



# The Sunday Sheet

## The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Epiphany Season

### 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024

*A very warm welcome as we gather for the All-Age 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**

The trumpets sound, the angels sing,  
the feast is ready to begin;  
the gates of heaven are open wide,  
and Jesus welcomes you inside.

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*Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight,  
come and revel in heaven's love and light;  
take your place at the table of the King,  
the feast is ready to begin, the feast is ready to begin.*

Tables are laden with good things,  
O taste the peace and joy he brings;  
He'll fill you up with love divine,  
He'll turn your water into wine.

The hungry heart he satisfies,  
offers the poor his paradise;  
now hear all heaven and earth applaud  
the amazing goodness of the Lord.

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

**The Collect**

Almighty God,  
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles  
the wonder of your saving presence:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your mighty power;  
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.**

**Genesis 14. 17-29**

A reading from the book of Genesis.

After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. He blessed him and said,  
'Blessed be Abram by God Most High,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
and blessed be God Most High,  
who has delivered your enemies into your hand!'  
And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

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, give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

*Donald Fishel b.1950  
Tune: Alleluia No. 1*

## **John 2. 1-11**

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples 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**

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?

*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.*

*Daniel L. Schutte b.1947*

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

We pray you, Lord Jesus,  
take the old water, our busy conscientious lives,  
and turn them into gospel wine,  
that everyone who thirsts may see your life;  
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**

As man and woman we were made  
that love be found and life begun:  
the likeness of the living God,  
unique, yet called to live as one.  
Through joy and sadness, calm or strife,  
come, praise the love that gives us life.

Now Jesus lived and gave his love  
to make our life and loving new,  
so celebrate with him today  
and drink the joy he offers you  
that makes the simple moment shine  
and changes water into wine.

*Brian Wren b.1936  
Tune: Sussex Carol*

***Please turn to the Eucharist Booklet***

## Post Communion Prayer

Almighty Father,  
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:  
may your people,  
illumined by your word and sacraments,  
shine with the radiance of his glory,  
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed  
to the ends of the earth;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Final Hymn

Sing of the Lord's goodness, Father of all wisdom,  
come to him and bless his name.  
Mercy he has shown us, his love is for ever,  
faithful to the end of days.

*Come then all you nations, sing of your Lord's goodness,  
melodies of praise and thanks to God.  
Ring out the Lord's glory, praise him with your music,  
worship him and bless his name.*

Power he has wielded, honour is his garment,  
risen from the snares of death.  
His word he has spoken, one bread he has broken,  
new life he now gives to all.

Courage in our darkness, comfort in our sorrow,  
Spirit of our God most high;  
solace for the weary, pardon for the sinner,  
splendour of the living God.

Praise him with your singing, praise him with the trumpet,  
praise God with the lute and harp;  
praise him with the cymbals, praise him with your dancing,  
praise God till the end of days.

*Ernest Sands b.1949  
Tune: Sing of the Lord's goodness*

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## Notices

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

**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 4-6pm at the Parish Church. Please note the new time!

**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.

**Epiphany Carol Service** at the Cathedral on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 3.30pm. A lovely service of music and readings as the Epiphany Season of Light draws to a close.

**Food4Thought** is a soup lunch with a Christian message, which is part of our outreach and takes place on Thursdays at 12noon. All welcome!

**The Presentation of Christ (Candlemass)** falls on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>

February. There will be a Choral Eucharist at the Cathedral that day at 6pm instead of Evensong.

## The Week Ahead

### 22<sup>nd</sup> Monday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral*

5pm Evening Prayer

### 23<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

5pm Evening Prayer

6pm Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral*

### 24<sup>th</sup> Wednesday – Francis de Sales

9am Morning Prayer

10.30am Holy Eucharist *at the*

*Cathedral*

6.15pm Sung Evening Prayer

### 25<sup>th</sup> Thursday – The Conversion of Paul

9am Morning Prayer

10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish*

*Church*

10.45am Prayer Group *at the Parish*

*Church*

12noon Food4Thought *at the Parish*

*Church*

5pm Evening Prayer

7pm Singing Group *at the Parish*

*Church*

### 26<sup>th</sup> Friday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Offeren (*Welsh Eucharist*) *at the Cathedral*

6pm Choral Evensong

### 27<sup>th</sup> Saturday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

5pm Evening Prayer

## 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Epiphany 4

9.30am The Parish Eucharist

11am The Cathedral Eucharist

3.30pm Epiphany Carol Service

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### Parish Church Website:

[www.stasaphparishchurch.org.uk](http://www.stasaphparishchurch.org.uk)

### **Today's Readings**

#### **Genesis 14. 17-20**

The first reading follows the defeat of the kings at the Battle of Siddim. Abram goes to meet King Melchizedek and together they received God's blessing in bread and wine.

#### **Psalm 128**

#### **Revelation 19. 6-10**

In this reading John describes the rejoicing in heaven at the marriage of the Lamb.

#### **John 2. 1-11**

The Gospel reading describes the first of the signs of Jesus by which he reveals himself to his disciples.

