



## 2026 - 'Following Jesus on Mission' 'The Fourth Sunday of Easter' - 26th April 2026

Please join us for our service live on YouTube at 10:00am.

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### The Welcome & introduction

*Please follow the order of service  
from the Cream booklet.*

### Opening Hymn

#### Rejoice! the Lord is King!

Your Lord and King adore;  
Mortals, give thanks and sing,  
And triumph evermore:  
*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;*  
*Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,  
The God of truth and love;  
When he had purged our stains,  
He took his seat above:  
*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;*  
*Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

His kingdom cannot fail;  
He rules o'er earth and heaven;  
The keys of death and hell  
Are to our Jesus given:  
*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;*  
*Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

He sits at God's right hand  
Till all his foes submit,  
And bow to his command,  
And fall beneath his feet:  
*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;*  
*Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

Rejoice in glorious hope;  
Jesus the judge shall come,  
and take his servants up  
to their eternal home:  
*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;*  
*Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

### Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### First Reading

#### Acts 2: 42—47

<sup>42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

<sup>43</sup> Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup> They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. <sup>46</sup> Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## Gradual Hymn

Hail to the Lord's Anointed,  
Great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed,  
His reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
To set the captive free,  
To take away transgression,  
And rule in equity.

He comes with succour speedy  
To those who suffer wrong;  
To help the poor and needy,  
And bid the weak be strong;  
To give them songs for sighing,  
Their darkness turn to light,  
Whose souls, condemned and dying,  
Were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers  
Upon the fruitful earth,  
And love, joy, hope, like flowers,  
Spring in his path to birth:  
Before him on the mountains  
Shall peace, the herald, go;  
And righteousness in fountains  
From hill to valley flow.

Kings shall bow down before him,  
And gold and incense bring;  
All nations shall adore him,  
His praise all people sing:  
To him shall prayer unceasing  
And daily vows ascend;  
His kingdom still increasing,  
A kingdom without end.

*J. MONTGOMERY (1771 - 1854)*

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## Gospel Reading

**John 1 : 1-5, 9—14**

Alleluia, Alleluia,

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one:

I was dead and behold I am alive for evermore.

**Alleluia!**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**Glorify to you O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup> Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>9</sup> The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognise him. <sup>11</sup> He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God – <sup>13</sup> children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

<sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

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## Hymn during preparation of the Table

### Alleluia! sing to Jesus!

His the sceptre, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph,  
His the victory alone:  
Hark! the songs of peaceful Sion  
Thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of every nation  
Hath redeemed us by his Blood.

Alleluia! not as orphans

Are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! he is near us,  
Faith believes, nor questions how:  
Though the cloud from sight received him,  
When the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget his promise,  
'I am with you evermore'?

Alleluia! Bread of angels,

Thou on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! here the sinful  
Flee to thee from day to day:  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
Where the songs of all the sinless  
Sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal,

Thee the Lord of Lords we own;  
Alleluia! born of Mary,  
Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:  
Thou within the veil hast entered,  
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;  
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim  
In the Eucharistic feast.

*Words: W Chatterton Dix (1837 - 98)*

*We do not pass a collection plate during the Offertory, but if you would like to make a donation to support the work, ministry and maintenance of the Parish, there is provision at the back of church for donations in cash, weekly envelopes, by bank card or mobile phone using the reader at the back of the church. Thank you.*

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## The Choir will sing during the distribution of Communion

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### Final Hymn

#### **I danced in the morning when the world was begun,**

And I danced in the moon  
and the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven  
and I danced on the earth;  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,  
But they would not dance  
and they wouldn't follow me;  
I danced for the fishermen,  
for James and John;  
They came with me  
and the dance went on:

*Dance, then, wherever you may be;*

I danced on the Sabbath  
and I cured the lame:  
The holy people said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped  
and they hung me high,  
And they left me there on a cross to die:

*Dance, then, wherever you may be;*

I danced on a Friday  
when the sky turned black;  
It's hard to dance  
with the devil on your back.  
They buried my body  
and they thought I'd gone;  
But I am the dance and I still go on:

*Dance, then, wherever you may be;*

They cut me down and I leapt up high;  
I am the life that'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me:  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he:

*Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

*Sydney Carter (1915-2004)*

*Organ Voluntary:-*

Prelude in C major BWV 545  
by J.S. Bach (1685-1750)-German

### **Brew Time**

Every Wednesday from 8.50am-11am  
in St Paul's Centenary Room.  
Serving tea, coffee, toast, crumpets and cakes!  
There's always a warm and  
friendly welcome.  
Do join us we would love to see you.

### **Friday Friends**

If anyone is feeling a little bit isolated,  
why not pop into **Sa'ar's café, Longridge  
Hub, Inglewhite Road** on Friday  
mornings at 11:00am, where Diane,  
Isabel and Muriel would be very pleased  
to see you.

### **"Crafty Cafe"**

The next meeting is  
tomorrow

**Monday 27th April**

**1:30 - 3.30pm** in

St. Pauls Church Centenary room



### ***Those Departed - Rest In Peace***

Christine Parker

Doreen Seed



### **Thursday Service of Holy Communion**

Weekly at 10:00—10:45am  
in St. Paul's Church Centenary Room  
Coffee, tea and a chat enjoyed after,  
Please come and join us!!

### **Foundations -Thursday Night Group**

Join us on Thursdays at 7:30pm  
For **FOUNDATIONS** . We will journey  
through the core truths of the  
Christian faith - from who God is, how  
we are saved, and how we live.

Whether you are brand new to faith or  
have been following Jesus for years,  
there is a seat for you.

Meeting at St. Paul's Centenary room.

**See Rev. Jesse Adesina  
for more details**

### **Spring Fair 2026.**

**'Come to the Circus' theme.  
Saturday 9th May, 11am-2pm  
At St. Paul's Church.**

**Raffle Tickets now available.**

We would welcome prizes for the raffle;  
the tombola, including items for a  
chocolate tombola; bottles for the pick a  
bottle and good quality animal soft  
toys. These can be brought to any  
Church Service or to Brewtime.  
(Cakes would be welcome on the  
morning of the Fair)

### **Next Sunday's Services—May 3rd 2026 - Easter 5**

10:00am 'Service of Holy Communion' including Children's Church  
at St Paul's Church / Live stream

6.30pm 'Service of Evensong at St. Lawrence's Church