

THE SUNDAY SHEET EASTER 7 29TH MAY 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 hail the power of Jesu's name; let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem to crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye martyrs of your God, who from his altar call; praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

Let every tribe and every tongue to him their hearts enthral, lift high the universal song and crown him Lord of all.

Edward Perronet 1726-1792 and others

Tune: Miles Lane

THE COLLECT

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Acts 16. 16-34

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire

family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

For the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL Please Stand

Alleluia, alleluia, opening our hearts to him, singing alleluia, alleluia, Jesus is our King.

Create in us, O God, a humble heart that sets us free to proclaim the wondrous majesty of our Father in heaven.

We bear the name of Christ. Justified, we meet with him. His words and presence calm our fear, revealing God our Father here.

Pour our your Spirit on us, empowering us to live as one, to carry your redeeming love to a world enslaved by sin.

'Post Green' Sherrell Prebble

John 17. 20-26

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus prayed to his Father:

'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. 'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

OFFERTORY HYMN

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.

William Chatterton Dix 1837-1898

Tune: Hyfrydol

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Father, by your Holy Spirit, hold the Church in unity and keep it faithful to your word, so that, breaking bread together, we may be one with Christ in faith and love and service, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn at the end of Communion

My Jesus, my Saviour, Lord, there is none like you; all of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love. My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength, let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord all the earth let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King: mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name.

I sing for joy at the work of your hands, for ever I'll love you, for ever I'll stand; nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

Words & Music: Darlene Zschech b.1965

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal Giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN

Christ triumphant, ever reigning, Saviour, Master, King, Lord of heav'n, our lives sustaining, hear us as we sing: Yours the glory and the crown, the high renown, the eternal name.

Priestly King, enthroned for ever high in heav'n above! Sin and death and hell shall never stifle hymns of love: So, our hearts and voices raising through the ages long, ceaselessly upon you gazing, this shall be our song:

Michael Saward b.1932 Tune: Guiting Power

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TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 16. 16-34

Paul and Timothy find that their message and acts of spiritual power get them into trouble in Macedonia, and they end up in jail. But God intervenes to free them, leading to the dramatic conversion of the jailer and his household.

REVELATION 22. I2-I4, I6-I7, 20-2I Revelation paints a compelling picture of the celestial city of God, full of hope but also warnings to the churches to sharpen up their act. It rounds off with a call to come and drink the waters of life in the heavenly Jerusalem.

JOHN 17. 20-26

Jesus breaks away for a moment from the needs of his disciples as they prepare for life and work without him. He prays for those who will believe through them, and his prayer is for unity, love and faithfulness.

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.

Jubilee weekend. There will be a flower festival and a photography exhibition at the parish church over the Jubilee weekend, June 2-5th. We will need stewards for the event; stewarding

sessions are hour and half long. If anyone is able to help with the stewarding/welcoming over the weekend, please see Gwenda Hardie or Janet Cameron.

Evening locking up rota. The church is now open over the weekends as well as during the week. Key holders continue to lock up after the various activities mid week. Please sign up on the rota at the back of back of the church if you are able to help with this.

Forget-me-not Afternoons.

Afternoons of various activities for those living with dementia. Carers and those personally affected by dementia are most welcome. Further information from Janet Cameron 01745 583770

Flower Festival to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee at the Parish Church from Thursday 2nd June to Sunday 5th June. 10am. To 4pm Thursday to Saturday and 12noon to 3pm on Sunday. Refreshments available. A warm welcome to all!

Jubilee Choral Evensong giving thanks for the 70 year reign of Elizabeth our Queen on Thursday 2nd June at 6pm. All Welcome.

Jubilee Concert with NEW Symphonia and the Cathedra Choir on Saturday 4th June at 7.30pm

THE WEEK AHEAD

30th Monday – Feria

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

31st Tuesday – The Visit of the Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

9am Morning Prayer6pm Evening Prayer7pm Holy Eucharist at the Cathedral

1st Wednesday – Justin, Martyr

9am Morning Prayer
10.30am Holy Eucharist at the Cathedral
1pm Wedding at the Cathedral
5pm Evening Prayer
7pm Organ Recital by Christopher Jones of Bristol Cathedral

2nd Thursday – Blandina and her Companions

9am Morning Prayer
10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish Church*6pm Choral Evensong to Celebrate the
Queen's Diamond Jubilee

3rd Friday – Martyrs of Uganda

9am Morning Prayer9.30am Offeren (Welsh Eucharist)5pm Evening Prayer

4th Saturday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer5pm Evening Prayer7.30pm Jubilee Concert

5th Sunday – THE DAY OF PENTECOST

9.30am The Parish Eucharist11am The Cathedral Eucharist3.30pm Evening Prayer

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