

PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



2nd Sunday of Easter (A)

16 April 2023

Introductory Rites

Entrance Procession

He is risen, tell the story (276)

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 2: 42-47)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Easter Alleluia-Psalm

- 1 The Lord is alive: **Alleluia!**
He dwells in our midst: **Alleluia!**
Give praise to his name
throughout all the world: **Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 2 He brings us great joy: **Alleluia!**
He fills us with hope: **Alleluia!**
He comes as our food,
he gives us our life: **Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 3 So let us rejoice: **Alleluia!**
Give praise to the Lord: **Alleluia!**
He showed us his love,
by him we are saved: **Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 4 The Lord is alive: **Alleluia!**
So let us proclaim: **Alleluia!**
The Good News of Christ
throughout all the world: **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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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

Song: Morning has broken (671)

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

Reading: 1 Peter 1: 3-9

Music: Sound the Trumpet – Henry Purcell

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

I danced in the morning (765)

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