

# PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

*Serving St Benedict's, St Mary's & St Oswald's,  
Warrington*



## 2nd Sunday of Easter (C)

24 April 2022

### KEEPING EACH OTHER SAFE

- 1) Please respect others and give one another space.
- 2) The Government suggests we consider wearing a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces, especially where we come into contact with people we do not usually meet.

### Introductory Rites

#### Gathering Song

This is the day (465)

#### Greeting & Introduction

#### Litany of Praise

Risen Lord Jesus Christ:

You lead us from darkness to light.

**R. Praise to you, Risen Lord!**

You lead us from death to new life.

**R. Praise to you, Risen Lord!**

You are hope for all who are hopeless.

**R. Praise to you, Risen Lord!**

You are Lord of all.

**R. Praise to you, Risen Lord!**

You are justice for those who are broken and downtrodden.

**R. Praise to you, Risen Lord!**

Your Cross and Resurrection set us free.

**R. Praise to you, Risen Lord!**

Glorious, Risen Saviour.

**R. Praise to you, Risen Lord!**

#### Collect

God of everlasting mercy,  
who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast  
kindle the faith of the people  
you have made your own,

increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed,  
that all may grasp and rightly understand  
in what font they have been washed,  
by whose Spirit they have been reborn,  
by whose Blood they have been redeemed.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

**R. Amen.**

### Liturgy of the Word

#### First Reading

*(Acts 5: 12-16)*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

#### Alleluia & Psalm 117

##### Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;  
for his love has no end.  
Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.'
- 2 The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live,  
and recount his deeds.
- 3 The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone:  
this is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.

#### Gospel

*(John 20: 19-31)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.  
For those whose sins you forgive,  
they are forgiven;  
for those whose sins you retain,  
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.  
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Homily

### Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and 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 into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God  
the Father almighty;  
from there 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 life everlasting. Amen.**

### Bidding Prayers

*After each intention:*

Risen Saviour!

**R. Hear our prayer.**

## Liturgy of the Eucharist

### Preparation of the Gifts

*Music:* Morning has broken – Eleanor Farjeon

### Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, we pray,  
the oblations of your people,  
that, renewed by confession of your name  
and by Baptism,  
they may attain unending happiness.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

### Eucharistic Prayer

*Holy, Holy – Mass of Christ our Saviour (Dan Schutte)*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes,  
who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Mystery of Faith*

**Save us, Saviour of the world,  
for by your Cross and Resurrection  
you have set us free.**

### Communion

*Music:* Awake thou wintry earth – J.S. Bach from Cantata 129

### Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that our reception of this paschal Sacrament  
may have a continuing effect  
in our minds and hearts.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

## Concluding Rite

### Blessing

### Solemn Dismissal

Deacon/Priest  
Go in peace, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

All  
Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Final Song

Thine be the glory (287)

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