

Family Eucharist



**Low Sunday (Easter 2)
9.30am Sunday 19th April 2020**

Today's service is led by Fr. James McDonald

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.

THE GATHERING

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 we sing to the tune 'Amazing Grace'

1. All glory be to God in heaven,
For peace on earth we sing,
We worship you, we bring you thanks
Our Father, glorious King.
2. Lord Jesus Christ, oh Lamb of God
God's only Son, be praised!
Have mercy, take our sins away,
Receive the prayers we raise.
3. For you alone are God most high
You are the Holy One!
To Father, Son and Spirit sing:
the glorious Three in One.

The Collect

Let us pray.

A short time of silent prayer.

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Acts 2.14a, 22-32

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost, ¹⁴ Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd,

²² ‘You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know – ²³ this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴ But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵ For David says concerning him, “I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; ²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. ²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. ²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.” ²⁹ Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, “He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.” ³² This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.’

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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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 20.19-31

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

Glorify to you, O Lord.

¹⁹ When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'
²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.
²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'
²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.
²⁵ So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.'
But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'
²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'
²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.'
²⁸ Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!'
²⁹ Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'
³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.
³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you O Christ.

The Sermon

Bishop Alan has recorded a sermon for everyone for this Sunday! It's available to listen to after the service.

The Creed

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

The prayers have been prepared by Alan Noyes. 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.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The Preparation of the Table

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.
In your loving care you spread before us the table of life
and give us the cup of salvation to drink.
Keep us always in the fold of our Saviour and our Shepherd,
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Blessed be God for ever.

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.

He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:



**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord, Holy is the Lord God almighty.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord, Holy is the Lord God almighty.
Who was and is and is to come, Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord.**

Lord, you are holy indeed,
the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of [*N and*] all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty 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.



**Jesus Christ, Lamb of God, fount of heaven's grace,
you take away the sins of the world.
Jesus Christ, Saviour, pouring out your life,
you take away the sins of the world.
Bread of the angels, food of the pilgrim,
have mercy, have mercy, have mercy, grant us peace Lord.**

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:

Let soul and body share the mystery. Take the gift in thine hand: take in thy soul that which is hidden therein. Eat the Body, and with thy soul adore what that Body is. Let the hand hold it, and let the soul say: My Lord and my God.

St. John Chrysostom

The Prayer after Communion

**God of Life,
who for our redemption
gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Blessing

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
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.

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Signpost

CONTACT DETAILS

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

The church remains open every day from 9.30 am until 5.00 pm for quiet prayer.

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

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.

Live-streaming: You can access our live-streamed worship on our website. You will find a link to our Facebook feed **OR** the option to watch through the website.

Prayer: the website also has a new 'Prayer Resources section', including a Daily Prayer Booklet and a Spiritual Communion sheet to download.

Virtual Coffee after church! 10.30am on Sundays via *Zoom*. Electoral Roll members will receive an email invitation with instructions.

Although our building is closed, Church is not closed!

This week at All Saints (services available via the website or Facebook):

SUNDAY 19th April: LOW SUNDAY (SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER)

9.30am *Live Stream* Eucharist* Followed by Virtual Coffee! (see above).

No Live Stream Morning or Evening Prayer this week. You can find orders of service here: www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer

Friday 24th April

10am *Zoom* Virtual Bible study. Email Fr. James to take part.

SUNDAY 26th April: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.30am *Live Stream* Eucharist* Followed by Virtual Coffee! (see above).

11.15am Informal Service (10 mins), great for children and families.

** Hard copies for those offline*

PRAYERS

Prayer cycle Those who live in Toms Lane. Our bell ringers, whose music we are missing. All children being home-schooled and their parents.

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, Jackie Tuck and all those affected by the coronavirus pandemic.

RIP Mike Young, Keith Johnson, Kelly Dunning, & Norma Thomas, 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 please contact any member of the LMDT.*

The Altar lights this week are sponsored by Richard Garnett Harper, in loving memory of Susan who died in April 5 years ago. **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.

NOTICES

100 club March winners: 1st Christine Cadogan, =2nd Clare China, =2nd Jack Mather and 3rd Richard and Sheila Ashman. Congratulations to them all!

Smarties challenge As we cannot return our Smarties tubes to church filled with 20p or £1 coins, please make a donation instead. Use our QR code below or to arrange a donation by cheque or bank transfer please email allsaintstreasurer@btinternet.com

Giving to All Saints During this difficult time All Saints must still pay its bills, fund its ministry and contribute to the wider church, as we seek to serve our communities – now more than ever. We receive no national subsidies and we rely on your generosity. You can donate by card or Apple/Google Pay by scanning the QR code (right) with your smartphone camera. Select the donation amount and choose Gift Aid if you are a UK taxpayer.



Pastoral care If you are aware of anyone who comes to All Saints but is not on the electoral roll and would like to receive a 'phone call, 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**: klgna.org or 07790 668672

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