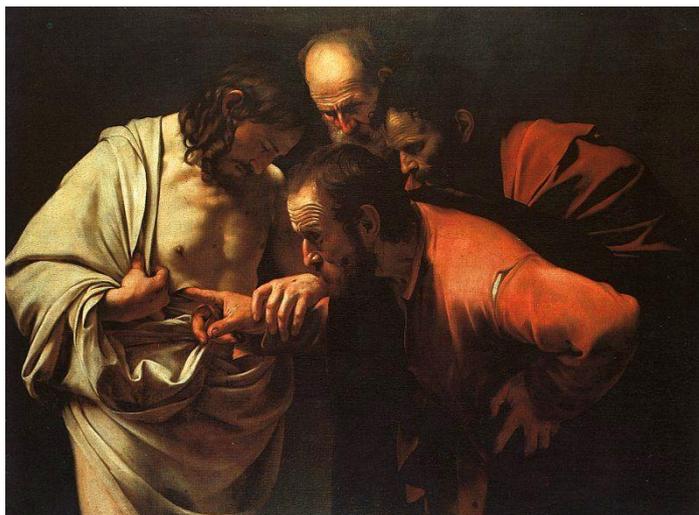


**St Michael's Church Blundellsands
Sunday Morning Service for Easter Sunday 2021**



Hymn: Jesus Christ is risen today

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6sj9ljVsfk>

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Print off this service sheet then click on the next link and join in with the responses.

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Welcome and Introduction

Christ is Risen!

He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia.

O Lord, open our lips

and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

In your resurrection, O Christ,

Let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.

Jesus Christ, risen master and triumphant Lord I come to you in sorrow for my sins, and confess to you my weakness and unbelief. I have lived by my own strength and not by the power of your resurrection.

In your mercy forgive me.

Lord have mercy.

I have lived by the light of my own eyes as faithless and not believing.

In your mercy, forgive me.

Christ have mercy.

I have lived for this world alone and doubted my home in heaven.

In your mercy forgive us.

Lord, have mercy.

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins.
Heal and strengthen you and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Interview with Chris and Shelagh

Reading: John 20v24-29 Read by Chris and Shelagh

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them.

Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Talk by Neil



Prayers led by Ruth

Easter Day Collect

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Heavenly Father, thank you that you make all things new. Thank you for the victory and power in your Name. Thank you that you hold the keys over death, that by your might, Jesus was raised from the grave, paving the way for us to have new life with you.

Amen.

We say together the Lord's Prayer

**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.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

Update on Community Hall Renovation

The Peace

The two disciples told what had happened on the road to Emmaus, and how Jesus had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. **Alleluia.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Hymn: Great is the Lord

Communion

The Lord is here.

His 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 give thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect
sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you
for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit
that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Prayer after communion

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.

May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others;

We whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn: Thine be the Glory Risen Conquering Son

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GaoV5w2Qfag>

Blessing

God the Father

by whose Son Jesus was raised from the dead

may he open to you the gates of eternal life,

and the blessing of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.