THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, CHRISTCHURCH



Easter Sunday 20 April 2025

From the Vicar...

Dear Friends,

Christus surréxit! - Surréxit vere, allelúja

"Christ is risen - He is risen indeed. Alleluia!" This ancient phrase echoes the greeting of the angel to Mary Magdalene, to Mary the mother of James, and to Joseph, as they arrived at the sepulchre to anoint the body of Jesus: "He is not here; for he has risen, as he said!". And today it becomes our clarion call as we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. For indeed this acclamation is not just empty words of praise, but a call to a whole new way of being. We believe that Christ's resurrection is a pivotal point in the history of the world where God breaks through in order that we may have life, and life abundant. However, with all the good news that the resurrection brings there is also the reality of our hurting world. And so, todays great acclamation that Jesus is risen is not just for ourselves but to be shared with those we meet along the way. But often we don't have the confidence to do this and like those early male disciples we keep it to ourselves. That's why the presence of those first women at the empty tomb is so important. They give us a model of how we should live out the Easter message. They experience the power of the empty tomb and without delay rush to spread this good news to all those who would listen. And as we know, some believed and others doubted. But the call was the same. As we experience the power of Christ in our Liturgy and the Eucharist this Easter may we, like those first women disciples, be empowered to proclaim boldly, He is Risen, He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!

Easter blessings,

Fr. Jadar

Fr Jordan

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

Easter Sunday

20 April 2025

Celebrant 8.00 am: Fr Jordan Greatbatch

Celebrant 10.00 am: Fr Jordan Greatbatch Organ: Paul Ellis

Mass Setting: A Festive Eucharist Noel Rawsthorne

Organ Voluntary: Sarabande for the Morning of Easter Herbert Howells

Greeting:

Ki te ingoa Φ o te Matua, me te Tamaiti, me te Wairua Tapu. Amine. (In the name of the Father, and of the Son, Φ and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.)

Grace and peace to you from God. God fill you with truth and joy.

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Processional Hymn: 109

Refrain:

Hail thee, Festival Day! blest day that art hallowed forever; day when the Lord from heaven shone in the world with his grace.

He who was nailed to the cross is Lord and the ruler of all things; All things created on earth, worship the Maker of all. (*Refrain*)

Ill it beseemeth that thou, by whose hand all things are encompassed, Captive and bound should remain, deep in the gloom of the rock. (*Refrain*) Rise now, O Lord, from the grave, and cast off the shroud that

enwrapped thee;

Leaving the caverns of death,

show us the light of thy face. (Refrain)

God of all pity and power, let thy word be assured to the doubting; Lo, he breaks forth from the tomb! See, he appears to his own! (Refrain)

Equal art thou, co-eternal, in fellowship one with the Father, And with the Spirit of truth, God evermore to be blest! (Refrain)

The people are invited to call to mind their sins.

Silence

Merciful God, we have sinned in what we have thought and said, in the wrong we have done, and in the good we have not done. We have sinned in ignorance: we have sinned in weakness: we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake, and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.

Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison. Christe, eleison. Christe, eleison. Christe, eleison. Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Through the cross of Christ, ♣ God have mercy on you, pardon you, and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal. **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, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: (sit) Acts 10: 34-43 Joshua Wilson Black Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to

appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

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

Easter Anthems: Anglican Chant (Choir)

Second Reading: (sit) 1 Corinthians 15: 19-26 Jenny Daniels

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human, for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in its own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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Gospel Acclamation: (stand)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed; let us then feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

The Lord bless you

Praise and Glory to God

Gospel: John 20: 1-18 Deacon Robert Jamieson

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb.

The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." 'Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

Sermon: Fr Jordan Greatbatch

The Ministers and Servers process to the font. (stand)

Renewal of Baptismal Promises:

Do you renounce evil and seek to follow Christ?

I do.

Do you believe in God the Father, maker of all things?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe in God's Son, Jesus, redeemer of the world?

I believe and trust in him as my Saviour.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, giver of life and truth?

I believe and trust in him.

Will you forgive others as you are forgiven? I will.

Will you seek to love your neighbour as yourself, and strive for peace and justice? I will. Will you accept the cost of following Jesus Christ in your daily life and work? I will. With the whole Church will you proclaim, by word and action, the Good News of God in Christ? I will.

God our creator, the rock of our salvation, we thank you for our new birth by water and the Holy Spirit for the forgiveness of our sins, and for our fellowship in the household of faith with all those who have been baptised in your name; keep us faithful to the calling of our baptism, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The priest sprinkles the people with water from the font, blessed at the Vigil.

Jesus Christ is risen, Jesus Christ is risen, alleluia, alleluia! (sung)

The Ministers and Servers process back to the Sanctuary and Floral Cross is brought forward.

Blessing of the Floral Cross:

Thank you, God, for the love which took Jesus to his cross for us. May that love flower in us, who rejoice in his resurrection. Bless this cross which we have made, in the name of the Father, Son, \blacksquare and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Intercessions: Kate Churchill

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: Joy Coulter, Sue Shannons

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: 271

Alleluia, sing to Jesus,
His the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia, his the triumph,
His the victory alone:
Hark the songs of peaceful Sion
Thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation,
Hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia, not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia, he is near us,
Faith believes, nor questions how;
Though the cloud from sight received him
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?

Alleluia, Bread of Angels, Thou on earth our food, our stay; Alleluia, here the sinful Flee to thee from day to day; Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth's Redeemer, plead for me, Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia, King eternal,
Thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia, born of Mary,
Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
Thou within the veil hast entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim
In the Eucharistic Feast.

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.

Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord, we offer the sacrifice by which your Church is wondrously reborn and nourished. 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.

On this day 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.

Silence

As Christ teaches us 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.

Eucharistic Ministers: Jenny Daniels, Michael Graveston

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.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, 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 sanitizer.

Anthem: Most glorious Lord in Life William Harris

Communion Hymn: 118

The Lord is risen indeed!

Now is his work performed;

Then hell has lost his prey;

Now is the mighty Captive freed, With him is risen the ransomed seed

And death's strong castle stormed. To reign in endless day.

The Lord is risen indeed!

He lives, to die no more;

He lives, the sinner's cause to plead,

Whose curse and shame he bore.

Let us pray. (silence)

Look upon your Church, O God, with unfailing love and favour, so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries, she may come to the glory of the resurrection, Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Notices

Solemn Blessing:

Christ is risen, alleluia. He is risen indeed, alleluia!

May almighty God bless you on this solemn feast of Easter, and may he protect you against all sin. **Amen.**

You have mourned for Christ's sufferings, may you share now in the glories of his resurrection. **Amen**.

You have been buried with him in baptism; may you know his healing power and come with joy to the feast which lasts for ever. **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, Alleluia!

Amen. We go in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Final Hymn: 120

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 vict'ry 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: Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son, Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life; Life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife, Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love; Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above: Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son, Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.

Organ Postlude: Allegro from the Occasional Overture GF Handel

Please pray for...

The Sick:

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: (Wed) Elisabeth Alberts (Fri) Margaret Stephenson, Patricia McNamara

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.

Pray the Rosary—Thursday 12.00 noon.

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 on **Easter Monday** and from the **28 April - 26 May.** The mass on Mondays will return on the **2 June.**

Leave—Father Jordan and Deacon Robert will be on leave from **21 April**, returning to church on **27 April**. For any urgent matters during this period please contact the Wardens.

The Parish Office is closed from **18 April** and will reopen on **5 May**.

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.

NEXT WEEK The Second Sunday of Easter 27 April 2025

8:00 am Mass Celebrant: Fr Peter Beck Server: Hugh Munro

10.00 am Mass Celebrant: Fr Peter Beck

Preacher: Margaret Maclagan

Servers: SD: Carol Fraser MC: Joshua Wilson Black

Th: Robert Calvert **Cr:** Thomas Visakan

Ac: Hugh Munro, Georgia Caughey

First Reading: Kate Churchill Acts 5:27-32

Second Reading:Robert MaclaganRevelations 1:4-8Gospel:Margaret MaclaganJohn 20:19-31

Eucharist Ministers: Carol Fraser, Jenny Daniels **Sides people:** Maria Light, Joy Coulter

Intercessions: Fr Peter Williams

Offertory: Brenda Withell, Mary Stevenson

Morning Tea: Gail and Tim Chiswell Sacristan: Joshua Wilson Black

Sacristy: -

Livestream: Jane Evans Flowers: Toni Stewart

Evensong Readers: Taizé **Evensong Server:** Taizé

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8.00 am Said Mass

10.00 am Festal Sung Mass

7.00 pm Festal Evensong and Benediction

Monday in Easter Week

No Mass

Tuesday Tuesday in Easter Week

12.35 pm Mass

Wednesday Wednesday in Easter Week

12.00 pm Meditation Group

12.35 pm Mass

Thursday Thursday in Easter Week

12.00 noon Rosary Group

12.35 pm Mass

Friday in Easter Week (ANZAC DAY)

12.35 pm Mass

Saturday in Easter Week

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10.00 am Sung Mass

7.00 pm Taizé

