



The Sunday Sheet

The 4th Sunday of Easter

21st April 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

See, what a morning, gloriously bright,
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem
Folded the grave clothes, tomb filled with light,
As the Angels announce, "Christ is risen!"
See God's salvation plan,
Wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man,
For He lives, Christ is risen from the dead!

See Mary weeping, "Where is He laid?"
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name;
It's the Master, the Lord, raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years,
Speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,
Will sound till He appears,
For He lives, Christ is risen from the dead!

One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty;
Honour and blessing, glory and praise
To the King crowned with power and authority!
And we are raised with Him
Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered;

And we shall reign with Him
For He lives, Christ is risen from the dead!

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

The order of service can be found in the Eucharist Booklet

The Collect

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

Acts 4. 5-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The Jewish rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone."

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

For the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Please Stand

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*Fintan O'Carroll 1922-1981
Christopher Walker b.1947
Tune: Celtic Alleluia*

John 10. 11-18

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

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 will sing the wondrous story of the Christ who died for me,
how he left the realms of glory for the cross on Calvary.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story of the Christ who died for me –
sing it with the saints in glory, gathered by the crystal sea.

I was lost but Jesus found me, found the sheep that went astray,
raised me up and gently led me back into the narrow way.
Days of darkness still may meet me, sorrow's path I oft may tread;
but his presence still is with me, by his guiding hand I'm led.

He will keep me till the river rolls its waters at my feet:
then he'll bear me safely over, made by grace for glory meet.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story of the Christ who died for me –
sing it with his saints in glory, gathered by the crystal sea.

Francis Harold Rowley 1854-1952
Tune: Hyfrydol

Prayer over the Gifts

God of loving care,
you spread before us the table of life
and give us the cup of salvation to drink:
keep us always in the fold of our Saviour and our Shepherd,
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please turn to the Eucharist Booklet for the Eucharistic Prayer

Hymn at the end of Communion

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
his goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in you alone,
and I will trust in you alone,
for your endless mercy follows me,
your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,
and he anoints my head with oil,
and my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on his pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
for you are with me, and your rod and staff
are the comfort I need to know.

*And I will trust in you alone,
and I will trust in you alone,
for your endless mercy follows me,
your goodness will lead me home.*

*Stuart Townend b.1963
Based on Psalm 23*

Please turn to the Eucharist Booklet

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Final Hymn

*He has risen, he has risen,
he has risen, Jesus is alive.*

When the life flowed from his body,
seemed like Jesus' mission failed:
but his sacrifice accomplished
vict'ry over sin and hell.

In the grave God did not leave him
for his body to decay,
raised to life – the Great Awakening,
Satan's pow'r he overcame.

If there were no resurrection
we ourselves could not be raised,
but the Son of God is living
so our hope is not in vain.

When the Lord rides out of heaven,
mighty angels at his side,
they will sound the final trumpet,
from the grave we shall arise.

He has given life immortal –
we shall see him face to face;
through eternity we'll praise him,
Christ the champion of our faith.

*He has risen, he has risen,
he has risen, Jesus is alive.*

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 4-5pm 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.

Singing Group next meets on Thursday 25th April (Please note: this is a week later than usual). All are welcome as we sing through the hymns and songs coming up in our worship.

The Week Ahead

22nd Monday – Feria

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

23rd Tuesday – George, Martyr

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

24th Wednesday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer
10.30am Holy Eucharist
6.15pm Sung Evening Prayer

25th Thursday – Mark, Evangelist

9am Morning Prayer
10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish Church*
10.45am Prayer Group *at the Parish Church*
5pm Evening Prayer

26th Friday – Feria

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

27th Saturday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer
5pm Evening Prayer
7.30pm Choral Society Concert

28th Sunday – Easter 5

9.30am Parish Eucharist *at the Parish Church*
11am Cathedral Eucharist
3.30pm Choral Evensong

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Today's Readings

Acts 4. 5-12

Filled with God's Holy Spirit, Peter explains that he has healed the lame man in the name of Jesus Christ, who rose from the dead to bring salvation and healing.

Psalm 23

1 John 3. 16-24

The Spirit enables us to recognise Jesus as the Son of God, who showed God's love by dying for us and who asks us to love one another in practical ways.

John 10. 11-18

Extending the biblical image of God as a good shepherd, Jesus reveals his identity and promises to lay down his life to save his Father's sheep, trusting in the resurrection.

