THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, CHRISTCHURCH

The Easter Vigil 30 March 2024

"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.

A. Greatbartely

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.

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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).

THE EASTER VIGIL

The Service of Light

Celebrant:Fr Jordan GreatbatchThe Quartet:Courtney Hickmott, Matthew Harris, Ruth Mann and Craig Knowles.Organ:Paul Ellis

The congregation gathers outside the west door for the blessing of the new fire and the traditional ceremonies of the Paschal Candle, then all enter the darkened church. The candle is carried in. Each time the procession stops, the priest sings:

Priest:	Christ our Light. (genuflect)	Thanks be to God.		
The Exsultet: All stand for the Easter Proclamation: Matthew Harris				
•	Rejoice, heavenly powers.			
-	enly powers! Sing, choirs of ange	ls!		
,	ance around God's throne!			
	our King, is risen!			
	torious trumpet of salvation!			
Rejoice, O earth, in glory, revealing the splendour of your creation,				
	brightness of your triumphant H quered! Now his life and glory fi	0		
Darkness vani		n you!		
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Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory! The risen Saviour, our Lord of life, shines upon you!				
	eople sing and shout for joy.	you		
The Lord be with you: And also with you.				
Lift up your he	•	We lift them to the Lord.		
Let us give tha	anks to the Lord our God.	It is right to give thanks and praise.		
It is right and good that with full hearts and minds and voices we should praise you,				
Father Almighty, the unseen God, through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who has				
saved us by his death, paid the price of Adam's sin, and reconciled us once again to you.				
Glory to you for ever.				
	Passover feast, when Christ the ne homes of all the faithful.	true Lamb of God is slain, whose blood Glory to you for ever.		

This is the night when you first saved our ancestors, freeing Israel from her slavery, and leading her safely through the sea. Glory to you for ever. This is the night when Jesus Christ vanguished hell, broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave. Glory to you for ever. This is the night when all who believe in him are freed from sin, restored to grace and holiness, and share the victory of Christ. Glory to you for ever. This is the night that gave us back what we had lost; beyond our deepest dreams you Glory to you for ever. made even our sin a happy fault. Most blessed of all nights, evil and hatred are put to flight and sin is washed away, lost Glory to you for ever. innocence regained, and mourning turned to joy. Night truly blessed, when hatred is cast out, peace and justice find a home, and heaven is joined to earth and all creation reconciled to you. Glory to you for ever. Therefore, heavenly Father, in this our Easter joy accept our sacrifice of praise, your Church's solemn offering. Grant that this Easter candle may make our darkness light. Glory to you for ever.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, now that we have begun our solemn vigil, let us listen with quiet hearts to the Word of God. Let us meditate on times past how God saved his people and in these, the last days, has sent us his Son as our redeemer. Let us pray that our God may complete this paschal work of salvation by the fullness of redemption.

Liturgy of the Word

Each reading is followed by sung verses, pause, then a collect.

Reading 1 Psalm 16	Genesis 22:1-18 O give thanks to the Lord	Johnann Williams	
R: What marvels the Lord has worked for us! Indeed we were glad.			
Reading 2	Exodus 14: 10–15:1a	Rachel Watson	
The Song of Moses	I will sing to the Lord (Exodus 15)		
Reading 3 Ezekiel 37: 1–14 Rob		Robert Maclagan	
Psalm 104 Hear my prayer O Lord			
R: What marvels the Lord has worked for us! Indeed we were glad.			

Candles are extinguished. All stand in silence.

Priest: Christ is risen, alleluia, alleluia!

People: He is risen indeed, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to God in the highest.

The altar candles are lit, then all other lights come on. As the Gloria begins, the bells are rung.

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.

Eternal Giver of life and light, this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. Renew your Church with the Spirit given to us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth, and shine as a light in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Epistle: (sit)Romans 6: 3–11Margaret MaclaganDo you not know that all of us who have been baptised into Christ Jesus were baptisedinto his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that,just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walkin newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin.

But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

Psalm:

n: 118 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- R. Alleluia, alleluia!
 1. We give thanks to you, O Lord, for you are gracious and your love endures for ever. Let the house of Israel say: "God's love endures for ever." R.
- Let the house of Israel say: God's love endures for even.
- 3. The right hand of the Lord raises up, the right hand of the Lord does mighty things. I shall not die but live, and proclaim what the Lord has done. **R**.
- 4. I shall not die but live: and proclaim, what the Lord has done. R.
- 3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner. This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes. **R**.

The Lord be with you A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

Mark 16: 1-8

The Lord bless you Praise and Glory to God

Gospel:

Deacon Simon Green

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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

Sermon: Fr Jordan Greatbatch

Ceremonies at the Font

Led by the Paschal Candle, clergy and servers proceed to the font. Candles are lit. During this time the Cantor sings the Litany of the Saints.

The Litany:

Lord, have mercy	Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy	Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy	Lord, have mercy
Holy Mary, Mother of God	Pray for us
	Pray for us
All holy men and women	Pray for us
Lord, be merciful	Lord, save your people
	Lord, save your people
By your gift of the Holy Spirit	Lord, save your people
Be merciful to us sinners	Lord, hear our prayer
By your grace, bless this font of rebirth	Lord, hear our prayer
Jesus, Son of the living God	Lord, hear our prayer
Christ, hear us	Christ, hear us
Lord Jesus, hear our prayer	Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.

The Thanksgiving over the Water

Priest:

The Lord is here: God's Spirit is with us.

Praise God who made heaven and earth: Whose promise endures for ever.

Father, you give us grace through sacramental signs, which tell us of the wonders of your unseen power. In baptism we use your gift of water, which you have made a rich symbol of the grace you give us in this sacrament.

At the very dawn of creation your Spirit breathed on the waters, making them the well-spring of all holiness. The waters of the great flood you made a sign of the waters of baptism, that make an end of sin and a new beginning of goodness. Through the waters of the Red Sea you led Israel out of slavery, to be an image of God's holy people, set free from sin by baptism.

In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptised by John and anointed with the Spirit. Your Son willed that water and blood should flow from his side as he hung upon the cross. After his resurrection he told his disciples: "Go out and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Father, look now with love upon your Church, and unseal for her the fountain of baptism. By the power of the Spirit give to the water of this font the grace of your Son. You created us in your own likeness: cleanse us from sin in a new birth of innocence by water and the Spirit.

May all who are buried with Christ in baptism rise also to newness of life. United in Christ, with all the baptised 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.

The Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Let us all renew our own baptismal covenant.

- Do you renounce all evil influences and powers that rebel against God? I renounce all evil.
- Do you trust in Christ's victory which brings forgiveness, freedom, and life? In faith I turn to Christ, my way, my truth, my life.

What is your faith?

I believe and trust in God the Father, maker and sustainer of all things; and in God the Son, my Saviour Jesus Christ; and in God the Holy Spirit, giver of life and truth. This is my faith.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you forgive others as you are forgiven? I will, with God's help.

Will you seek to love your neighbour as yourself, and strive for peace and justice? I will, with God's help.

Will you accept the cost of following Jesus Christ in your daily life and work? I will, with God's help.

With the whole Church will you proclaim, by word and action, the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

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 blessed water from the font. Candles are extinguished.

Jesus Christ is risen, Jesus Christ is risen, alleluia, alleluia.

The First Mass of the Resurrection The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you. And also with you. 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.

The Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory: Jane Evans, Dorothy Burrows

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: 345 Christ is the King! O friends rejoice; O Christian women, Christian men, brothers and sisters, with one voice all the world over, seek again let the world know He is your choice. the way disciples followed then. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ through all ages is the same: O magnify the Lord, and raise anthems of joy and holy praise place the same hope in His great name, for Christ's brave saints of ancient days. With the same faith His word proclaim. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

They with a faith for ever new followed the King, and round him drew thousands of servants brave and true. Alleluia! Alleluia! Let love's unconquerable might your scattered companies unite in service to the Lord of light. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

So shall God's will on earth be done, new lamps be lit, new tasks begun, and the whole church at last be one. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! 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.

Lord, accept the prayers and offerings of your people. With your help, may this Easter mystery of our redemption bring to perfection the saving work you have begun in us. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here.	God's 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 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 night, 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.....

Mass for 4 Voices: Sanctus and Bendictus William Byrd

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, 0 God, in songs of everlasting praise:

Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and for ever. Amen.

Silence

The Communion

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: Margaret Maclagan, Andrew Moorhouse

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.

Mass for 4 Voices: Agnus Dei

William Byrd

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 became our Paschal sacrifice. Let us feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth, 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.

Communion Motet: When the Lord turned again

Adrian Batten

Communion Prayer:

God, the giver of all, we are nourished with your Easter sacraments. Fill us with the spirit of love, and unite us in faith, that we may show forth the glory of the resurrection to all the world. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. **Amen**

Solemn Blessing:

Christ is risen, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

He is risen indeed, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

May almighty God bless you on this solemn night 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.**

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: 117

The Day of Resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad; The Passover of gladness, The Passover of God! From death to life eternal, From earth unto the sky, Our Christ hath brought us over With hymns of victory. Our hearts be pure from evil, That we may see aright The Lord in rays eternal Of resurrection-light; And, listening to his accents, May hear so calm and plain His own 'All hail,' and, hearing, May raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful, And earth her song begin, The round world keep high triumph, And all that is therein; Let all things seen and unseen Their notes in gladness blend, For Christ the Lord hath risen, Our joy that hath no end.

Organ Recessional: Halleluyah Chorus

GF Handel arr. Henry Smart

Our thanks to the Quartet:

Courtney Hickmott, Matthew Harris, Ruth Mann and Craig Knowles.

Please join us for refreshments in the Parish Lounge.

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.

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THIS WEEKNOTICESNeedlework Group- Tuesday 7.00pm at Helen's home. Contact Ros 0272428282Meditation GroupWednesday 12.00 noon in the church. Contact: Therese Aitchison0212516282.Bible StudyThursday 11.00 am, Parish Lounge.Pray the RosaryThursday 12.00 noon.Parish LunchSunday 7 April 12.00 noon. RSVP Ros 0272428282 by 3 April.Inasmuch Basketplease continue to support the work of the City Mission.			
NEXT WEEK	Second Sunday	of Easter	7 April 2024
8:00 am Mass 10.00 am Mass Servers:	Celebrant: Fr Jordan Gre Celebrant: Fr Jordan Gre Preacher: Margaret Mac SD: Gloria Moyle Th: Thomas Visakan Ac: Matilda Tombros, C	atbatch clagan MC: Michael Cr: Robert C	
Sides people: Intercessions: Offertory: Morning Tea: Sacristan: Sacristy: Livestream: Flowers: 7:00 pm	Barbara Moreton Ros Calvert Deacon Simon Green : Gloria Moyle, Jane Evans Joy Coulter, Gail Chiswell Kate Churchill Brenda Withell, Sue Shan Jane Ellis, Pat Pilkington Jenny Daniels Shirley Richards Kathleen Campbell Ros Calvert, Brenda With Evensong and Benedictio Joshua Wilson Black, Jane Joshua Wilson Black	Acts 4: 32-35 1 John 1: 1-2: John 20: 19-3 nons ell n Celebrant: Fr	
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The Sick: David McFerran, Jamie McDermott, Alastair Scott, Rita Libeau, Claire & John Preston, Lois Peters, Denis Coulter, Betty Mechen, Ghislaine Brewer-Quirke, Suzanne Keys, Lesta Smithson. Peter Easterbrook, Sr Annette, Anne Fenton, Kay Burgess, David & Sandra, Philip Souter, Ongloon Yee, Deb Smith, Andrew Lawson, Anthony & Chrissie Coulter.			
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The Anglican Parish of St Michael and All Angels, Christchurch

This Sunday 8.00 am 10.00 am 7.00 pm	Easter Sunday—31 March 2024 Low Mass Solemn Mass 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	
8.00 am	Low Mass
10.00 am	Solemn Mass
7.00 pm	Evensong and Benediction

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