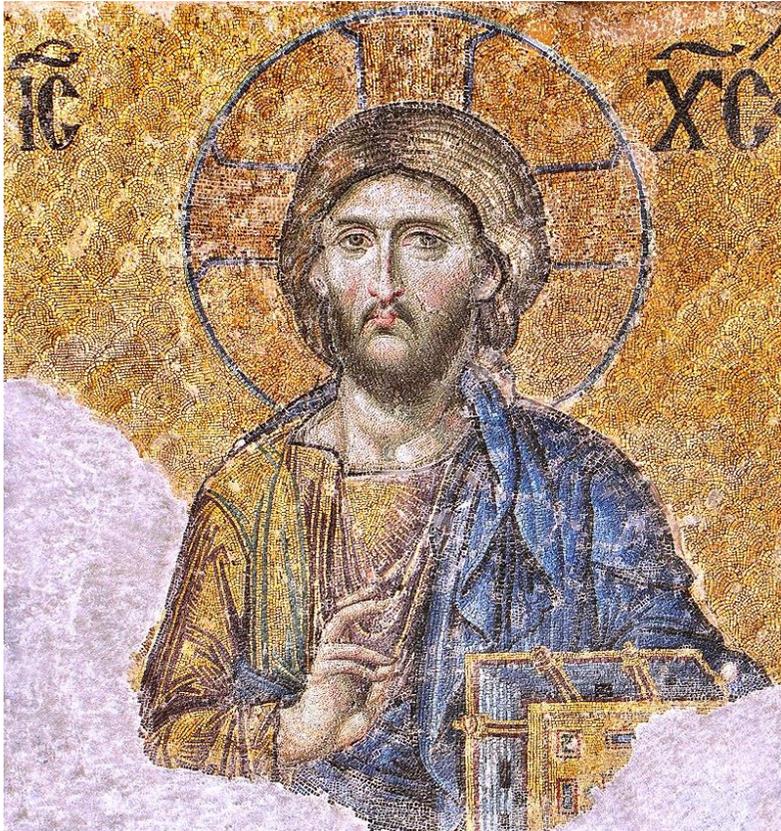


# The Eucharist

## Sixth Sunday of Easter



**9.30am Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

Today's service is led by Fr. James McDonald  
Guest Preacher: Bishop Michael of Hertford

# WELCOME!

*Although we cannot gather together the worship of the church continues. You may be joining in this service online. Welcome! You may be reading a hard copy of this service booklet. Welcome! Although we are physically distant we are still near each other in prayer through the intercessions and presence of Jesus. May his peace be with you and all those you are praying for at this time. We are delighted to welcome Bishop Michael of Hertford as our preacher today.*

## THE GATHERING

### The Welcome and the Greeting

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

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

### Prayer of Preparation

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known and from whom no secrets are hidden,  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Prayers of Penitence

Like Mary at the empty tomb,  
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence. Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Like the disciples behind locked doors,  
we are afraid to be seen as your followers. Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Like Thomas in the upper room,  
we are slow to believe. Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

## **Absolution**

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**The Gloria** *Sung by the choirs of St Albans Cathedral – we join with them in praise!*



**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest!  
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heav'nly King, almighty God and Father,  
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest!  
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.  
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest!  
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.  
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest!**

**The Collect** *Fr James prays the special prayer for today:*

Let us pray.

*A short time of silent prayer.*

Risen Christ,  
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:  
help your Church to obey your command  
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Acts 17.22-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles *read by the Gritten family*

<sup>22</sup> Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup> For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup> From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup> so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him – though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup> For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.” <sup>29</sup> Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup> While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

Thanks be to God

### Gospel Acclamation



Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;

I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### The Gospel: John 14.15-21

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: <sup>15</sup> ‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. <sup>18</sup> I will not

leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup> In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

**The Sermon** *Bishop Michael of Hertford*

**The Creed** *We declare our faith in the living God*

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?

**We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession** *led by Carolyn Andrews*

*This response may be used:*

Lord, in your mercy

**hear our prayer.**

*And at the end:*

Merciful Father:

**accept these prayers,**

**for the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

### The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,  
'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**and also with you.**

### Offertory Hymn: Praise my soul the king of heaven

*During the hymn please consider giving to All Saints, there is information about ways to do this in Signpost below. At the offertory we present both ourselves and our resources to be blessed by God and used in the service of his Kingdom.*

### The Preparation of the Table

Be present, be present,  
Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest;  
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.  
**Amen.**

### The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Father, you made the world and love your creation.  
You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.  
His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.  
And so we gladly thank you,  
with saints and angels praising you, and *saying*:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might.  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died  
he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat;  
this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you,  
gave it to them and said:  
Drink this, all of you;  
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,  
in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.  
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith  
**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Alban  
and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours,  
O loving Father, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**Our Father,  
who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,  
whoever eats this bread will live for ever;  
**Lord, our hearts hunger for you; give us this bread always.**

## **Agnus Dei**

**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.**

## **The Invitation to Communion**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*You may like to use the following words to reflect during the Communion:*

Christ giveth himself as Food, that we faint not by the way. He  
keepeth himself as reward, that we may rejoice in the heavenly  
home. Christ is our food: Christ shall be our reward.

*St. Fulgentius*

## **The Prayer after Communion**

**God our Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:  
may we thirst for you,  
the spring of life and source of goodness,  
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.  
Amen.**

## **The Notices**

## **The Blessing**

The God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
that great shepherd of the sheep,  
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

## **The Dismissal**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## **Closing Hymn: Love divine**

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# Signpost

## CONTACT DETAILS

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**Safeguarding Officer:** Lynne Head 07496994091 itslindy@gmail.com

**Team Administrator:** Norma Howie 01923 266596 saintskl2@tiscali.co.uk *The office is open Monday & Wednesday 7.30am – 2.30pm, Thursday 12noon – 3pm and Friday 11.00am – 2.30pm.*

*For baptism, wedding or funeral enquiries please contact Norma in the office.*

*The church building is currently closed in line with Government advice.*

***If you need any assistance or would like to chat, please ring the churchwardens or Father James.***

**Although our building is closed, Church is not closed!**

## SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> May: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.30am *Video* Eucharist preacher: +Michael of Hertford (Followed by Zoom coffee)

**Tue – Fri** *Live Stream* Morning Prayer 8.30am & Evening Prayer 5pm (*Wed: Eucharist*)

**Friday 10am** Zoom Bible study (email Fr James for a zoom invite)

## SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> May: SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION

10.00am *Video* service with Revd. Lizzie Hood. Head to the Holy Trinity section of the benefice website: <http://beneficeoflangelei.org.uk/holytrinity/>

*Other suggestions: Sunday worship Radio 4 8.10am or St Albans Cathedral at 10am: <https://www.stalbanscathedral.org/live-streaming-at-st-albans-cathedral>*

## PRAYERS

**Prayer cycle** Those who live in Waterside Close. Our Hall management team and all who are missing Evergreen meetings and the Luncheon Club.

**The sick\*** John Bachelor, Olive Darvill, Rosemary Dolman, Paul Habershon, Rosemary Huggett, Margaret Johnson, Vivian Leger, Mike Morgan, Beanie Reffold, Karen Rose, Kingsley Rothwell, Joan Ross, Charles & Sarah Smith, Joe Symes and Jackie Tuck. We pray for all those affected by the coronavirus pandemic.

**RIP** Roz Funnell, Trevor Wragg, Joan Hall, Peter Brazier and Douglas Cootes remembering their families and friends and all who mourn.

*\* Names are held on this list for 2 months after which consent is reviewed. To be included contact any member of the LMDT.*

**The Altar lights** can be sponsored each week in memory of someone, to celebrate an anniversary or for a prayer intention. If you are interested, please contact Eric Martin: 01923 267604.

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## NOTICES

**Virtual Collection** During this difficult time All Saints must still pay its bills, fund its ministry and contribute to the wider church. We rely on your generosity. You can donate by card or Apple/Google Pay: scan the QR code (right) with your smartphone camera, select donation amount and choose Gift Aid if you are a UK taxpayer. To arrange a donation by cheque or bank transfer email [allsaintstreasurer@btinternet.com](mailto:allsaintstreasurer@btinternet.com)



**Giving to All Saints** is especially important at this time when we are unable to hire out our hall or hold fundraising events. To review your giving, join our planned giving scheme or sign up to gift aid, please contact Eric Martin: 01923 267604

**Keeping in touch:** Keep an eye on the 'Keeping in Touch' page on the website. Updates will be emailed and where possible delivered to those who are not online.

**Virtual Coffee after church!** 10.30am on Sundays via *Zoom* (church contacts will receive an email invitation).

**Pastoral Care** If you know anyone who is not on the church electoral roll but would like to be kept in touch with by 'phone, please tell Fr. James or the churchwardens. If you, or anyone you know, needs support or would like to offer it please tell us or contact **Kings Langley Good Neighbours:** [www.kligna.org](http://www.kligna.org) or 07790 668672

**Christian Aid Donations** There is no house-to-house collection this year. Covid-19 affects both rich and poor, but we know the poorest will suffer most. Please give if you can, via the just giving page found here: <http://kings-langley-churches.org.uk/>

**Benefice Newsletter:** Contributions to [mikeandjean23@btinternet.com](mailto:mikeandjean23@btinternet.com) by **today!**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May** *Zoom* Team Council 7.30pm

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May** *Zoom* PCC Meeting 7.30pm

**Virtual Reader and Intercessor Refresher** 4pm Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May. If you would like to join our team of readers or intercessors please come along! Contact Sheila Ashman by 4pm 27<sup>th</sup> May to receive a *Zoom* invitation: [sheilamac6456@gmail.com](mailto:sheilamac6456@gmail.com)

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