



THE SUNDAY SHEET
THE 2ND SUNDAY OF THE KINGDOM
SATURDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 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

Christ is the King! O friends rejoice;
brothers and sisters with one voice
make all men know he is your choice. Alleluia!

O magnify the Lord, and raise
anthems of joy and holy praise
for Christ's brave saints of ancient days. Alleluia!

They with a faith for ever new
followed the King, and round him drew
thousands of faithful hearts and true. Alleluia!

O Christian women, Christian men,
all the world over, seek again
the Way disciples followed then. Alleluia!

Christ through all ages is the same;
place the same hope in his great name,
with the same faith his word proclaim. Alleluia!

Let Love's unconquerable might
your scattered companies unite
in service to the Lord of light. Alleluia!

So shall God's will on earth be done,
new lamps be lit, new tasks begun,
and the whole Church at last be one. Alleluia!

George Kennedy Allen Bell 1883-1958

Tune: Vulpius (Gelobt Sei Gott)

The order of service can be found in the Eucharist Booklet

THE COLLECT

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

I THESSALONIANS 4. 13-18

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.

*You alone are my strength, my shield,
to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.*

I want you more than gold or silver,
only you can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver
and the apple of my eye.

You're my friend and you are my brother,
even though you are a king.
I love you more than any other,
so much more than anything.

Martin J. Nystrom b.1956

MATTHEW 25. 1-13

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus told this parable to the disciples:

'The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other

bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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

Ye servants of the Lord,
each in his office wait,
observant of his heavenly word,
and watchful at his gate.

Let all your lamps be bright,
and trim the golden flame;
gird up your loins as in his sight,
for awful is his name.

Watch! 'tis your Lord's command,
and while we speak, he's near;
mark the first signal of his hand,
and ready all appear.

O happy servant he
in such a posture found!
he shall his Lord with rapture see,
and be with honour crowned.

Christ shall the banquet spread
with his own royal hand,
and raise that faithful servant's head
amid the angelic band.

Philip Doddridge 1702-1751

Tune: Narenza

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Holy God,
in Christ you make all things one:
may we who are reconciled at this table
bring wholeness to our broken world;
we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please turn to the Eucharist Booklet for the Eucharistic Prayer

HYMN AT THE END OF COMMUNION

Stay with me, remain here with me,
watch and pray, watch and pray.
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watch and pray, watch and pray.

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Please turn to the Eucharist Booklet

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power
make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

Isaac Watts 1674-1748

Tune: St Anne

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:

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.

Sunday Sheet. Please take this sheet home with you for the notices for the week and to pray for what is happening in the life of our Church.

All Souls Requiem. This will take place at the Cathedral on Sunday 12th November at 3.30pm. The Cathedral Choir will be singing Faure's Requiem. A warm welcome to all!

Mothers Union. The next meeting of Mother's Union will be on Wednesday 15th November at 2pm at the Parish Church. The speaker will be Karen Stringer who will be giving us an update on the Domestic Abuse Secure Unit. If anyone would like to join us for the meeting you will be made very welcome.

THE WEEK AHEAD

**13th Monday – Charles Simeon,
Priest & Teacher**

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Eucharist

5pm Evening Prayer

14th Tuesday – Dyfrig, Bishop

9am Morning Prayer

5pm Evening Prayer

6pm Holy Eucharist

**15th Wednesday – The Saints,
Martyrs & Missionaries of North
America**

9am Morning Prayer

10.30am Holy Eucharist

6.15pm Sung Evening

**16th Thursday – Margaret of
Scotland, Queen**

9am Morning Prayer

10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish Church*

10.45am Prayer Group *at the Parish Church*

5pm Evening Prayer

17th Friday – Hugh, Bishop

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Offeren (*Welsh Eucharist*)

6pm Choral Evensong

18th Saturday – Hilda, Abbess

9am Morning Prayer

5pm Evening Prayer

19th Sunday – Kingdom 3

9.30am All-Age Eucharist *at the Parish Church*

9.30am Holy Eucharist *at St Mary's Cefn*

11am The Cathedral Eucharist

3.30pm Choral Evensong

TODAY'S READINGS

AMOS 5. 18-24

Amos gives us vision of the day of the Lord as darkness rather than light. People should not celebrate the fearful day, but let justice and righteousness flow like water.

PSALM 70

I THESSALONIANS 4. 13-18

The letter offers a frightening vision of the second coming of Christ – yet one that is encouraging for those who are alive in Christ.

MATTHEW 25. 1-13

The story of the ten bridesmaids, five of whom were foolish and five of whom were wise. The foolish were sleeping when the groom arrived, and did not have enough oil to replenish their lamps. Consequently they missed the wedding banquet and were not recognised.

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