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# The Sunday Sheet The $5^{\text{th}}$ Sunday of Easter $7^{\text{th}}$ 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

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King. To all the world glad news we bring: *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!* 

The Lord of Life is risen for ay: bring flowers of song to strew his way; let all the earth rejoice and say:

Praise we in songs of victory that Love, that Life, which cannot die, and sing with hearts uplifted high:

Thy name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord the life laid down, the life restored:

Cyril Argentine Alington 1872-1955 Tune: Vulpius (Gelobt Sei Gott)

The order of service can be found in the Eucharist Booklet

### THE COLLECT

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

ACTS 7. 55-60

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Standing before the high priest and the council, Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

For the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL Please Stand

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Now he is living, the Christ. Out of the tomb he is risen; he has conquered death, opened heaven to all believers.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

John 14. 1-14

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John.

## Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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

The strife is o'er, the battle done; now is the Victor's triumph won; O let the song of praise be sung:

Alleluia!

Death's mightiest powers have done their worst, and Jesus hath his foes dispersed; let shouts of praise and joy outburst:

Alleluia!

On the third morn he rose again glorious in majesty to reign; O let us swell the joyful strain:

Alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee from death's dread sting thy servants free, that we may live, and sing to thee

Alleluia!

Latin, tr Francis Pott 1832-1909

Tune: Victory

### Prayer over the Gifts

Gracious God, you show us your way and give us your divine life: may everything we do be directed by the knowledge of your truth; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our risen Lord. **Amen.** 

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

### Hymn at the end of Communion

'Come to me', says Jesus, 'all who are distressed; take my yoke upon you, I will give you rest.

Here, where bread is broken, here, where wine is poured, thankfully receive him, find your faith restored.

Pardon, feed and heal us, humble, courteous Lord, gracious host, for ever honoured and adored.

> Alan Gaunt b.1935 Tune: Glenfinlas

### Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

### FINAL HYMN

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son, endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won; angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son, endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom; let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for her Lord now liveth, death has lost its sting:

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life; life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife; make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:

Edmond Budry 1854-1932

Tune: Maccabaeus

CCL No: 961722

### 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.

**Singing Group.** A Singing Group is starting at the Parish Church once a month. The first meeting is on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm. It is just to sing through some of the music used at the Eucharist on a Sunday and to expand our repertoire of hymns etc. All that is required is an enjoyment of singing!

**Concert.** Saturday May 13th. 7.30pm in the Cathedral. Dyffryn Conwy Choral Society, St. Asaph Choral Society and

Mold Choral Society: Vaughan Williams: A Sea Symphony

### THE WEEK AHEAD

# 8th Monday – Julian of Norwich

9am Morning Prayer9.30am Holy Eucharist5pm Evening Prayer

# 9<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop

9am Morning Prayer5pm Evening Prayer6pm Holy Eucharist

# 10<sup>th</sup> Wednesday – Feria

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

# 11<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 Singing Group at the Parish Church

# 12th Friday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer9.30am Offeren (Welsh Eucharist)6pm Choral Evensong

# 13<sup>th</sup> Saturday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer5pm Evening Prayer

# 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Easter 6

9.30am The Parish Eucharist at the

Parish Church

11am The Cathedral Eucharist

3.30pm Choral Evensong

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