

St Michaels and All Angels, Galleywood, 7th April, 2024 (2nd Sunday of Easter)

Service of the Word: Who am I

Welcome and introduction

Here we are Lord; your people, your Church meeting together in your presence. We welcome each other and we welcome You.

This is your day
and we shall praise you.

This is your day
and we shall declare your name.

This is your day,
**and we shall worship
a risen Saviour and our King.**

Song: Christ the Lord is risen today (MP76)

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heav'ns, thou earth, reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Lo! Our sun's eclipse is o'er, Alleluia!
Lo! He sets in blood no more: Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!
Christ hath burst the gates of hell; Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise; Alleluia!
Christ hath opened paradise; Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ hath led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!
Praise to Thee by both be given, Alleluia!
Thee we greet, in triumph sing, Alleluia!
Hail, our resurrected King! Alleluia!

Song: Ascribe greatness (MP40)

Ascribe greatness to our God, the rock,
His work is perfect and all His ways are just.
Ascribe greatness to our God, the Rock,
His work is perfect and all His ways are just.
A God of faithfulness and without injustice,
good and upright is He.
A God of faithfulness and without injustice,
good and upright is He.

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Song: Jesus, all for Jesus (MP1075)

Jesus, all for Jesus
All I am and have and ever hope to be.
Jesus, all for Jesus;
All I am and have and ever hope to be.

All of my ambitions, hopes and plans,
I surrender these into Your hands.
All of my ambitions, hopes and plans,
I surrender these into Your hands.

*For it's only in Your will that I am free.
For it's only in Your will that I am free.
Jesus, all for Jesus;
All I am and have and ever hope to be.*

(last time)

Jesus, all for Jesus
All I am and have
and ever hope to be.

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Confession and absolution

God of all ages, who from generation to generation
has heard the cries of your children humbly seeking forgiveness,
and has welcomed sinners back into your embrace,
hear the thoughts of our hearts,
examine our motives, and forgive us our faults.
We ask this through your Son who died and rose that we might know
the true cost of forgiveness. **Amen**

May almighty God have mercy on us,
Forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayer for Sonlight and Mega

Mission Update: Poland (Barbara)

The Collect of the day is said

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Song: His mercy is more

*Praise the Lord
His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness
New every morn'
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more*

What love could remember, no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

Chorus

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

Chorus

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

Chorus

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Bible readings: (Jane W)

Romans 5: 1-5

5 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character,

hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

Romans 8: 9-17

⁹You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. ¹¹And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

¹²Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

¹⁴For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “*Abba, Father.*” ¹⁶The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. ¹⁷Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon (Geoff)

Affirmation of faith:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Song: As the deer pants for the water (MP37)

As the deer pants for the water
So my soul longs after You
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.

*You alone are my strength, my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.*

I want You more than gold or silver
Only You can satisfy
You alone are the real joy giver
And the apple of my eye.

*You alone are my strength, my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.*

You're my friend and You're my brother
Even though you are a King
I love You more than any other
So much more than anything.

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Intercessions (Barbara)

Lord's prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray
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.

Thanksgiving for our offering

Gracious God, use this money and all that we have for the building up of your work in this church and the wider world, for your glory. **Amen.**

Banns, notices and family news

Prayer ministry: Sue K and Jane W

Song: O my soul, arise and bless your Maker (MP1095)

O my soul, arise and bless your Maker
For He is your Master and your Friend.
Slow to wrath but rich and tender mercy:
Worship the Saviour, Jesus.

King of grace, His love is overwhelming;
Bread of Life, He's all I'll ever need,
For His blood has purchased me forever:
Bought at the cross of Jesus.

*And I will sing for all my days
Of heaven's love come down.
Each breath I take will speak His praise
Until He calls me home.*

When I wake, I know that He is with me;
When I'm weak, I know that He is strong.
Though I fall, His arm is there to lean on:
Safe on the Rock of Jesus.

Stir in me the songs that You are singing;
Fill my gaze with things as yet unseen.
Give me faith to move in works of power,
Making me more like Jesus.

*And I will sing for all my days
Of heaven's love come down.
Each breath I take will speak His praise
Until He calls me home.*

Then one day I'll see Him as He sees me,
Face to face, the Lover and the loved;
No more words, the longing will be over:
There with my precious Jesus.

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Conclusion and blessing

Heavenly Father,
we share together the blessing of your presence.
Give us in this life knowledge of your truth,
and in the world to come life everlasting;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The almighty and merciful Lord,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless us and keep us.

Amen.

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