

Let us share his peace.

*(We offer one another a word of peace.
Please feel free to sit during the song)*

Offering Song *(Recorded music)*

Breathe on me, Breath of God
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure;
until with thee I have one will,
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine;
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God:
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

Liturgy of the Sacrament

(Separate sheet)

The Communion

*(All are invited to receive, standing at the
front of the altar rail)*

Thanksgiving and Blessing

Give thanks to our gracious God,
whose mercy endures for ever.

**Father, your steadfast purpose is the
completion of all things in your Son.
May we who have received the pledges
of the kingdom, live by faith, walk
in hope and be renewed in love, until
the world reflects your glory and you
are all in all; through Jesus Christ our
Lord.**

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 bless-
ing of God almighty, the Father, the
Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you
and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Sending Out

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

**Welcome to St Michael's & St John's
11th April 2021 Easter 2**

- You are most welcome to this service of Holy Communion.
- The celebrant is **The Very Revd Dr Graham Forbes**.
- At present we are only able to receive communion 'in one kind', that is, only the communion wafer (the celebrant will receive the wine on behalf of all). To receive, please come forward, one household at a time, and use the hand sanitiser both before and after you receive.
- The service is live-streamed to YouTube, where a recording will be available for a week or two - please see the church website for the link.

Grace and peace to you from God our
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Opening Song *(Recorded music)*

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
naught be all else to me save that thou art;
thou my best thought in the day and
the night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my
light.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for
the fight,
be thou my armour, and be thou my might,
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my
high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of
my pow'r

Riches I need not, nor man's empty
praise,
thou mine inheritance now and always;
thou, and thou only, the first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou
art!

High King of heaven, when battle is done,
grant heaven's joy to me, O bright
heav'n's sun;
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Collect for Purity

**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.**

Summary of the Law

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 other commandment
greater than these.
Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Confession

God is love and we are God's children.
There is no room for fear in love.
We love because God loved us first.
Let us confess our sins in penitence
and faith.

(Silence)

God our Father, we confess to you and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and in what we have failed to do.

We are truly sorry. Forgive us our sins, and deliver us from the power of evil, for the sake of your Son who died for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

God, who is both power and love, forgive us and free us from our sins, heal and strengthen us by the Holy Spirit, and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria *(Recorded music)*

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo
Gloria, Gloria, Aleluia, Alleluia

Collect *(Easter 2)*

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Psalm

Psalm 133

133:1 How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

133:2 It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

133:3 It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

Glory to God, Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, And shall be forever. Amen

First Reading

1 John 1:1-2:2

1:1 We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life, 1:2 this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us – 1:3 we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. 1:4 We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. 1:5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; 1:7 but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 1:9 If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1:10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. 2:1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the

righteous; 2:2 and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Gospel

(When it is announced, we say)

Glory to Christ our Saviour.

John 20.19-31

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.' 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' 24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' 26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' 27 Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' 28 Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' 29 Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen

and yet have come to believe.' 30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

(At the end)

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Reflection

Graham

Apostles Creed

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.

The Prayers

Elizabeth

The Peace

We meet in Christ's name.