

St Michael and All Angels Mill Hill



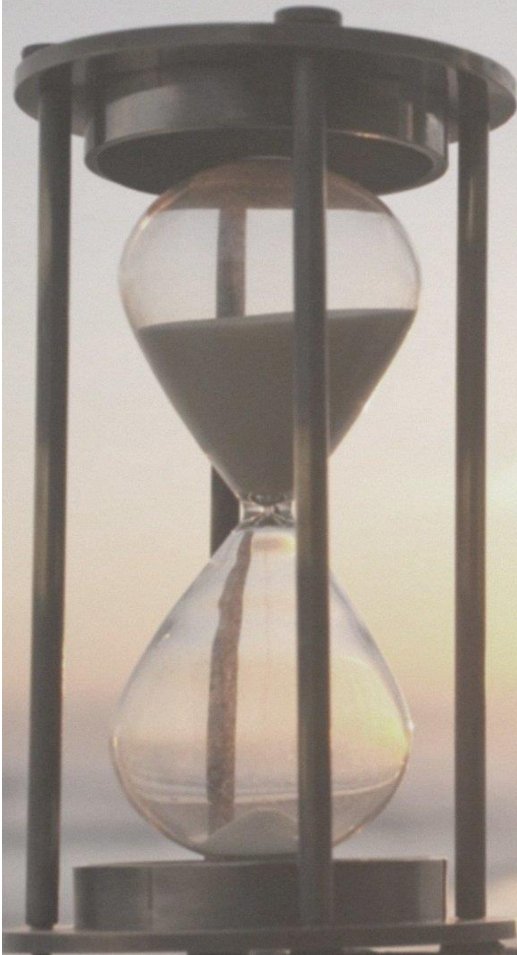
The fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 28th April 2024

10:30 am



Take Time Tuesday



A weekly opportunity
for Scripture,
Meditation
and Reflection

Start your day
or call in
on your commute

Pop in and out
as you are able
between 6:30 - 8:00am

St Michael and All Angels Mill Hill
Hartley Hall foyer

NW7 2JA

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Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 28th April 2024 at 12 noon

This meeting is your chance to hear what God has been doing by his grace in our church during 2023.

It is also an opportunity to offer your voice and prayers to help us discern how we might do God's will in the future, particularly through:

- election of Churchwardens
- election of members of the PCC

Any member of the congregation who is on the church electoral roll is eligible to stand for these positions and to vote at the meeting. Nomination forms are available in the church.

If you are interested, you will need to be proposed and seconded.

Electoral Roll

The church electoral roll is the foundation of the whole structure of synodical government in the church.

Do you want to have a say in the work of St Michael and All Angels? Then you need to be on the electoral roll.

Inclusion on the electoral roll does not involve any payment.

It is the parish's register of names and addresses of those qualified to attend and to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), to stand for election to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and the parish's representatives on the Deanery Synod.

To apply for the church electoral roll, you must:

- be 16 years old or over
- be baptised
- either live in the parish or have attended the church regularly for at least 6 months

Application forms are available in the church.

The Processional Hymn (NEH 101)

Please stand

The Lamb's high banquet we await
In snow-white robes of royal state,
And now, the Red Sea's channel past,
To Christ our Prince we sing at last.

Upon the altar of the Cross
His Body has redeemed our loss,
And tasting of his precious Blood,
Our life is hid with Christ in God.

That Paschal eve God's arm was bared,
The devastating angel spared;
By strength of hand our hosts went free
From Pharaoh's ruthless tyranny.

Now Christ our Passover is slain,
The Lamb of God that knows no stain,
And he, the true unleavened Bread,
Is truly our oblation made.

Maker of all, to thee we pray,
Fulfil in s thy joy today;
When death assails, grant, Lord, that we
May share thy Paschal victory.

To thee who, dead, again dost live,
All glory, Lord, thy people give,
All glory to the Father be
And spirit blest, eternally. Amen.

The Greeting

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The priest introduces the service

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.**

Prayers of Penitence

In a moment of quietness, let us prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries by calling to mind the ways in which we have failed God and our neighbour, and then let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

**All: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
 we have sinned against you
 and against our neighbour
 in thought and word and deed,
 through negligence, through weakness,
 through our own deliberate fault.
 We are truly sorry
 and repent of all our sins.
 For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
 who died for us,
 forgive us all that is past
 and grant that we may serve you
 in newness of life
 to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
 have mercy upon us,
 pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
 confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
 and keep us in life eternal;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Kyrie

The musical notation for the Kyrie consists of two staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "Lord have mer-cy, Lord have mer-cy, Lord have mer-cy, Christ have mer-cy,". The vocal parts are labeled "Choir" above the first three measures and "All" above the last measure. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: "Christ havemer-cy, Christ havemer-cy. Lord havemer-cy. Lord havemer-cy, Lord havemer-cy". The vocal parts are labeled "All" above the first two measures and "Choir" above the last three measures. A small "GW" is written at the end of the second staff.

Gloria

Glo-ry to God in the High-est and peace to His peo-ple on Earth.
Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, Al-might-y God and Fa-ther. We wor-ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. Lord Je-sus Christ On-ly
Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the World, have mer-cy on us. You are sea-ted at the right hand of the
Fa-ther, re-ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the ho-ly one, you a-lone are the
Lord. You a-lone are the most high, Je-sus Christ with the Ho-ly Spi-rit in the
glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men. CW

Collect

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

First Reading

Please be seated

Acts 8: 26-40

²⁶ Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' ³¹He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth.'

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?'

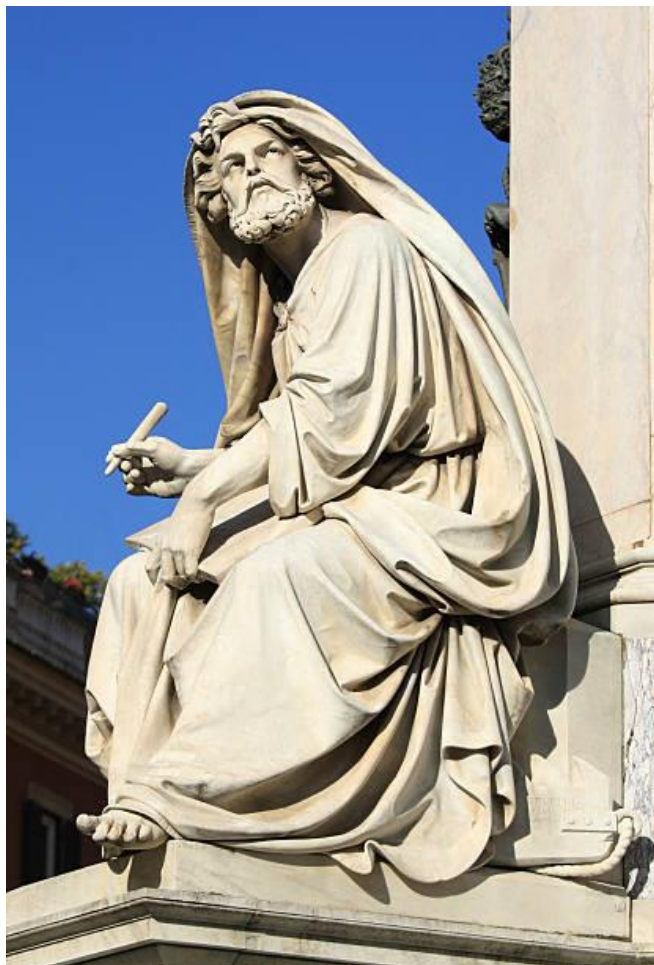
³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.

³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.

³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



Psalm 22 v24-30

All the ends of the earth shall turn to you O Lord.

R All the ends of the earth shall turn to you O Lord.

24 For he has not despised nor abhorred the suffering of the poor;
neither has he hidden his face from them; ♦
but when they cried to ^l him he ^l heard them.

25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation; ♦
I will perform my vows
in the presence of ^l those that ^l fear you.

26 The poor shall ^l eat and be ^l satisfied; ♦
those who seek the Lord shall praise him;
their hearts shall ^l live for ^l ever. **R**

27 All the ends of the earth
shall remember and ^l turn to the ^l Lord, ♦
and all the families of the nations shall ^l bow before him.

28 For the ^l kingdom is the ^l Lord's ♦
and he rules ^l over the ^l nations. **R**

29 How can those who sleep in the earth
bow ^l down in ^l worship, ♦
or those who go down to the dust ^l kneel be^lfore him?

30 He has saved my life for himself;
my des^lcendants shall ^l serve him; ♦
this shall be told of the Lord for gene^lrations to ^l come. **R**

Second Reading

I John 4: 7-21

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.

¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world.

¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love.

¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen.

²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn (NEH 113)

Please stand

Love's redeeming work is done;
Fought the fight, the battle won:
Lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er!
Lo, he sets in blood no more!

2 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal,
Christ has burst the gates of hell;
Death in vain forbids his rise;
Christ has opened Paradise.

3 Lives again our glorious King;
Where, O Death, is now thy sting?
Dying once, he all doth save;
Where thy victory, O grave?

4 Soar we now where Christ has led,
Following our exalted Head;
Made like him, like him we rise;
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

5 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!
Praise to thee by both be given:
Thee we greet triumphant now;
Hail, the Resurrection thou!



The Gospel

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al -
le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Jones

The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

John 15: 1-8

¹I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower.

²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit.

Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit.

³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken

to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot

bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you

unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches.

Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because

apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide

in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches

are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me,

and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish,

and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this,

that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

Please be seated

The Creed

Please stand

**All: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and
was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right
hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is
worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Please be seated, or kneel if you prefer.

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ
let us make our prayer to our heavenly Father.

Lord, in your mercy or Lord, hear us
All: Hear our prayer. Lord, graciously hear us.

Please pray for those who are sick or housebound

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We remember by name:

*Anil Ameer Subryan, Anna Morison, Ashraf Jafari,
Fr Barry Wright, Beryl, Chandralakha and Scott Singh, Christine,
Christopher Brown, Chris Robins, Colin Bartlett, Colin Power, Claire,
Clifford Brown, Crystal, Daniel Whittard, David Mulloy,
Fr David Sharpe, Fr Desmond Tillyer, Devon White,
the Ejelonu family, Edd Heimrich, Edward, Edna Currell,
Gail Sparrow, Helen Cloke, Janet B, Jenny Wardle, John, Johnny,
Judi Bryant, Julian, Katherine Barker, Lauren Reeves, Lisa Sweet,
Liz Lightbown, Mark, Mary Akpieyi, Mandy, Mina and Reginald AƆiafi,
Nicola, Nicole, Oliver Donald, Pamela Ashcroft, Pavol Husar,
Peter Wright, Peter Young, Princeworth Davidson, Rachel,
Rahema Charles, Ray, Rella Persaud, Remi Babatunde,
Robert Winston, Saffron Leigh, Sam Theodore, Sandra, Sarah,
Susan and Vanessa Husarov, Susan Paterson, Taiwo Odebode,
Thelma Martin, Trina Cowton, Valerie Snowden, Victoria.*

We remember those who have recently departed this life:

Betty Iris Herbert

and all whose anniversaries of death fall at this time:

*Anne King and Eldred Joscelyn Fellowes-Brown (Vicar of St Michael's
1953 – 1960).*

May they rest in peace,

All: And rise in glory.

Merciful Father

**All: Accept these prayers for the sake of your son
our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Peace

Please stand

We are the body of Christ.
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you
All: And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

All may exchange a sign of peace.



The Offertory Hymn (NEH 119)

The strife is o'er, the battle done;
Now is the Victor's triumph won;
O let the song of praise be sung.
Alleluya!

2 Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,
And Jesus hath his foes dispersed;
Let shouts of praise and joy outburst.
Alleluya!

3 On the third morn he rose again
Glorious in majesty to reign;
O let us swell the joyful strain.
Alleluya!

4 He brake the age-bound chains of hell;
The bars from heaven's high portals fell;
Let hymns of praise his triumph tell.
Alleluya!

5 Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee
From death's dread sting thy servants free,
That we may live, and sing to thee.
Alleluia!

The Preparation of the Altar

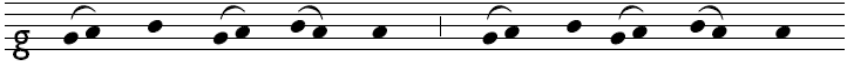
Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to offer you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life

All: Blessed be God forever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine to offer you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All: Blessed be God forever.

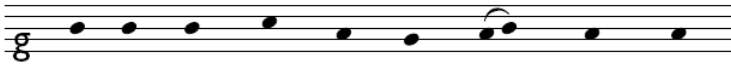
The Eucharistic Prayer



The Lord be with you **R.** and al-so with you.



Lift up your hearts. **R.** **We lift them to the Lord.**



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



R. **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:

Sanctus

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, Heav'n and Earth_ are
full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est! Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the High - est! CW

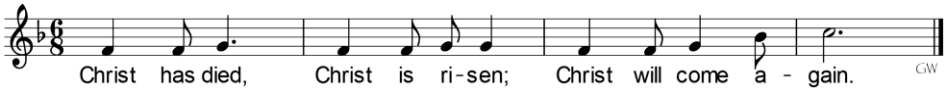
Please be seated, or kneel if you prefer.

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.

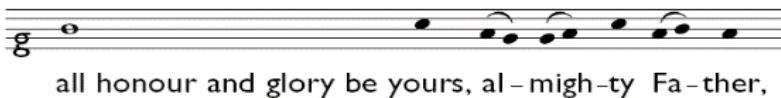
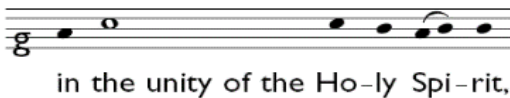
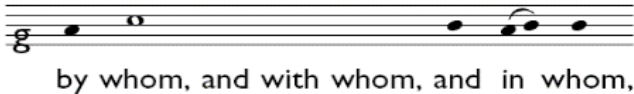
In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:



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 the Blessed Virgin Mary,
St Michael and all the angels and saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;



The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us so we pray:



Our Fa-ther who art in hea-ven, hal-lowed be thy name; thy king-dom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread.
And for-give us our tres-pas-ses, as we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us.
And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion; but de-li-ver us from e-vil.
For thine is the king-dom, the power and the glo-ry, for e-ver and e-ver. A-men...

The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

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

Agnus Dei



Choir: Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, *All:* have mer-cy on us.
All: Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us
All: Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, Grant us peace. GW

Invitation to Communion

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.**

The Communion

*Communicant members of all Christian Churches are warmly
welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

Any member of the congregation may receive a blessing.

*Those wishing to receive a blessing should please bring this
order of service with them.*

The Communion Hymns (NEH 115)

Please remain seated.

Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

2 In the grave they laid Him, Love whom men had slain,
Thinking that never he would awake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

3 Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain;
Quick from the dead, my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

- 4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Thy touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

(NEH 295)

Let all mortal flesh keep silence
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.

- 2 King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
In the body and the blood:
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly food.

- 3 Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth
From the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away.

- 4 At his feet the six-winged seraph;
Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the Presence,
As with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluya, Alleluya,
Alleluya, Lord most high!

The Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

**All: Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your son Jesus Christ,
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

Notices

The Blessing

Please stand

The Lord be with you
All: And also with you.

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.

All: Amen.

The Recessional Hymn (NEH 124)

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,
Your sweetest notes employ,
The Paschal victory to hymn
In strains of holy joy.

2 How Judah's Lion burst his chains,
And crushed the serpent's head;
And brought with him, from death's domains,
The long-imprisoned dead.

3 From hell's devouring jaws the prey
Alone our Leader bore;
His ransomed hosts pursue their way
Where he hath gone before.

4 Triumphant in his glory now
His sceptre ruleth all,
Earth, heaven, and hell before him bow,
And at his footstool fall.

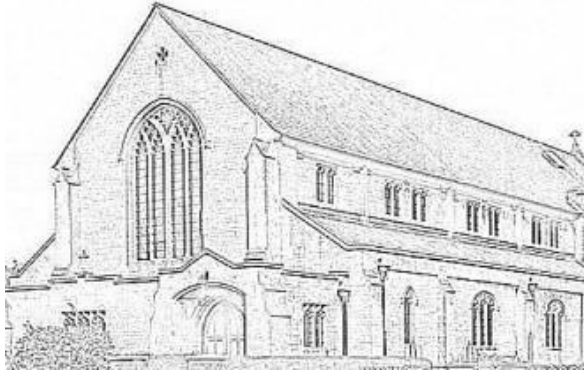
5 While joyful thus his praise we sing,
His mercy we implore,
Into his palace bright to bring
And keep us evermore.

6 All glory to the Father be,
All glory to the Son,
All glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,
While endless ages run. Alleluya! Amen.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.



Services and events this week

**The Annual Parochial Church Meeting takes place
after the 10:30am Mass today – see p. 3**

- **Morning Prayer - Monday to Friday 10:00am
on Zoom only**
- **Tuesday – “[Take Time Tuesday](#)”
continues in the Hartley Hall Foyer.
Drop in any time between 6:30 and 8:00am
for an opportunity for Scripture,
Meditation and Reflection**
- **Weekday Mass - Wednesday 10:30 on Zoom only
*There is no Friday Mass this week***
- **Sunday 5th May – sixth Sunday of Easter
Safeguarding Sunday
8:00am said Mass in the church
10:30am Family Mass in the church
also streaming on Zoom**

London Pro Arte Choir



Saturday 29 June 2024 at 7.30pm
St Michael's Church, Flower Lane, Mill Hill NW7 2JA

Chilcott – Little Jazz Mass

Rutter – The Sprig of Thyme
plus

Madrigals New and Old

Phoebe Tak Man Chow - Piano

Tom Winpenny - Conductor



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with
Confirmation

Sunday 29th September 2024

10.30am

**The Rt Revd Dr Anderson Jeremiah
The Bishop of Edmonton
presides, preaches, baptises
and confirms at this service.**