

# St Michael And All Angels Sandhurst



## Order for a Service to be used at home (Adult version) Passion Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> March 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](http://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, © 1989,1995 The National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA.

## ***Opening Prayer***

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

## **Hymn**

*Listen to it and sing along. You can find it at*  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=0JvCmvlm-Qg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0JvCmvlm-Qg)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear,  
Brothers and sisters, draw near,  
Praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under his wings, yea so gently sustaineth;  
Hast thou not seen  
All that is needful hath been  
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee:  
Ponder anew  
What the Almighty can do,  
He who with love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen  
Sound from his people again:  
Gladly for aye we adore him.

## **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 *us* pardon and forgiveness of all *our* sins,  
time for amendment of life,  
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

***The Collect for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (Passion Sunday)***

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ  
delivered and saved the world:  
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross  
we may triumph in the power of his victory;  
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 Readings***

**Psalm 42**

As a deer longs for flowing streams,  
so my soul longs for you, O God.

<sup>2</sup> My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

When shall I come and behold  
the face of God?

<sup>3</sup> My tears have been my food day and night,  
while people say to me continually,  
'Where is your God?'

<sup>4</sup> These things I remember, as I pour out my soul:  
how I went with the throng,  
and led them in procession to the house of God,  
with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving,  
a multitude keeping festival.

<sup>5</sup> *Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you disquieted within me?  
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,  
my help <sup>6</sup> and my God.*

My soul is cast down within me;  
therefore I remember you  
from the land of Jordan and of Hermon,  
from Mount Mizar.

<sup>7</sup> Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your cataracts;  
all your waves and your billows have gone over me.

<sup>8</sup> By day the LORD commands his steadfast love,  
and at night his song is with me,  
a prayer to the God of my life.

<sup>9</sup> I say to God, my rock, 'Why have you forgotten me?  
Why must I walk about mournfully  
because the enemy oppresses me?'

<sup>10</sup> As with a deadly wound in my body,  
my adversaries taunt me,  
while they say to me continually,  
'Where is your God?'

<sup>11</sup> *Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you disquieted within me?  
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,  
my help and my God.*

## **Psalm 137**

<sup>1</sup> By the rivers of Babylon—  
there we sat down and there we wept  
when we remembered Zion.

<sup>2</sup> On the willows there  
we hung up our harps.

<sup>3</sup> For there our captors  
asked us for songs,  
and our tormentors asked for mirth, saying,  
"Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"

- <sup>4</sup> How could we sing the LORD's song  
in a foreign land?
- <sup>5</sup> If I forget you, O Jerusalem,  
let my right hand wither!
- <sup>6</sup> Let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth,  
if I do not remember you,  
if I do not set Jerusalem  
above my highest joy.
- <sup>7</sup> Remember, O LORD, against the Edomites  
the day of Jerusalem's fall,  
how they said, "Tear it down! Tear it down!  
Down to its foundations!"
- <sup>8</sup> O daughter Babylon, you devastator!  
Happy shall they be who pay you back  
what you have done to us!
- <sup>9</sup> Happy shall they be who take your little ones  
and dash them against the rock!

*You can listen to psalm 137 in the Prayer Book version sung by the choir of King's College, Cambridge at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yzphJPo2HDI>*

*Gospel Acclamation*

Alleluia, alleluia. We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

**Alleluia.**

*Gospel Reading: Matthew 27:45-50*

*When the Gospel is announced*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>45</sup> From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. <sup>46</sup> And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' <sup>47</sup> When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'This man is calling for Elijah.' <sup>48</sup> At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. <sup>49</sup> But the others said, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.' <sup>50</sup> Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*A Sermon by Rev Jane Kraft is available to read at <http://www.stmichaels-sandhurst.org.uk/march-2020-services.html>*

### **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.**

### **Prayers**

*These prayers have been written by Karen Symons in the light of the corona virus epidemic, based on prayers produced by the Church of England and on Psalms 46, 121, 34 & 84.*

*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:*

Lord Jesus, our church building may be closed for worship but the church keeps on going. Help us Lord to remember we are not people of fear:

we are people of courage.

We are not people who protect our own safety:

we are people who protect our neighbours' safety.

We are not people of greed:

we are people of generosity.

We are your people God,

giving and loving,

wherever we are,

whatever it costs

For as long as it takes

wherever you call us.

We pray for the leaders of our church and in particular today John Castle and our church wardens. Help them, Lord, to lead their flock and to use this situation to reach out to the people in our community, and to unite us as one body of faith to do Your will.

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

We pray for those who are guiding our nation at this time, and shaping national policies, that they may make wise decisions.

We especially pray for Boris Johnson, Rishi Sunak, and the scientists and doctors who are trying to answer all our queries and concerns. We pray that in all the hours they work they will have time to reflect that *help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.*

We pray, Lord, for all the businesses that are struggling and failing as a consequence of this pandemic. We pray that the aid from the Government will help them to survive and to help protect jobs.

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. We pray for the elderly who have been told to stay at home, help them to trust you and to know that you are with them. We thank you Lord for the Sandhurst Day Centre as they continue to try and help and support the elderly of Sandhurst.

We pray for our homes and families, our schools, children and young people, and all in any kind of need or distress. We pray for the young people who have had their school term and possibly academic year cut short. We pray that you will help them as they come to terms with the consequences of this in their lives. Help them to respond positively and continue with their learning at home.

We pray for Mike and Angela as they offer all the help and support that they can.

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

Gracious God, give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who are caring for the sick,  
and your wisdom to those searching for a cure.  
Strengthen them with your Spirit,  
that through their work many will be restored to health.

We thank you Lord for all those working for the NHS. Help us Lord to help them so that they can keep themselves fit and well and get the food and rest that they need.

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

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 who have lost their lives across the world. to the corona virus.

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

*A righteous man 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.**

### **The Peace**

*Leader:* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*Leader:* Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*The peace is shared. This can be with a sign rather than a handshake.*

*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.*

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## 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.**

*The priest praises God for his mighty acts, ending with:*

... for ever praising you and saying :

**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.**

*The Priest continues the prayer, which remembers the words of Jesus at the Last Supper, ending:*

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

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Priest continues the prayer, which 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.*

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup  
**We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

**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**

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us  
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters  
we do also for you:

give us the will to be the servant of others

as you were the servant of all,

and gave up your life and died for us,

but are alive and reign, now and for ever. Amen.

**Hymn** *\_You can listen to this at*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vDF6aEpciVY>

Glorious things of thee are spoken,

Zion, 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 mayest 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, whilst 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 Zion'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 Zion's children know.

John Newton (1725-1807)

## **Blessing**

Christ crucified draw us to himself,  
to find in him a sure ground for faith,  
a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be with us, and with all for whom we have prayed,  
this Passiontide and evermore. **Amen.**