

# PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



## 2nd Sunday of Easter (A)

12 April 2026

### Introductory Rites

#### Entrance Procession

*Hymn:* 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 believers devoted themselves to the Apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the Apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the Temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they shared their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being 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

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

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.'

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord'. But he said to them,

'Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.'

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in 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.**

### Our Father

Notre père... Tève Müsü... Vater unser... Ojczy nasz...  
Padre nostro... 我們的天父

### Sign of Peace

Please exchange the Sign of Peace with those around you in whatever way is most comfortable for you.

### 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)

*Alleluia!*

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