

# Family Eucharist Fourth Sunday of Easter



**9.30am Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 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,  
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:  
teach us to hear your voice  
and to follow your command,  
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**Amen.**

### Acts 2.42-end

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Many were baptized and were added to the community.<sup>42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.<sup>43</sup> Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles.<sup>44</sup> All who believed were together and had all things in common;<sup>45</sup> they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.<sup>46</sup> Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts,<sup>47</sup> praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

This is the word of the Lord.

**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 10.1-10

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the Pharisees: <sup>1</sup> 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup> The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' <sup>6</sup> Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. <sup>7</sup> So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who

came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

*A short time of silence may follow*

## **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

*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:*

You can be as sure of the love of God, as God is God. Your soul is more secure in the love of God than in your own body. Your soul will one day leave your body, but God will never leave your soul.

*Margery Kempe*

## The Prayer after Communion

**Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:  
keep us always under his protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
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

**Team Vicar:** Fr. James McDonald 01923 903531 or james.a.mcdonald@live.co.uk *James's rest day is Monday.*

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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 advice from the Government.*

***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.

**Website:** Make sure you check out our new website! It includes details of our online services and a prayer resources section. Thanks to Mark Gritten and Carolyn Andrews.

**Giving to All Saints** is especially important at this time. To review your giving, join our planned giving scheme or sign up to gift aid, contact Eric Martin: 01923 267604

**Virtual Coffee after church!** 10.30am on Sundays via Zoom (email invitation)

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

## **SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> May: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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

11.15am Informal Service (10 mins) for all the family.

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

## **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

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

## **SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> May: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

9.30am *Live Stream* Eucharist\* for Christian Aid Week

10.30am *Zoom* Christian Aid Churches Together catch up and Q&A with Deborah Auty, Head of Strategic communications for Christian Aid. *Church contacts will receive an email invitation.*

\* *Hard copies for those offline*

## PRAYERS

Prayer cycle Those who live on Vicarage Lane. Our home group and the new Bible Study Group. The cricket, football and bowls club members.

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 Mike Young and Trevor Wragg, remembering 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** 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

**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](mailto:allsaintstreasurer@btinternet.com)

**Virtual Collection** 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 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.klgna.org](http://www.klgna.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: [www.kings-langley-churches.org.uk/ChristianAid.html](http://www.kings-langley-churches.org.uk/ChristianAid.html) Due to Covid-19

Website: [www.beneficeoflangelei.org.uk/allsaints](http://www.beneficeoflangelei.org.uk/allsaints)



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