



THE SUNDAY SHEET
THE 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
14TH MAY 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

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing
alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise him, alleluia!
The flow'rs and fruits that in thee grow,
let them his glory also show:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:

O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

William Henry Draper 1855-1933

Based on St Francis of Assisi

Tune: Lass tuns Erfreuen

The order of service can be found in the Eucharist Booklet

THE COLLECT

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy;
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.**

ACTS 17. 22-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.”

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness

by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

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:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Donald Fishel b.1950

JOHN 14. 15-21

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

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

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Daniel L. Schutte b.1947

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord Jesus Christ, bread of life,
as we come to you in this supper
grant us never to hunger;
grant that, believing in you,
we may never thirst;
we ask this in your name
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

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst. *Sing through x 3*

Taize Community

Please turn to the Eucharist Booklet

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Bountiful God,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hand has made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:
How great thou art, how great thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:
How great thou art, how great thou art.*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart;
When I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim: my God, how great thou art.

*Stuart K Hine 1899-1989
Tune: How great thou art*

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.

Ascension Day falls on Thursday 18th May, There will be celebration of the Eucharist as follows on that day:
10am at the Parish Church (said)
7pm at the Cathedral (choral)

THE WEEK AHEAD

15th Monday – Matthias, Apostle

9am Morning Prayer
9.30am Holy Eucharist
5pm Evening Prayer

16th Tuesday – Rogation Day

9am Morning Prayer
5pm Evening Prayer
6pm Holy Eucharist

17th Wednesday – Rogation Day

9am Morning Prayer
10.30am Holy Eucharist
5pm Evening Prayer

18th Thursday – ASCENSION DAY

9am Morning Prayer
10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish Church*
11am Prayer Group *at the Parish Church*
5pm Evening Prayer
7pm Choral Eucharist

19th Friday – Dunstan, Bishop

9am Morning Prayer
9.30am Offeren (*Welsh Eucharist*)
6pm Choral Evensong

20th Saturday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer
5pm Evening Prayer

21st Sunday – Easter 7

9.30am The Parish Eucharist *at the Parish Church*
9.30am Holy Eucharist *at St Mary's Cefn*
11am The Cathedral Eucharist
3.30pm Choral Evensong

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