

St Michael And All Angels Sandhurst



Parish Communion Service

2nd Sunday of Easter, 19th April 2020

Notes on using this service

This service has been written to be used with one or more adults at home. 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.

If used independently at home (not as part of the live-streamed service) the roles of leading and reading the Bible reading and the prayers can be shared out between those in the household.

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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Opening Prayer

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.

Hymn

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.

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

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

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Confession

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:
The first commandment is this:
'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,

with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'
There is no other commandment greater than these.
On these two commandments hang all the law and the
prophets.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Silence

Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

The almighty and merciful Lord
grant *you* pardon and forgiveness of all *your* sins,
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The following anthem is said

**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.

Collect

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Bible Reading: 1 Peter 1:1-12 (NRSV)

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,

To the exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, ² who have been chosen and destined by God the Father and sanctified by the Spirit to be obedient to Jesus Christ and to be sprinkled with his blood:

May grace and peace be yours in abundance.

³ 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, ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ 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.

⁸ 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, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

¹⁰ Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that was to be yours made careful search and inquiry, ¹¹ inquiring about the person or time that the Spirit of Christ within them indicated, when it testified in advance to the sufferings destined for Christ and the subsequent glory. ¹² It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but

you, in regard to the things that have now been announced to you through those who brought you good news by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things into which angels long to look!

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

Psalm 16 (NRSV)

¹ Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

² I say to the LORD, 'You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you.'

³ As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble,
in whom is all my delight.

⁴ Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;
their drink-offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names upon my lips.

⁵ The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

⁶ The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.

⁷ I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

⁸ I keep the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.

¹⁰ For you do not give me up to Sheol,
or let your faithful one see the Pit.

¹¹ You show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

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.

John 20:19-31 (NRSV)

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, 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.' ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ 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.'

²⁶ 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.' ²⁷ 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.'

²⁸ Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹ 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.'

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ 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 the Lord:

Praise to you, O Christ.

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.**

Sermon, followed a short time for reflection

Intercessions

The response to Lord in your mercy
is hear our prayer

These prayers have been adapted from those written by Karen Symons, with verses from the Psalms.

*God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. We pray for the health and well-being of our nation, that all who are fearful and anxious may be at peace and free from worry. Help us all to remember that *help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.**

We pray for those who are guiding our nation at this time of difficult decisions, politically, financially and for our health and welfare. We pray for vaccine researchers and medical engineers seeking solutions, and for those who work in hospitals and care homes and other frontline workers. Give them strength and wisdom for their work. We also pray for businesses that are struggling and failing as a consequence of this pandemic, and for those who have lost their jobs. May they get the aid they need from the Government.

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

Lord Jesus, we pray for your church throughout the world. We give thanks that while church buildings may be closed for worship, the church carries on sharing the gospel of your love in word and deed. In these unusual times teach us the lessons we need to learn so that we can be more effective in our mission to the world.

We particularly pray for Christians who are suffering through persecution, injustice or natural disaster, and for the work of the Barnabas Fund who seek to support them in practical ways. Give them all the wisdom and practical resources they need to bring encouragement and help to our brothers and sisters in their hour of need.

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

We pray for the isolated and housebound, that we may be alert to their needs, and care for them in their vulnerability; help them to trust you and to know that you are with them.

Merciful God, we entrust to your tender care those who are ill or in pain, knowing that whenever danger threatens your everlasting arms are there to hold them safe.

Comfort and heal them, and restore them to health and strength;

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

We pray for all those who have died in the faith of Christ, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal. Especially we remember those known to us who have died recently those who have lost their lives across the world to the corona virus. We commend to God's mercy the souls of Ann Gledhill, Pauline Golding, Alan Bunton and Josie Blunden, and we pray for their relatives in their loss.

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

A righteous person may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all. O Lord Almighty, blessed is the one who trusts in you.

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

Rejoicing in the fellowship of St. Michael and of all your saints,
we commend ourselves and all 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.

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, give us your peace.

Post-Communion Prayer

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Hymn

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
First-begotten from the dead,
Thou alone, our strong Defender,
Liftest up thy people's head.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Jesus, true and living Bread.

Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished
Once for all when thou wast slain,
In its fulness undiminished
Shall forever more remain,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Cleansing souls from every stain.

Life-imparting, heavenly Manna,
Stricken Rock with streaming side,
Heaven and earth with loud hosanna
Worship thee, the Lamb who died,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Risen, ascended, glorified!

G. H. Bourne (1840-1925)

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.