



THE SUNDAY SHEET  
THE 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT (PASSIONTIDE BEGINS)  
26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023

*A very warm welcome as we gather for the Parish Eucharist.  
An induction loop is provided.*

*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

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.*

Come, let us follow where our captain trod,  
our King victorious, Christ the Son of God:

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised, draw us unto thee:

Let every race and every language tell  
of him who saves our souls from death and hell:

From farthest regions let them homage bring,  
and on his cross adore their Saviour King:

For thy blest cross which doth for all atone  
creation's praises rise before thy throne.

*George William Kitchen 1827-1912 & Michael Robert Newbolt 1874-1956  
Tune: Crucifer*

*The order of service can be found in the Eucharist Booklet*

## THE COLLECT

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ  
delivered and saved the world:  
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross  
we may triumph in the power of his victory;  
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. 6-II

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

For the word of the Lord:  
**Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL

*Please Stand*

Jesus Christ, I think upon your sacrifice;  
You became nothing, poured out to death.  
Many times I've wondered at your gift of life,  
And I'm in that place once again,  
I'm in that place once again.

*And once again I look upon the cross where you died,  
I'm humbled by your mercy and I'm broken inside.  
Once again I thank you, once again I pour out my life.*

Now you are exalted to the highest place,  
King of the heavens, where one day I'll bow,  
But for now, I marvel at this saving grace  
And I'm full of praise once again,  
I'm full of praise once again.

*And once again I look upon the cross where you died,  
I'm humbled by your mercy and I'm broken inside.  
Once again I thank you, once again I pour out my life.*

*Matt Redman b. 1974*

JOHN II. 3-7, 17. 20-27, 33-45

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Martha and Mary sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a

loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*After the Sermon please turn to the Eucharist booklet for the Affirmation of Faith*

#### OFFERTORY HYMN

Just as I am, without one plea  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidst me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind,  
sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
yea, all I need in thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:  
because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thy love un known  
has broken every barrier down;  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love  
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,  
here for a season, then above,  
O Lamb of God I come.

*Charlotte Elliott 1789-1871*

*Tune: Saffron Walden*

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Living Lord,  
the way of your cross is shown  
to be the way of our salvation,  
your love and forgiveness  
are displayed as the keys of our redemption  
and your sacrificial love  
is offered as the foundation of our hope;  
Lord Jesus, help us to follow you,  
who are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please turn to the Eucharist Booklet for the Eucharistic Prayer*

## HYMN AT THE END OF COMMUNION

How deep the Father's love for us,  
how vast beyond all measure,  
that he should give his only Son  
to make a wretch his treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss;  
the Father turns his face away,  
as wounds which mar the chosen One  
bring many gifts to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,  
my sin upon his shoulders;  
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held him there,  
until it was accomplished;  
his dying breath has brought me life —  
I know that 'it is finished.'

*Stuart Townend b.1963*

*Please turn to the Eucharist Booklet*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us  
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters  
we do also for you:  
give us the will to be the servant of others  
as you were the servant of all,  
and gave up your life and died for us,  
but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## FINAL HYMN

Here is love, vast as the ocean,  
loving kindness as the flood,  
when the Prince of life, our ransom,  
shed for us his precious blood.  
Who his love will not remember?  
Who can cease to sing his praise?  
He can never be forgotten  
throughout heaven's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion  
fountains opened deep and wide;  
through the floodgates of God's mercy  
flowed a vast and gracious tide.  
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,  
poured incessant from above,  
and heaven's peace and perfect justice  
kissed a guilty world in love.

*William Rees 1802-1883 Tr. William Edwards 1848-1929*

*Tune: Dim Ond Iesu*

## NOTICES

**Refreshments.** Please do join us for refreshments after the service if you can.

**Foodbank.** The Foodbank box is now back in the Parish Church. Donations gratefully received.

**Healing Service.** This is to take place at the Parish Church today 26<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm (Please note the time change!) This is a lovely reflective service to prepare us to commemorate Holy Week. All welcome!

**Praying for Growth.** Please pray for the growth and renewal of the Church here in this place. Here is the Leading Your Church into Growth Prayer (*card copies are available at the back of the Church*):

*God of Mission,*

*Who alone brings growth to your Church,*

*Send your Holy Spirit to give*

*Vision to our planning,*

*Wisdom to our actions,*

*Joy to our worship,*

*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.*

**The Community Fridge** takes place every Sunday from 5-7pm at the Parish Church

**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.

**Chalice.** We have taken a very cautious approach to the return to normality after the Pandemic and so far the chalice hasn't been available. The chalice will be reinstated as from Easter Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April. Please be aware that you do not have to receive the chalice, but it will be there for those that do. Intinction (dipping the host in the chalice) is NOT allowed. If you have any questions please speak to Fr Rex. Thank you!

**Palm Sunday Procession** from St Mary's Cefn to the Cathedral starting at 2pm. Lunch is available from 12.30pm. See the poster for booking details.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### 27<sup>th</sup> Monday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral*

11am Funeral *at the Parish Church*

5pm Evening Prayer

### 28<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

6pm Evening Prayer

7pm Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral*

### 29<sup>th</sup> Wednesday – Woolos, King

9am Morning Prayer

10.30am Holy Eucharist

5pm Evening Prayer

### **30<sup>th</sup> Thursday – Feria**

9am Morning Prayer

10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish Church*

11am Prayer Group *at the Parish Church*

5pm Evening Prayer

7pm Faith, Hope, Love Lent Study *at the  
Parish Church*

### **31<sup>st</sup> Friday – Feria**

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Offeren (*Welsh Eucharist*)

6pm Choral Evensong

### **1<sup>st</sup> Saturday – Feria**

9am Morning Prayer

5pm Evening Prayer

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – PALM SUNDAY**

9.30am The Parish Eucharist

11am The Cathedral Eucharist

2pm Palm Sunday Procession from St  
Mary's Cefn to the Cathedral

3.30pm Choral Evensong

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