



**Holy Communion at St Michael's, Brentor  
04 April 2021**

**Easter St Michael & all Angels  
Led by the Reverend Mike Loader**



**We warmly welcome everyone joining our  
service**

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

### ***Hymn: All Heaven Declares the Glory of The Risen Lord.***

All heaven declares  
The glory of the risen Lord.  
Who can compare  
With the beauty of the Lord?  
Forever he will be  
*Forever he will be*  
The Lamb upon the throne;  
*The Lamb upon the throne;*  
I gladly bow the knee  
*I gladly bow the knee*  
And worship him alone.

I will proclaim  
The glory of the risen Lord.  
Who one was slain  
To reconcile the world to God.  
Forever you will be  
*Forever you will be*  
The lamb upon the throne;  
*The Lamb upon the throne;*  
I gladly bow the knee  
*I gladly bow the knee*  
And worship you alone!

### **The Greeting**

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

### **Prayer of Preparation**

**All: 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**

### **Invitation to Confession**

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.  
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil  
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

## Confession

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord, we come to you in sorrow for our sins, and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have live by our own strength, and not by the power of your Resurrection. In your mercy forgive us.

**All: Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes as faithless and not believing. In your mercy forgive us.

**All: Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone, and doubted our home in Heaven. In your mercy, forgive us.

**All: Lord, hear us and help us.**

## Kyrie Eleison

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

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**All: Christ, have mercy.**

Like Thomas in the upper room, we are slow to believe.

Lord have mercy

**All: Lord have mercy.**

## The Absolution

May the God of love and power forgive *us* and free *us* from our sins, heal and strengthen *us* by his Holy Spirit, and raise *us* to new life in Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## The Collect-for Easter day

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in Him; grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with Him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. **Amen**

## Liturgy of the Word

### Old Testament: Isaiah 43 vs1-21

**43** But now thus says the LORD,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

<sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.

<sup>3</sup> For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.

I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

<sup>4</sup> Because you are precious in my sight,  
and honoured, and I love you,  
I give people in return for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.

<sup>5</sup> Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;

<sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, "Give them up,"  
and to the south, "Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from far away  
and my daughters from the end of the earth—

<sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made."

<sup>8</sup> Bring forth the people who are blind, yet have eyes,  
who are deaf, yet have ears!

<sup>9</sup> Let all the nations gather together,  
and let the peoples assemble.

Who among them declared this,  
and foretold to us the former things?  
Let them bring their witnesses to justify them,  
and let them hear and say, "It is true."

<sup>10</sup> You are my witnesses, says the LORD,  
and my servant whom I have chosen,  
so that you may know and believe me  
and understand that I am he.

Before me no god was formed,  
nor shall there be any after me.

<sup>11</sup> I, I am the LORD,  
and besides me there is no saviour.

<sup>12</sup> I declared and saved and proclaimed,  
when there was no strange god among you;  
and you are my witnesses, says the LORD.

<sup>13</sup> I am God, and also henceforth I am He;  
there is no one who can deliver from my hand;  
I work and who can hinder it?

<sup>14</sup> Thus says the LORD,  
your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel:  
For your sake I will send to Babylon  
and break down all the bars,  
and the shouting of the Chaldeans will be turned to lamentation.

<sup>15</sup> I am the LORD, your Holy One,  
the Creator of Israel, your King.

<sup>16</sup> Thus says the LORD,  
who makes a way in the sea,  
a path in the mighty waters,

<sup>17</sup> who brings out chariot and horse,  
army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise,  
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

<sup>18</sup> Do not remember the former things,  
or consider the things of old.

<sup>19</sup> I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.

<sup>20</sup> The wild animals will honour me,  
the jackals and the ostriches;  
for I give water in the wilderness,  
rivers in the desert,

to give drink to my chosen people,  
<sup>21</sup> the people whom I formed for myself  
so that they might declare my praise.

### **Psalm: 66 vs1-11**

Be joyful in God, all the earth:

**Sing the glory of his name; sing the glory of his praise.**

Say to God, 'How awesome are your deeds'!

**Because of your great strength your enemies shall bow before you.**

'All the earth shall worship you,

**sing to you, sing praises to your name.'**

Come now and behold the works of God,

**how wonderful he is in his dealings with humankind.**

He turned the sea into dry land;

**the river they passed through on foot; there we rejoiced in him.**

In his might he rules for ever;

**his eyes keep watch over the nations; let no rebel rise up against him.**

Bless our God, O you peoples;

**Make the voice of his praise to be heard.**

Who holds our souls in life

**and suffers not our feet to slip.**

For you, O God, have proved us;

**you have tried us as silver is tried.**

You brought us into the snare;

**you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

You let enemies ride over our heads;

**We went through fire and water; but you brought us into a place of liberty.**

### **New Testament: Acts 10 vs34-43**

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

### **The Gospel: John 20 vs19—23**

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Jesus said, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.’

**Alleluia.**

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

**All: Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, 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.” <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ**

# *Sermon*

Let us profess together the faith of the Church.

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

**All: 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?

**All: 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?

**All: We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**All: This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father,  
Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

### **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

**All: and also with you.**

### **The Eucharist**

Risen Lord Jesus, we believe in you, and that all we have heard is true. When we break  
bread may we recognise you as the fire that burns within us, that we may bring light to your  
world.

**All: Blessed be God for ever.**

The Lord is here.

**All: His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

And now we give you thanks because through Jesus you have given us eternal life and  
delivered us from the bondage of sin and the fear of death, into the glorious liberty of the  
children of God.

**All: 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.

**All: 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.

**All: 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:  
This is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins, do  
this in remembrance of me.

**All: Father, we remember his blood is shed for all.**

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

**All: As we eat this bread make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer 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.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

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

As the redeemed people of God, and looking for his coming again, we pray with confidence  
as our Saviour Jesus has taught us:

**All: Our Father which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be your name,  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive them that 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**

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.**

### **Agnus Dei**

**All: 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.**



Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you. Eat in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**All: Jesus Christ is holy. Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*Please remain seated as the bread is brought round.*

### **Prayer after Communion**

**All: 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 the enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life. Amen**

### ***Hymn Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son. 218***

1 Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son:  
Endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.*

2 Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;  
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

*Refrain*

3 No more we doubt thee, glorious prince of life!  
Life is nought without thee; aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:  
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

*Refrain*

## **Blessing**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, make us perfect in every good work to do his will. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with us all now and for ever.

**Amen**



**Please pray for all who are ill or anxious at home or in hospital, and those who have asked for our prayers:** Chris Vigars, Nick & Julie, Dave & Wendy, Edward Walter, Lydia, Margaret, Lin Bristow, Tom, Kathleen Mounsey, Barbara Wilson and Keith Partridge.

**Please pray** for the souls of the recently departed, especially their family and friends.

### **Your prayers this week are asked for:**

**Mon-** All those on Easter breaks, rest and relaxation.

**Tues-** People continuing to respect each other as we come out this lockdown.

**Wed-** Those still working in the wards effected by COVID.

**Thurs-** Families being able to go out further and hope for the summer.

**Fri-** Volunteers and charities working together ready for their shops re-opening.

**Sat-** Christians celebrating this Easter time, hope for new beginnings.

### **Next Week:**

**9:45:** at Christ Church- Prayer and Praise with Sally and Christopher Pancheri

**6pm:** at St Michael's Brentor- Evensong with Wendy Roderick

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