



THE SUNDAY SHEET
LENT 2
13TH MARCH 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

O God, you search me and you know me.
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down you are before me:
ever the maker and keeper of my days.

You know my resting and my rising.
You discern my purpose from afar.
And with love everlasting you besiege me:
ever the maker and keeper of my days.

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,
you have known its meaning through and through.
You are with me beyond my understanding:
God of my present, my past and future too.

Although your Spirit is upon me,
still I search for shelter from your light.
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you:
even the darkness is radiant in your sight.

For you created me and shaped me,
gave me life within my mother's womb.
For the wonder of who I am I praise you:
safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

Bernadette Farrell b.1957 based on Psalm 139

THE COLLECT

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

PHILIPPIANS 3. 17 – 4. 1

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

For the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Please Stand

Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour,
Word of the Father, calling us to life;
Son of God who leads us to freedom;
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*You are the Word who calls us out of darkness;
you are the Word who leads into light;
you are the Word who brings us through the desert:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour,
Word of the Father, calling us to life;
Son of God who leads us to freedom;
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LUKE 13. 31-35

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." '

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Bright the vision that delighted
once the sight of Judah's seer;
sweet the countless tongues united
to entrance the prophet's ear.

Round the Lord in glory seated
cherubim and seraphim
filled his temple, and repeated
each to each the alternate hymn:

‘Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;
earth is with its fullness stored;
unto thee be glory given,
holy, holy, holy, Lord.’

Heaven is still with glory ringing,
earth takes up the angels’ cry,
‘Holy, holy, holy,’ singing,
‘Lord of hosts, the Lord most high.’

*Richard Mant 1776-1848 based on Isaiah 6. 1-6
Tune: Laus Deo (Redhead No 46)*

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Grant, O Lord,
that as we lift up these earthly gifts
in the name of your Son Jesus Christ,
so we may share in the heavenly banquet of his eternal life,
who is alive and reigns,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

HYMN AT THE END OF COMMUNION

My spirit longs for thee
within my troubled breast,
though I unworthy be
of so divine a guest.

No rest is to be found
but in thy blessed love:
O let my wish be crowned,
and send it from above.

*John Byrom 1692-1763
Tune: Quam Dilecta*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Creator of heaven and earth,
we thank you for these holy mysteries
given us by our Lord Jesus Christ,
by which we receive your grace and are assured of your love,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN

Be thou my guardian and my guide,
and hear me when I call;
let not my slippery footsteps slide,
and hold me lest I fall.

The world, the flesh, and Satan dwell
around the path I tread;
O save me from the snares of hell,
thou quickener of the dead.

And if I tempted am to sin,
and outward things are strong,
do thou, O Lord, keep watch within,
and save my soul from wrong.

Still let me ever watch and pray,
and feel that I am frail;
that if the tempter cross my way,
yet he may not prevail.

Isaac Williams 1802-1865

Tune: Abridge

TODAY'S READINGS

GENESIS 15. 1-13, 17-18

Abram has a vision in which God promises that he shall not be childless but will have many descendants. Abram makes sacrifices to the Lord, and is told that his offspring will be oppressed for 400 years, but also that they will be given land.

PHILIPPIANS 3. 17 - 4. 1

Paul reminds his readers about the people who are enemies of the cross of Christ; their minds set on earthly things. By contrast, he writes, our citizenship is in heaven, from where we are expecting a Saviour. Christ's power is transformative, so stand firm in the Lord.

LUKE 13. 31-35

When a group of Pharisees warn Jesus that Herod wants to kill him, Jesus send a defiant reply. Calling Herod a 'fox', he insists that he will finish his work, because a prophet cannot be killed outside Jerusalem, 'the city that kills prophets'.

NOTICES

Covid 19 Please use the hand sanitiser and please do 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.

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

Night Prayer (Compline)

There will be Night Prayer (Compline) on Wednesday evenings during Lent at 7.30pm in the stillness of the Cathedral. Night Prayer is a lovely and fitting end to the day. This will start on Wednesday 16th March and end of Wednesday 6th April.

Forget-me-not afternoons for those living with dementia are held every Thursday afternoon from 2-4pm at the Parish Church. On the first Thursday of the month, we will be having singing in addition to the usual activities. All welcome. For further details please see Janet Cameron or Linda Roberts.

Easter Flowers. Donations for Easter Flowers are now being invited in memory of departed loved ones. Please use the envelopes which can be found on the table at the back of the Church. Thank you.

Annual Meeting. This takes place on 31st March in Church and all those on the Electoral Roll are encouraged to attend. Please make nominations to the Church Committee, the office of Peoples' Warden etc on the nomination forms on the table near the Church door.

THE WEEK AHEAD

14th Monday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral*

12noon Funeral *at the Parish Church*

5pm Evening Prayer

15th Tuesday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

1pm Funeral *at the Cathedral*

6pm Evening Prayer

7pm Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral*

7pm Bible Study *via Zoom*

16th Wednesday – Ember Day

9am Morning Prayer

10.30am Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral*

5pm Evening Prayer

7.30pm Compine

17th Thursday – Patrick, Bishop

9am Morning Prayer

10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish Church*

5pm Evening Prayer

18th Friday – Cyril of Jerusalem

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Offeren (*Welsh Eucharist*)

6pm Choral Evensong

19th Saturday – Joseph of Nazareth

9am Morning Prayer

5pm Evening Prayer

20th Sunday – Lent 3

9.30am The Parish Eucharist

11am The Cathedral Eucharist

1pm Baptism *at the Parish Church*

3.30pm Choral Evensong

3-5pm 'T' Club *at the Parish Church*

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