



THE SUNDAY SHEET THE 3RD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT 13TH FEBRUARY 2022

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

All my hope on God is founded; he doth still my trust renew.

Me through change and chance he guideth, only good and only true.

God unknown, he alone calls my heart to be his own.

Daily doth th' Almighty giver bounteous gifts on us bestow; his desire our soul delighteth, pleasure leads us where we go. Love doth stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his command. Still from earth to God eternal sacrifice of praise be done, high above all praises praising for the gift of Christ his Son. Christ doth call one and all: ye who follow shall not fall.

Robert Seymour Bridges 1844-1930

Tune: Michael

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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.**

I CORINTHIANS 15. 12-20

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

For the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL Please Stand

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.

Luke 6. 17-26

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

'Blessed are you who are poor,

for yours is the kingdom of God.

'Blessed are you who are hungry now,

for you will be filled.

'Blessed are you who weep now,

for you will laugh.

'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

'But woe to you who are rich,

for you have received your consolation.

'Woe to you who are full now,

for you will be hungry.

'Woe to you who are laughing now,

for you will mourn and weep.

'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us, you are one with us, Mary's Son; cleansing our souls from all their sin, pouring your love and goodness in; Jesus, our love for you we sing, living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,
now and every day,
teach us how pray,
Son of God.
You have commanded us to do
this in remembrance, Lord, of you:
into our lives your power breaks through,
living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us, born as one of us, Mary's Son. Led out to die on Calvary, risen from death to set us free, living Lord Jesus, help us see, you are Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,
I would come to you,
live my life for you,
Son of God.
All your commands I know are true,
your many gifts will make me new,
into my life your power breaks through,
living Lord.

Patrick Appleford 1925-2018
Tune: Living Lord

Prayer over the Gifts

God our sustainer, in this holy sacrament feed us continually with that bread which satisfies all hunger, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn at the end of Communion

Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's abode.

Lord, we thy presence seek; may ours this blessing be; give us a pure and lowly heart, a temple meet for thee.

John Keble 1792-1866 and others
Tune: Franconia

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful Father,
who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life,
that those who come to him should never hunger:
draw us to the Lord in faith and love,
that we may eat and drink with him
at his table in the kingdom,
where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN

Through all the changing scenes of life, in trouble and in joy, the praises of my God shall still my heart and tongue employ.

O magnify the Lord with me, with me exalt his name; when in distress to him I called, he to my rescue came.

The hosts of God encamp around the dwellings of the just; deliverance he affords to all who on his succour trust.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God whom we adore, be glory, as it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Nahum Tate 1652-1715 & Nicholas Brady 1659-1726

Tune: Wiltshire

CCL No: 961722

TODAY'S READINGS

JEREMIAH 17. 5-10

If we want to flourish as human beings, then we must draw on the spiritual resources which God alone can give. But we can only receive them when we're honest about ourselves.

I CORINTHIANS 15. 12-20

Our faith is based on the fact that Jesus Christ rose from the dead. Nothing less could give us the hope we need for this life and the next.

Luke 6. 17-26

Jesus begins to preach his 'sermon on the plain' to his disciples. In it he reminds them and us that God's values are very different from those of the world around us.

Notices

Covid 19 Please use the hand sanitiser, complete the Track & Trace form, and please continue wear a face covering when coming to church. Please take care to keep one another safe.

Refreshments. Do join us for coffee after the Eucharist this morning. No charge but donations gratefully received.

VP School. Do you have any kitchenware (not china!) that you no longer need or use? If so, the children of the VP infant school would love to use it in their mud kitchen!! You will be able to drop the item(s) off at the back of church in a clearly marked box and all contributions will be gratefully received and put to good use. Thank you.

Electoral Roll. The Church Electoral Role is being completely renewed this year. Please complete a form and return it to church as soon as possible. Thank you!

Mothers Union has started meeting again on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2pm in the Cathedral Tea Room. The next meeting is on 16th February.

Peace Dove Prayers - a big thank you to those choristers and others who have helped to make peace doves this last week. Please do collect your ready-made dove (or the template to make your own) from the cathedral or parish church. Then write a short prayer or message on your dove, and bring it back into church within the next two weeks, when Kate and Frank will help put all the doves them together as special 'prayer trees'.

THE WEEK AHEAD

14th Monday – Cyril & Methodius

9am Morning Prayer9.30am Holy Eucharist at the Cathedral5pm Evening Prayer

15th Tuesday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer6pm Evening Prayer7pm Holy Eucharist at the Cathedral

16th Wednesday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer 10.30am Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral* 5pm Evening Prayer

17th Thursday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer 10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish Church* 5pm Evening Prayer

18th Friday – John of Fiesole & Andrei Rublev

9am Morning Prayer 9.30am Offeren (Welsh Eucharist) 11am Funeral at the Parish Church 5pm Evening Prayer

19th Saturday – Thomas Burgess

9am Morning Prayer5pm Evening Prayer

20th Sunday – The 2nd Sunday before Lent

9.30am All-Age Eucharist11am The Cathedral Eucharist3.30pm Evening Prayer

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