

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF
ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
CHRISTCHURCH



Easter Sunday
31 March 2024

From the Vicar...

"Christ is risen - He is risen indeed. Alleluia!"

Easter greetings to you all. Our Easter celebrations form the heart of our Christian living. Our faith is deeply rooted and finds its real meaning in the resurrection of Jesus. St Paul says that, if Christ is not risen, then all our believing is in vain. We are called to celebrate this earth-shattering news with all the feasting and joy that we can muster. For too long many in the church have over-emphasised the self-denial of Lent and Good Friday at the expense of the gladness found in the Easter Season. However, attitudes change over time and more and more people have come to embrace the Easter Vigil liturgy and season, just as we do here at St Michael's. Those Christians who depict the cross without the body of Christ on it are making a very important point. The cross was the high point of Jesus' gift of himself to the Father for our sake, but he is no longer there and it was his entry into glory with the Father which gives the Cross its validity. Easter, however, is not only concerned with recalling the resurrection of Jesus or its impact on the first disciples, but also with the meaning of this event for our own lives, our faith and the whole world. We are acutely aware of the pain and suffering that continues on this planet we call Earth, and God's desire that all its inhabitants would know the Resurrection life found in Jesus. So, as we celebrate this joyous event through the great Easter Liturgies may we be empowered to share that joy through loving action, that all would join the great chorus of heaven, exclaiming, He is risen, He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May God bless you richly.



Fr Jordan

If you would like a copy of the music for the mass setting and hymns please speak to one of the Sides People.

Online Services

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Sunday

10.00 am Solemn Mass

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. Follow instructions.

Parish Practices

- Mask wearing is optional. Hand sanitizer is available for you to use, and you are encouraged to use it - especially as you come to Communion.
- In greeting one another nearby at The Peace, please be conscious that some people may not wish to touch other people (even with a handshake).
- You may receive Communion in one kind only (Consecrated Bread). You may come up for a Blessing (hold your hands crossed across your chest, rather than held out to receive the Bread). You may receive in both kinds (Consecrated Bread and Wine, by drinking or intinction).

Easter Sunday 31 March 2024

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
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.

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)*

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)*

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)*

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)*

Equal art thou, co-eternal,

in fellowship one with the Father,

And with the Spirit of truth,

God evermore to be blest! *(Refrain)*

Greeting:

Ki te ingoa ✠ o te Matua, me te Tamaiti, me te Wairua Tapu. Amine.

(In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.)

The Lord be with you. **The Lord bless you.**

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us;

therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Alleluia.

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. 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.

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

Kate Churchill

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.**

Psalm:

Easter Anthems—Anglican Chant (Choir)

Second Reading: (*sit*) 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

Brenda Withell

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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Gospel Acclamation: (*stand*)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you

A reading from the Holy Gospel

The Lord bless you

Praise and Glory to God

Gospel: John 20: 1-18

Deacon Simon Green

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: Deacon Simon Green

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!

Blessing of the Floral Cross: (stand)

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, ✠ and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Intercessions: Marla Hughes

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: Gail Chiswell, Peter Daniels

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, 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, 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, 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.

We praise you with greater joy than ever on this Easter day, when Christ became our Paschal sacrifice.

You raised him to life triumphant over death; you exalted him in glory. By his victory over death, the reign of sin is ended, a new age has dawned, a broken world is restored and we are made whole once more.

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, Gloria Moyle

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!	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.

Prayer after Communion:

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.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ. 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 remember that the clocks go back
at 2am next Sunday morning, 7 April 2024**

AGM Reports

Please can you send your reports to the Parish Administrator by email to
smaa@xtra.co.nz by 15 April 2024.

THIS WEEK**NOTICES**

Needlework Group - Tuesday 7.00pm at Helen's home. Contact Ros 0272428282
Meditation Group—Wednesday 12.00 noon in the church. Contact: Therese Aitchison 0212516282.
Bible Study— Thursday 11.00 am, Parish Lounge.
Pray the Rosary—Thursday 12.00 noon.
Parish Lunch—Sunday 7 April 12.00 noon. RSVP Ros 0272428282 by 3 April.
Inasmuch Basket—please continue to support the work of the City Mission.

NEXT WEEK**Second Sunday of Easter****7 April 2024**

8:00 am Mass	Celebrant: Fr Jordan Greatbatch	Server: Hugh Munro
10.00 am Mass	Celebrant: Fr Jordan Greatbatch	
	Preacher: Margaret Maclagan	
Servers:	SD: Gloria Moyle	MC: Michael Graveston
	Th: Thomas Visakan	Cr: Robert Calvert
	Ac: Matilda Tombros, Carol Fraser	
First Reading:	Barbara Moreton	Acts 4: 32-35
Second Reading:	Ros Calvert	1 John 1: 1-2:2
Gospel:	Deacon Simon Green	John 20: 19-31
Eucharist Ministers:	Gloria Moyle, Jane Evans	
Sides people:	Joy Coulter, Gail Chiswell	
Intercessions:	Kate Churchill	
Offertory:	Brenda Withell, Sue Shannons	
Morning Tea:	Jane Ellis, Pat Pilkington	
Sacristan:	Jenny Daniels	
Sacristy:	Shirley Richards	
Livestream:	Kathleen Campbell	
Flowers:	Ros Calvert, Brenda Withell	
7:00 pm	Evensong and Benediction	Celebrant: Fr Peter Williams
Evensong Readers:	Joshua Wilson Black, Jane Ellis	
Evensong Server:	Joshua Wilson Black	

Please pray for...**The Sick:**

David McFerran, Jamie McDermott, Alastair Scott, Rita Libeau, Claire & John Preston, Lois Peters, Denis Coulter, Betty Mechen, Suzanne Keys, Ghislaine Brewer-Quirke, Lesta Smithson.

Peter Easterbrook, Sr Annette, Anne Fenton, Kay Burgess, David & Sandra, Philip Souter, Ongloon Yee, Deb Smith, Andrew Lawson, Anthony & Chrissie Coulter.

Anniversaries: (Sun) Jean Troon (Mon) Mary Holderness
 (Sat) Pat Taylor, Shirley Kember

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The Anglican Parish of St Michael and All Angels, Christchurch

This Sunday	Easter Sunday—31 March 2024
8.00 am	Low Mass
10.00 am	Solemn Mass
7.00 pm	Festal Evensong and Benediction
Monday	Monday in Easter Week
12.35 pm	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
8.00 am	Morning Prayer
11.00 am	Bible Studies
12.00 noon	Rosary Group
12.35 pm	Mass
5.00 pm	Evening Prayer
Friday	Friday in Easter Week
8.00 am	Morning Prayer
12.35 pm	Mass
2.00 pm	School Service
5.00 pm	Evening Prayer
Saturday	Saturday in Easter Week
Next Sunday	Second Sunday of Easter—7 April 2024
8.00 am	Low Mass
10.00 am	Solemn Mass
7.00 pm	Evensong and Benediction

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