



THE SUNDAY SHEET  
THE 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER  
16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 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

Jesus, Prince and Saviour,  
Lord of life who died;  
Christ, the friend of sinners,  
mocked and crucified;  
for a world's salvation,  
he his body gave,  
lay at last death's victim,  
lifeless in the grave.

*Lord of life triumphant,  
risen now to reign!  
King of endless ages,  
Jesus lives again!*

In his pow'r and Godhead  
ev'ry vict'ry won;  
pain and passion ended,  
all his purpose done.  
Christ the Lord is risen!  
sighs and sorrows past,  
death's dark night is over,  
morning comes at last.

Resurrection morning!  
sinners' bondage freed;  
Christ the Lord is risen —  
he is ris'n indeed!  
Jesus, Prince and Saviour,  
Lord of life who died,  
Christ the King of Glory  
now is glorified.

*Lord of life triumphant,  
risen now to reign!  
King of endless ages,  
Jesus lives again!*

*Arthur Seymour Sullivan 1842-1900*

*Tune: St Gertrude*

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

## THE COLLECT

Risen Christ,  
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:  
open the doors of our hearts,  
that we may seek the good of others  
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,  
to the praise of God the Father. **Amen.**

## I PETER I. 3-9

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Let us give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! Because of his great mercy he gave us new life by raising Jesus Christ from death. This fills us with a living hope, and so we look forward to possessing the rich blessings that God keeps for his people. He keeps them for you in heaven, where they cannot decay or spoil or fade away. They are for you, who through faith are kept safe by God's power for the salvation which is ready to be revealed at the end of time. Be glad about this, even though it may now be necessary for you to be sad for a while because of the many kinds of trials you suffer. Their purpose is to prove that your faith is genuine. Even gold, which can be destroyed, is tested by fire; and so your faith, which is much more precious than gold, must also be tested, so that it may endure. Then you will receive praise and glory and honour on the Day when Jesus Christ is revealed. You love him, although you have not seen him, and

you believe in him, although you do not now see him. So you rejoice with a great and glorious joy which words cannot express, because you are receiving the salvation of your souls, which is the purpose of your faith in him.

For the word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

*Please Stand*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Give praise to his name.*

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
He is the King of creation.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth.  
Jesus has died and has risen.

*Donald Fishel b.1950*

JOHN 20. 19-31

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

It was late that Sunday evening, and the disciples were gathered together behind locked doors, because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities. Then Jesus came and stood among them. "Peace be with you," he said. After saying this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy at seeing the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I send you." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (called the Twin), was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" Thomas said to them, "Unless I see the scars of the nails in his hands and put my finger on those scars and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later the disciples were together again indoors, and Thomas was with them. The doors were locked, but Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands; then reach out your hand and put it in my side. Stop your doubting, and believe!" Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Do you believe because you see me? How happy are those who believe without seeing me!" In his disciples' presence Jesus performed many other miracles which are not written down in this book. But these have been written in order

that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through your faith in him you may have life

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

See, what a morning, gloriously bright,  
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;  
Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,  
As the angels announce, "Christ is risen!"  
See God's salvation plan,  
Wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,  
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man,  
For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

See Mary weeping, "Where is He laid?"  
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;  
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name;  
It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!  
The voice that spans the years,  
Speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,  
Will sound till He appears,  
For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

One with the Father, Ancient of Days,  
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty.  
Honour and blessing, glory and praise  
To the King crowned with pow'r and authority!  
And we are raised with Him,  
Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered;  
And we shall reign with Him,  
For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

*Stuart Townend b.1963*

*Keith Getty b.1974*

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord Jesus Christ,  
in baptism you gave us your Spirit of forgiveness and peace:  
by this sacrament of unity,  
grant us to know your victory over sin and death;  
for you 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

God's not dead, no, he is alive.  
God's not dead, no, he is alive.  
God's not dead, no, he is alive.  
Serve him with my hands  
follow with my feet,  
love him in my heart,  
know him in my life;  
for he's alive in me.

*Unknown, arr. Donald Thomson*

*Please turn to the Eucharist Booklet*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God our Father,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ  
you have assured your children of eternal life  
and in baptism have made us one with him:  
deliver us from the death of sin  
and raise us to new life in your love,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## FINAL HYMN

*He has risen, he has risen,  
he has risen, Jesus is alive.*

When the life flowed from his body,  
seemed like Jesus' mission failed:  
but his sacrifice accomplished  
vict'ry over sin and hell.

In the grave God did not leave him  
for his body to decay,  
raised to life – the Great Awakening,  
Satan's pow'r he overcame.

If there were no resurrection  
we ourselves could not be raised,  
but the Son of God is living  
so our hope is not in vain.

When the Lord rides out of heaven,  
mighty angels at his side,  
they will sound the final trumpet,  
from the grave we shall arise.

He has given life immortal –  
we shall see him face to face;  
through eternity we'll praise him,  
Christ the champion of our faith.

*Gerald Coates & Noel & Tricia Richards*

## 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.

**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.

**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 has now been re-instated! Please be aware that you do not have to receive the chalice, but it will be there for those that do want to. Intinction (dipping the host in the chalice) is NOT allowed. If you have any questions please speak to one of the clergy. Thank you!

**AGM** The Parish Church AGM takes place on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm. All those on the Electoral Roll are encouraged to attend. There is a sheet at the back of the church to make nominations for the Church Committee and for Peoples' Warden. **Please note change of date!**

**Memorial Service** for John Knowles will take place at the Parish Church on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm. Please do come along as we celebrate and give thanks for John's life.

### **Welcoming in the Cathedral**

A meeting of Welcomers will be held on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April** in the Cathedral at **1100**. Refreshments will be available.

All existing Welcomers and anyone interested in becoming a Welcomer should try to attend.

For newcomers, please be reassured that you don't have to be a guide or to have a detailed knowledge of the building and its history, just a love of the place and its mission.

We will be given a short introduction to Safeguarding, which it is important for all Welcomers to be aware of, as a requirement of the Church in Wales.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### **17<sup>th</sup> Monday – Feria**

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Eucharist

5pm Evening Prayer

**18<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – Feria**

9am Morning Prayer

5pm Evening Prayer

6pm Holy Eucharist

**19<sup>th</sup> Wednesday – Feria**

9am Morning Prayer

10.30am Holy Eucharist

5pm Evening Prayer

**20<sup>th</sup> Thursday – Beuno, Abbot**

9am Morning Prayer

10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish Church*

11am Prayer Group *at the Parish Church*

5pm Evening Prayer

7pm Parish Church AGM

**21<sup>st</sup> Friday – Anselm, Bishop &  
Doctor**

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Offeren (*Welsh Eucharist*)

6pm Choral Evensong

**22<sup>nd</sup> Saturday – Feria**

9am Morning Prayer

5pm Evening Prayer

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – Easter 3**

9.30am The Parish Eucharist *at the  
Parish Church*

11am The Cathedral Eucharist

3.30pm Choral Evensong

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