

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF
ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
CHRISTCHURCH



The Fifth Sunday of Easter
3 May 2026

From the Vicar...

Dear Friends,

This Sunday we gather for our Annual General Meeting. An opportunity to reflect on the year that has been and to look with hope to where God might be leading us in the year ahead. Parish members are invited to join us following the 10am Mass for this important meeting in the life of our church.

One of the notices you will see in this week's service sheet is regarding our upcoming Founder's Day service which is taking place on Sunday 17th May at 10am. For those of you who are not familiar, each year we gather together as a Church and School to give thanks to God for our founding, and to pray that we would continue to be a shared community of faith. This year's service is even more significant as it is one of the two celebrations we will have commemorating 175 years of Christian presence here in the heart of Christchurch. The other service will be the Feast of St Michael and All Angels, our patronal festival taking place on the 29th September. Bishop Peter will be our preacher for Founder's Day and we will be gathering after the service for a morning tea. We look forward to seeing you for this significant act of worship.

This Sunday our Gospel reading is John 14:1-14 which is a part of what is known as the Johannine Farewell Discourse of Jesus, where he prepared his disciples for not only his passion and death, but challenges that lay ahead. It is a bit like a parent preparing their child to leave the home and venture out into the world. Their hearts are torn and unsettled as they listen to Jesus' farewell. This group of disciples had been following Jesus since the beginning of his public ministry. Despite this they still seem to be adolescent in their understanding of his mission, message and vision. Many thought that this Messiah was going to free them from military and imperial bondage, others thought he might triumph through becoming a new earthly religious leader. Whatever their thinking they would certainly not have been prepared for what would follow. This Gospel reading is quite jarring as we continue to celebrate the Great Fifty Days of Easter. But in another sense, it is quite appropriate as it reminds us of that essential Easter hope, that Jesus has conquered death and offers that profound message to us all 'so that where I am, there you may be also.' May we continue to know Jesus' presence in and through us as we celebrate the joy of the resurrection.



Easter Blessings,
Fr Jordan

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

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| Celebrant 8.00 am: | Fr Jordan Greatbatch | | |
| Celebrant 10.00 am: | Fr Robert Jamieson | Organist: | Daniel Cooper |
| Sidespeople: | Michael Graveston, Vince Moreton | | |
| Mass Setting: | Mass of St Cedd | | P Nardone |
| Opening Voluntary: | Prière á Notre-Dame | | L Boëlmann |
| Introit Hymn: | 333 | | |

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| All my hope on God is founded; He doth still my trust renew. Me through change and chance he guideth, Only good and only true. God unknown, He alone Calls my heart to be his own. | God's great goodness aye endureth, Deep his wisdom, passing thought: Splendour, light and life attend him, Beauty springeth out of naught. Evermore From his store New-born worlds rise and adore. |
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| Pride of all and earthly glory, Sword and crown betray his trust; What with care and toil he buildeth, Tower and temple, fall to dust But God's power, Hour by hour, Is my temple and my tower. | Daily doth th'Almighty giver Bounteous gifts on us bestow; His desire our soul delighteth, Pleasure leads us where we go. Love doth stand At his hand; Joy doth wait on his command. |
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Still from all to God eternal
Sacrifice of praise be done,
High above all praises praising
For the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call
One and all:
Ye who follow shall not fall.

Greeting:

Ki te ingoa o te ✠ Matua, me te Tamaiti, me te Wairua Tapu. **Āmine.**
(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.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Dear brothers and sisters,
Filled yet with Easter joy, let us prepare our hearts for the celebration of this Eucharist
by reminding ourselves of the new life we have received through the waters of baptism.

God our Father,
your gift of water brings life and freshness to the earth;
in baptism it is a sign of the washing away of our sins
and the gift of life eternal.

Sanctify this water, we pray.

Renew the living spring of your life within us,
that we may be free from sin
and filled with your saving health;
through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Presiding Priest sprinkles the people with Holy water followed by:

May almighty God cleanse us of our sins ✠, and through the celebration of this Eucharist
make us worthy to share at the table of his Kingdom. **Amen.**

(Sung)

**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.

Almighty ever-living God, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that
those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care,
bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal. 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)*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 7:55-60)

Sue Shannons

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

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

Responsorial Psalm: 31

R. My trust is in you, O Lord: I will be glad and rejoice in your mercy.

In you, Lord, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame. Deliver me in your righteousness; incline your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue. **R.**

Be to me a rock of refuge, a stronghold to keep me safe. You are to me a rock and a fortress; for your name's sake, lead me and guide me. **R.**

Release me from the net they have secretly laid for me, for you, O Lord, are my strength. But my trust is in you, O Lord; you are my God, my fortunes are in your hands. **R.**

Second Reading: *(sit)*

A reading from the first letter of St Peter (1 Peter 2:2-10)

Joshua Wilson Black

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

This honour, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,"

and

"A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.
But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.
Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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Gospel Acclamation: *(stand)*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord' no one comes to the Father, except through me. **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 14:1-14

Fr Jordan Greatbatch

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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

Sermon:

Fr Jordan Greatbatch

Affirmation of Faith:

(Stand)

**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, *(all genuflect or bow)*
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became fully human. *(stand)***

**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 in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
and 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.**

Intercessions: Kate Churchill

Rest ✕ eternal grant unto them, O Lord:

And let light perpetual shine upon them.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory. **Amen.**

**Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with you,
blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

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: Sue Shannons, Adrienne Curtis

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: 374

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon my breast.'
I came to Jesus as I was,
Weary, and worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
And he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
The living water, thirsty one;
Stoop down, and drink, and live:
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's Light;
Look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
And all thy day be bright.'
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In him my Star, my Sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk
Till travelling days are done.

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.**

O God, through the wonderful exchange of this sacrifice you have made us sharers in your own divine nature; grant that our daily lives may faithfully reflect the knowledge of your truth. We ask this through Jesus 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.

In this time 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.....

(Sung)

**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:

(Sung)

**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:

(Sung)

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

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.**

Kua ākona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki,
ka īnoi tatou:

E tō mātou Matua i te rangi
Kia tapu tōu Ingoa.
Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.
Kia meatia tau e pai ai,
ki runga ki te whenua,
kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.
Hōmai ki a mātou āiane
he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.
Murua ō mātou hara,
Me mātou hoki e muru nei
i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.
Aua hoki mātou e kaweā kia whakawaia;
Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:
Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha,
me te korōria,
Āke ake ake. Āmine

Eucharistic Ministers: Margaret Maclagan, Gail Chiswell

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.

(Sung)

**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.**

I am the vine and you are the branches; if you live in me and I in you, then you will bear much fruit, 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.**

All baptised Christians are welcome to receive Communion, leave your seat by the side aisle and come down the central aisle and form two lines according to which side you are seated. To receive the Sacrament please cup your hands and the Priest will place it on your palm. If you wish to receive a blessing, cross your arms. Gluten free wafers are available, please ask.

Sequence during communion: O Panis Dulcissime

Communion Proper: Tanto témpore

Let us pray.

Lord, remain close to the people you have enriched with these heavenly mysteries, and grant that we may pass from our former ways to new life in the risen Christ. We make our prayer in the name of Jesus, the Lord. **Amen.**

Notices

Blessing:

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

The God of peace, who by the blood of the eternal covenant brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work; working in you that which is pleasing and good and may the blessing of God almighty, ✠ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you 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:

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The 'son of Consolation',
 Saint Barnabas the good,
 Filled with the Holy Spirit
 And faith in Christ the Lord,
 In lowly self-oblation,
 To make an offering meet,
 Laid down his earthly riches
 At the Apostles' feet.

The son of Consolation,
 In following his Lord
 Attained the martyr's glory,
 And entered his reward:
 With him is faith now ended,
 For ever lost in sight,
 Where love made perfect fills him
 With praise and joy and light.

All joy of consolation,
 How great their joys will be
 When Christ the King shall tell them
 'You did it unto me':
 The merciful and loving
 The loving Lord shall own,
 And set them as his jewels
 Around the Father's throne.

Final Voluntary:

Suite Gothique-Menuet

L Boëllmann

7.00 pm

Evensong and Benediction

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

Margaret Wallis, Fr Geoff Paterson, Jo Burnside, Ann Jinman, Terry & Betsy McKay.

Claire & John Preston, Lois Peters, Denis Coulter, Betty Mechen, Suzanne Keys,
 Ghislaine Brewer-Quirke, Lesta Smithson, John Bertken, Peter Easterbrook, Anne Fenton,
 David & Sandra, Philip Souter, Andrew Lawson, Ashley Forman.

Anniversaries:

(Mon) Vida Hawkins, Malcolm Harris—Priest

(Tues) Noeline Calvert

(Thurs) Melva Finney—Priest, Lynnette Apperley, Jenny Baltrop

(Sat) Jean Daybell

NOTICES

THIS WEEK

Needlework Group—Tuesday 7.00 pm, Judith's home. Contact: Judith McKaskell at church on Sunday.

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.

Bible Study - Thursday 6.00 pm, Parish Lounge.

Inasmuch Basket—please continue to donate staple household groceries to support the work of the **City Mission**.

Rite of Reconciliation (Confession) - Fr Jordan and Fr Robert are available to offer the Rite of Reconciliation. Please contact either to request a time.

TODAY

AGM—will be held after the 10.00am Mass in the Parish Hall. All voting members are encouraged to attend which includes members of the Parish Roll for at least 2 months and over the age of 16. Soup and rolls are available prior to the meeting.

SERVING TEAM CHANGES AT ST MICHAEL'S

Starting in June, you will notice a change to our serving team at our Sunday 10am masses. At the end of the current serving roster (which ends in May), the role of sub-deacon will be retired. The presiding priest will instead be supported by an assisting priest or a deacon if we have one. As Vicar, it is important to me that we have good representation on our wider serving team from across the parish. We are always looking for more parishioners to join our friendly and supportive team of servers which includes MCs, acolytes, thurifers, and crucifers. I especially extend an invitation to any women who wish to join the team. If you are interested to learn more about the reasons for this change, please find a printed sheet at the back of the church. I want to offer my deepest thanks to Jenny, Margaret, Rachel, Carol, and all others who have faithfully fulfilled this role over many years and will continue in other important roles in the parish.

FOUNDERS DAY— Join us to celebrate 175 years of the Founding of St Michael and All Angels Church and School with a combined Mass of thanksgiving on **Sunday 17th May at 10am**. Bishop Peter is our preacher. Parishioners are invited to bring a plate for morning tea which can be left in **the hall prior to the service**. For this service the school community will be seated with their parents throughout the church so please come early to secure your seat.

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.

The Anglican Parish of St Michael and All Angels Christchurch

This Sunday **The Fifth Sunday of Easter— 3 May 2026**

8.00 am **Low Mass**
10.00 am **High Mass—Followed by the AGM**
7.00 pm **Evensong and Benediction**

Monday Feria
12.35 pm Mass

Tuesday Feria
12.35 pm Mass

Wednesday **St John the Evangelist**
12.00 noon Meditation
12.35 pm Mass

Thursday Feria
11.00 am Bible Study
12.00 am Pray the Rosary
12.35 pm Mass
6.00 pm Bible Group

Friday Dame Julian of Norwich, Mystic, 1417
12.35 pm Mass

Saturday Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop of Constantinople, Teacher of the Faith

Next Sunday **The Sixth Sunday of Easter—10 May 2026**
8.00 am Low Mass
10.00 am High Mass
7.00 pm Evensong and Benediction

Online Services

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Sunday 10.00 am Solemn Mass

All readings are the NRSVUE version, unless otherwise stated.
Propers come from the Roman Catholic Missal 1998.
Liturgy taken from The New Zealand Prayer Book.