

**St Michael's Church Blundellsands
Morning Service for Sunday 2nd May 2021**

Hymn: Crown him with Many Crowns
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YuMh_ept-Js

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Welcome and Introduction

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
and also with you.

CONFSSION

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this:

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
With all your soul, with all your mind,
And with all your strength.'

The second is this:

'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

There is no commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the Law and the prophets.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and
against our neighbour, in what we have thought, in what we have said and
done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed and repent of our sins.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is
past and lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light.
Amen.**

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.

Reading: Acts 17v16-21

While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols. So he reasoned in the synagogue with both Jews and God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there. A group of Epicurean and Stoic philosophers began to debate with him. Some of them asked, "What is this babbler trying to say?" Others remarked, "He seems to be advocating foreign gods." They said this because Paul was preaching the good news about Jesus and the resurrection. Then they took him and brought him to a meeting of the Areopagus, where they said to him, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? You are bringing some strange ideas to our ears, and we would like to know what they mean." (All the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there spent their time doing nothing but talking about and listening to the latest ideas.)

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Talk by Neil

Prayers

A prayer for all those who work in the health service.

God of love and giver of health,
we pray for all those who work in our amazing health service.
Strengthen them for their tasks,
and give them the joy of knowing they are instruments of your healing,
Amen

A prayer for our Church.

God our Father, we pray for the life and ministry of our church, St Michael's.
May it be a place where the sorrowing find comfort
and the tempted find strength.
Where the lonely find fellowship,
And sinner find forgiveness.
May your church be full of love, grace and acceptance,
In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen

We say together the St Michael's Prayer for Growth

God of Mission

**Who alone brings growth to your Church,
Send your Holy Spirit to give
Vision to our planning,**

**Wisdom to our actions
Joy to our worship
And power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
In spiritual commitment to you,
And in service to our local community,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.**
Amen

Hymn: **Jesus we enthrone you.**

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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: We have an anchor that keeps the soul

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UQZO8v-0VBo>

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace and
the blessing of God Almighty, Father Son and Holy Spirit be among you and remain
with you always
Amen.