



THE SUNDAY SHEET

TRINITY SUNDAY – 30TH MAY 2021

*A very warm welcome as we gather for the Parish Eucharist.
An induction loop is provided. To use, please turn your hearing aid to T.*

Gluten free wafers are available for those who need them. Please inform one of the stewards/sidespersons who will pass the information on to the clergy. Many thanks

ENTRANCE HYMN *Please listen but DO NOT join in singing*

*Angel voices ever singing
round thy throne of light,
angel-harps for ever ringing,
rest not day nor night;
thousands only live to bless thee
and confess thee
Lord of might.*

*Thou who art beyond the farthest
mortal eye can scan,
can it be that thou regardest
songs of sinful man?
can we know that thou art near us,
and wilt hear us?
yea, we can.*

*Yea, we know that thou rejoicest
o'er each work of thine;
thou didst ears and hands and voices
for thy praise design;
craftsman's art and music's measure
for thy pleasure
all combine.*

*In thy house, great God, we offer
of thine own to thee;
and for thine acceptance proffer
all unworthily
hearts and minds and hands and voices
in our choicest
psalmody.*

*Honour, glory, might, and merit
thine shall ever be,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
blessèd Trinity.
Of the best that thou hast given
earth and heaven
render thee.*

*Francis Pott 1832-1909
Tune: Angel Voices, E G Monk 1819-1900*

THE COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
you have given us your servants grace,
by the confession of a true faith,
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity
and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity:
keep us steadfast in this faith,
that we may evermore be defended from all adversities;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

ROMANS 8. 12-17

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ it is that very Spirit

bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
one God, who was, and who is, and who is to come, the Almighty.

Alleluia.

JOHN 3. 1-17

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, ‘Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.’ Jesus answered him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.’ Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?’ Jesus answered, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, “You must be born from above.” The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.’ Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can these things be?’ Jesus answered him, ‘Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

‘Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Living God,

receive all we offer you this day.

Grant that hearing your word and responding to your Spirit,
we may share in your divine life.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN AT THE END OF COMMUNION

Father, we love you, we worship and adore you,
glorify your name in all the earth.

Glorify your name, glorify your name,
glorify your name in all the earth.

Jesus, we love you

Spirit, we love you

Donna Adkins b.1940

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and eternal God,

you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:

hold us firm in this faith,

that we may know you in all your ways

and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,

who are three Persons yet one God,

now and for ever. **Amen.**

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TODAY'S READINGS

ISAIAH 6. 1-8

Isaiah tells of his vision of the Lord in his Temple and how the Lord frees him from his guilt so that he is free to act as the Lord's messenger to his people.

ROMANS 8. 12-17

St Paul describes the Spirit that leads followers of Jesus into a new relationship with God. This is the Spirit of adoption, who brings believers into the family of Christ as children of the God whom we may now call "Father".

JOHN 3. 1-17

In a conversation with Nicodemus, a Jewish leader, Jesus talks about a new birth "from above" and "of the spirit" through which all who believe in him may receive eternal life.

NOTICES

Covid 19 Please use the hand sanitiser, complete the Track & Trace form, and observe social distancing regulations as we strive to keep everyone safe in church. When you have arrived in church please take your seat immediately and remain seated until the service begins as other people will be arriving and this will avoid congestion and unnecessary contact in the aisle. After the service please leave the building as directed by the stewards on duty. Please continue wear a face covering when coming to church. If you have a SmartPhone and have downloaded the NHS Covid 19 app please check in using the QR Code. If you

do this there is no need to fill in the Track and Trace form as well.

Service Booklets. Please do take this reading sheet away with you after the service but please leave the service booklet on your seat. The booklets are quarantined until the following Sunday. Thank you!

Prayers. Please continue to pray for the current situation with Covid 19 and for all those who suffer especially the anxious. Please pray too for the recovery and reconstruction of the Church both now and when this crisis is over. Pray for the renewal and growth of the Church in this place.

God of Mission, who alone brings growth to your Church, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, and power to our witness.

Help our Church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bible Study The Rev'd Margaret Harvey (a retired priest in the Cathedral congregation) has agreed to lead a Bible Study for the Mission Area. We will be looking at the Acts of the Apostles (in particular the growing Church) and then some weeks on Paul's letter to the Galatians looking at some problems the Church faces. The Bible Study will be via Zoom on a Tuesday evening at 7pm. The Study will start on **Tuesday 8th June** and will run for 7 weeks. If you would like to join the Bible Study please register with Fr Rex as soon as possible: RexMatthias@cinw.org.uk

Pattern of Services. Please note that the pattern of weekday services is changing this coming week. There will now be a Eucharist at 9.30am on a Monday morning instead of Tuesday morning. See below for full details.

Sunday Attendance. Please do continue to book in for Sundays. However, if you subsequently find you are not able to attend, please let Fr Rex know as soon as possible. Thank you!

Church Opening. The Parish Church will be open for prayer and for visitors from 12noon to 4.30pm each Thursday starting this week – 3rd June. If you are able to help with welcoming, please speak to Janet Cameron.

THE WEEK AHEAD

31st Monday – The Visit of the Virgin Mary to Elizabeth
9.30am Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral*

1st Tuesday – Justin, Apologist & Martyr
7pm Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral*

2nd Wednesday – Blandina and her Companions, Martyrs
10.30am Holy Eucharist *on Zoom*

3rd Thursday – Thanksgiving for Holy Communion (Corpus Christi)
10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish Church*
10.45am Prayer Group *at the Parish Church*

12noon to 4.30pm Parish Church open for private prayer and for visitors

4th Friday – Feria

9.30am Offeren (*Welsh Eucharist*) *at the Cathedral*

6th Sunday – Trinity 1

9.30am The Parish Eucharist
11am The Cathedral Eucharist

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