

St Michael And All Angels Sandhurst



Parish Communion Service

3rd Sunday of Easter, 26th 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

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise:
sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise.
He who on the cross a victim
for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen, Christ, the first fruits
of the holy harvest field,
which will all its full abundance
at his second coming yield:
then the golden ears of harvest
will their heads before him wave,
ripened by his glorious sunshine
from the furrows of the grave.

Christ is risen, we are risen!
Shed upon us heavenly grace,
rain and dew and gleams of glory
from the brightness of thy face;
that we, with our hearts in heaven,
here on earth may fruitful be,

and by angel hands be gathered,
and be ever, Lord, with thee.

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia! to the Saviour
who has gained the victory;
Alleluia! to the Spirit,
fount of love and sanctity:
Alleluia, alleluia!
to the Triune Majesty.

Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)

Confession

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
(1 John 1:8-9)

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,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son 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 1:13-25 (NRSV)

¹³ Therefore prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed. ¹⁴ Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance. ¹⁵ Instead, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; ¹⁶ for it is written, 'You shall be holy, for I am holy.'

¹⁷ If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸ You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰ He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹ Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

²² Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³ You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. ²⁴ For

‘All flesh is like grass

and all its glory like the flower of grass.

The grass withers,

and the flower falls,

²⁵ but the word of the Lord endures for ever.’

That word is the good news that was announced to you.

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

Responsorial Psalm 116

Response:

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of his people.

1. I love the Lord, for he | heard my voice;
because he listened to me I will call on him as long | as I live.
The snares of death encompassed me,
and the anguish of the | grave came over me;
I suffered dis- | tress and sorrow.
2. Return to your | rest, my soul;
for the Lord has dealt kind-| ly with you.
You delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears and my | feet from stumbling;
I will walk before the Lord in the land | of the living.

3. How shall I repay the Lord for all the good he has | done for me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call | on his name.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his | faithful servants.

I am your servant, Lord, the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me | from my bonds.

4. I will offer to you a sacrifice | of thanksgiving
and call upon the name | of the Lord;
in the courts of the house | of the Lord;
in your midst, O Jerusalem. | Alleluia!

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.

Luke 24:13-35 (NRSV)

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them,

¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' ¹⁹ He asked them, 'What things?'

They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.'

²⁵ Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.

³² They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to

Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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.**

Interview with a member of the congregation

Intercessions

The response to Lord in your mercy
is hear our prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your amazing love and faithfulness to us through all the changing scenes of life.

We ask that you would graciously speak to us and reveal to us all the things that are written about Jesus in the scriptures. Open our ears and eyes and hearts to understand all that you have done for us and all that you ask of us.

Lord we invite you into our homes at this time. Help us to grow in faith with those we live with. As we break bread together alone or with our families, may we meet with you and learn from you.

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

Father, help us to be holy as you are holy and to live as children of obedience, following in Christ's footsteps. Help us to love mercy, do justice and walk humbly with you our God. As we look beyond the immediate crisis we are facing, we ask you to help us to find a new way of living, to set aside our selfishness and seek new ways of justice and righteousness in our own nation and across the world.

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

Lord, you hear our voice and our supplication. We call on you in the midst of this plague and economic crisis. Give wisdom, we pray, to our Government, civil servants, those in our health services, care services, industry and academia who are working to bring healing, protection and renewed hope to our world. Turn back the tide of this virus and have mercy on us.

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

Lord we pray for those in hospital with Covid-19 and other illnesses, we ask that you would graciously heal them. Please be with their families who can't be physically with them in hospital due to the current restrictions.

We pray for all those who are struggling with their mental health, those who are fearful of the future, who don't have any income coming in or live in danger of abuse or exploitation, for those who mourn for loved ones. You are the source of all hope and healing, full of mercy and compassion, hear the cries of all those in trouble and come with your grace and healing to touch and meet them in their need.

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

Father, look with compassion on the hospital staff working under pressure, especially those who have been redeployed to unfamiliar areas, give them wisdom in the decisions they have to make, renew their strength and protect them and their families from illness.

Lord, remember the needs of all keyworkers and their families. Give their families the grace and strength to support them in their difficult jobs and to cope with all aspects of family life. In their many needs, may they know your presence and your provision.

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

Lord, we remember all our brothers and sisters in Christ across the world. Many facing tough situations, persecution, war, injustice, natural disasters, poverty, hunger and sickness. We ask you to strengthen all those who work for Barnabas Fund and their local partners. Give them the resources they need and make a way for them to reach out to those in need. Renew their hope and their strength with your loving presence day by day.

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

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.

We give you thanks, Father, for the souls of those recently departed including those who have died from Covid 19.

In particular we remember Alan Bunton, Stuart Juke, Josie Blunden, Odette Calvert, Vera Carlisle and Sandra Thomas.

We rejoice in the fellowship of all the saints and look forward to the coming of your kingdom and the fulfilment of our salvation through the mighty work of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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...

...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

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess him king of glory now;
'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season, to receive a name
From the lips of sinners unto whom he came;
Faithfully he bore it, spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious, when from death he passed.

Bore it up triumphant with its human light,
Through all ranks of creatures to the central height,
To the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast,
Filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.

In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue
All that is not holy, all that is not true;
Crown him as your Captain in temptation's hour,
Let his will enfold you in its light and power.

Caroline Maria Noel (1817-1877), altd.

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.