

# PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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

HE IS RISEN  
*alleluia*

## Easter Sunday

Sunday 31 March 2024 at 10.30 am

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### Introductory Rites

#### Gathering Song

- Jesus Christ is ris'n today, alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, alleluia!  
Who did once, upon the cross, alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss, alleluia!**
- Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save, alleluia!**
- But the pains that he endured, alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured, alleluia!  
Now above the sky he's King, alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing, alleluia!**

#### Greeting & Introduction

#### Lighting of the Easter Candle

#### Collect

O God, who on this day,  
through your Only Begotten Son,  
have conquered death  
and unlocked for us the path to eternity,  
grant, we pray, that we who keep  
the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection  
may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit,  
rise up in the light of life.  
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 10: 34, 37-43)*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of

the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

#### Easter Alleluia-Psalm

- The Lord is alive: **Alleluia!**  
He dwells in our midst: **Alleluia!**  
Give praise to his name  
throughout all the world: **Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- He brings us great joy: **Alleluia!**  
He fills us with hope: **Alleluia!**  
He comes as our food,  
he gives us our life: **Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- So let us rejoice: **Alleluia!**  
Give praise to the Lord: **Alleluia!**  
He showed us his love,  
by him we are saved: **Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 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: 1-9)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Homily

## Renewal of Baptismal Promises

## Baptism

## Sprinkling with Blessed Water

*Please join in singing the refrain:*

**Water of life, cleanse and refresh us,  
raise us to life in Christ Jesus.**

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## Bidding Prayers

*After each intention:*

Risen Saviour! **R. Hear our prayer.**

## Liturgy of the Eucharist

### Preparation of the Gifts

- 1 This is the day, this is the day  
that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made;  
we will rejoice, we will rejoice  
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that the Lord has made;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day  
that the Lord has made.
- 2 This is the day, this is the day  
when he rose again, when he rose again...
- 3 This is the day, this is the day  
when the Spirit came, when the Spirit came...

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### Prayer over the Offerings

Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord,  
we offer the sacrifice  
by which your Church  
is wondrously reborn and nourished.  
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: This joyful Eastertide – George Woodward*

**Come and worship, royal priesthood,  
come and praise him, holy nation.  
Worship Jesus, our redeemer,  
he is risen, King of glory.**

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## Prayer after Communion

Look upon your Church, O God,  
with unfailing love and favour,  
so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries,  
she may come to the glory of the resurrection.  
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

- 1 Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won;  
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.  
***Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.***
- 2 Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the Church with gladness  
hymns of triumph sing,  
for her Lord now liveth, death hast lost its sting.
- 3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;  
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conq'rors  
through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

*Edmond Budry (1854–1932) trans. Richard B Hoyle*

*Alleluia!*

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