



The Sunday Sheet

The 5th Sunday of Lent (Passiontide begins)

17th March 2024

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

From heav'n you came, helpless babe,
entered our world, your glory veiled;
not to be served but to serve,
and give your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King,
he calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears,
my heavy load he chose to bear;
his heart with sorrow was torn.
"Yet not my will but yours," he said.

Come see his hands and his feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice,
hands that flung stars into space,
to cruel nails surrendered.

So let us learn how to serve,
and in our lives enthrone him;
each other's needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we're serving.

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he calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.*

Graham Kendrick b.1950

The order of service can be found in the Eucharist Booklet

The Collect

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Jeremiah 31. 31-34

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

The Gospel

Please Stand

Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour,
Word of the Father, calling us to life;
Son of God who leads us to freedom:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

You are the Word who calls us out of darkness;
you are the Word who leads into light;
you are the Word who brings us through the desert:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour,
Word of the Father, calling us to life;
Son of God who leads us to freedom:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Bernadette Farrell b.1957

John 12. 20-33

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

In Christ alone, my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
'Til on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied -
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live, I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine -
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

*Stuart Townend b.1963
Keith Getty b.1974*

Prayer over the Gifts

Living Lord,
the way of your cross is shown
to be the way of our salvation,
your love and forgiveness
are displayed as the keys of our redemption
and your sacrificial love
is offered as the foundation of our hope;
Lord Jesus, help us to follow you,
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

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss –
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life –
I know that it is finished.

Stuart Townend b.1963

Please turn to the Eucharist Booklet

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Final Hymn

Jesus Christ, I think upon your sacrifice;
You became nothing, poured out to death.
Many times I've wondered at your gift of life,
And I'm in that place once again,
I'm in that place once again.

*And once again I look upon the cross where you died,
I'm humbled by your mercy and I'm broken inside.
Once again I thank you, once again I pour out my life.*

Now you are exalted to the highest place,
King of the heavens, where one day I'll bow,
But for now, I marvel at this saving grace
And I'm full of praise once again,
I'm full of praise once again.

Matt Redman b.1974

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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.

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

Easter Flowers. Donations for Easter Flowers are now being invited in memory of departed loved ones. Please use the envelopes which can be found on the table at the back of the Church. Thank you.

Transforming Lives for Good (TLG) is an initiative to support children in need and their families in our local Church Schools. Further information or expressions of interest in this please speak to Fr. Rex.

Mission Giving. There will be a collection plate out today and on the 3rd Sundays of April and May for the work of Christian Aid.

Healing Service here tonight at 6.30pm. All are welcome!

Chrism Mass. Bishop Gregory extends a welcome to all to the annual renewal of ordination vows and the Blessing of Oils at the Cathedral on Maundy Thursday at 11am. Lunch will follow the service. For catering purposes, if you would like to be at this please let Fr Rex know as soon as possible.

Church Committee. There are sheets at the back of the Church to make nominations for Peoples' Warden and for members of the Church Committee. The Annual Vestry Meeting will take place on Sunday 14th April after the Parish Eucharist.

North Wales Pilgrims Way was chosen for the next series of the BBC Pilgrimage programmes with 7 celebrities walking the route. The first of three programmes will be aired on Good Friday, March 29th at 9pm.

The Week Ahead

17th Sunday – Lent 5

6.30pm Service with prayer for healing and the Laying on of Hands and Anointing with Oil.

18th Monday – Cyril of Jerusalem

9am Morning Prayer
9.30am Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral*
5pm Evening Prayer

19th Tuesday – Joseph of Nazareth

9am Morning Prayer
5pm Evening Prayer
6pm Holy Eucharist & Lent Meditation
at the Cathedral

20th Wednesday – Cuthbert

9am Morning Prayer
10.30am Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral*
6.15pm Sung Evening Prayer

21st Thursday – Feria

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

22nd Friday – Feria

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

23rd Saturday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer
5pm Evening Prayer

24th Sunday – PALM SUNDAY

9.30am The Parish Eucharist *at the Parish Church*
11am The Cathedral Eucharist
1.45pm Procession with Donkey from St Mary's Cefn to the Cathedral
3.30pm Choral Evensong

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Today's Readings

Jeremiah 31. 31-34

The Lord promises to make a new covenant with his people, a covenant written on their hearts, which will bring a new intimacy with him and an assurance of forgiveness.

Psalm 51. 1-12

Hebrews 5. 5-10

God appoints Jesus, his Son, as high priest forever; he is made perfect through his suffering and he brings salvation to all who obey him.

John 12. 20-33

Jesus tells his disciples that he will be glorified through his death; his death will be fruitful and draw all people to himself.