask you to give discernment to employees who have been asked to consider a voluntary reduction in hours or voluntary furlough.

We give you thanks for all medical research and everyone involved in all the different areas of research and clinical trials, we especially pray for those involved in research into COVID-19.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Death's flood hath lost its chill since Jesus crossed the river, lover of souls from ill my passing soul deliver.

We pray for all those who are dying, especially this time we pray for those who are dying alone as their loved ones can't be with them.

We pray for all those who are mourning for loved ones and ask you to comfort them as we remember that death is not the end but only a door on life's journey.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of St. Michael and of all your saints,
we commend ourselves and all Christian people to your unfailing
love.

Merciful Father,
Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son
Our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,
'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.
The peace is shared.

The live-streamed service will include Holy Communion. If you are not watching the service but conducting your own, you can skip to the Post-Communion prayer and last hymn.

The Communion

The taking of the Gifts

The Priest leading the service gives thanks for the bread and wine in these or similar words:



Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,
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 set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks ...

... while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of 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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, ...

...Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

**Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

The prayer ends
... for ever and ever. **Amen.**

We join our prayers with Christians throughout the world as we say the prayer which Jesus taught:

**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.**

The breaking of bread

The priest breaks the consecrated bread.

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

**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 peace.**

Post-Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
who raised Jesus from the dead
and exalted him to your right hand on high:
may we know your resurrection power in our daily lives
and look with hope to that day
when we shall see you face to face
and share in your glory,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn *You can listen to this at*

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZCmlqwc14Ua-Lc9ZVE0vhA>

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes where Thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won!*

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life;
Life is naught without Thee: aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conquerors, through Thy deathless love;
Lead us in Thy triumph to Thy home above.

Edmond Louis Budry. Tr. R. Birch Hoyle

Blessing

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.