



The Sunday Sheet

The 6th Sunday of Easter

5th May 2024

*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 ris'n for ay:
bring flowers of song to strew his way;
let all mankind rejoice and say:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

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

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

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Priest gives an introduction to the Eucharist and call the people to penitence.

Silence is kept

Lord Jesus, you raise the dead to life in the Spirit.

Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you bring pardon and peace to the sinner.

Christ, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you give light to those in darkness.

Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God have mercy on you,

✠ forgive you and set you free from sin,
and keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory in the highest to the God of heaven!

Peace to all your people through the earth be given:

Mighty God and Father, thanks and praise we bring,

Singing alleluias to our heavenly King.

Jesus Christ is risen, God the Father's Son:

With the Holy Spirit, you are Lord alone!

Lamb once killed for sinners, all our guilt to bear,

Show us now your mercy, now receive our prayer.

Christ the world's true Saviour, high and holy one,

Seated now and reigning from your Father's throne:

Lord and God, we praise you; highest heaven adores:

In the Father's glory, all the praise be yours!

Tune: Camberwell

The Collect

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy;
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.**

Acts 10. 44-48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Peter was speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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 15. 9-17

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

Please Sit

An Affirmation of the Faith.

Please Stand

Let us affirm the good news we have received,
in which we stand,
through which we are saved
and which we hand on to others.

**Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe. Amen.**

The Intercession

Please Sit

Appropriate responses may be used, for example

Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Lord, hear us:

Lord, graciously hear us.

The Intercession ends with a suitable collect said by the priest, or the following

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Peace

Please Stand

We meet as friends, offering one another love and fellowship in his name and in obedience to his command.

The peace of the Lord be with you always. Alleluia! Alleluia!

And also with you. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

Lord of all power, I give you my will,
in joyful obedience your tasks to fulfil.
Your bondage is freedom, your service is song,
and, held in your keeping, my weakness is strong.

Lord of all wisdom, I give you my mind,
rich truth that surpasses man's knowledge to find.
What eye has not seen and what ear has nor heard
is taught by your Spirit and shines from your word.

Lord of all bounty, I give you my heart;
I praise and adore you for all you impart:
your love to inspire me, your counsel to guide,
your presence to cheer me, whatever betide.

Lord of all being, I give you my all;
if e'er I disown you I stumble and fall;
but sworn in glad service your word to obey,
I walk in your freedom to the end of the way.

Jack Copley Winslow 1882-1974

Tune: Slane

The Thanksgiving

We celebrate together the gifts and grace of God.

**We take this bread,
we take this wine
to follow Christ's example
and obey his command.**

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord Jesus Christ, bread of life,
as we come to you in this supper
grant us never to hunger;
grant that, believing in you,
we may never thirst;
we ask this in your name
who are alive and reign now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

True and living God, the source of life for all creation,
you have made us in your own image.

Always and everywhere we give you thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Because in his victory over death a new age has dawned,
the long reign of sin is ended,
a broken world is being renewed
and we are once again made whole.

Therefore, with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
we praise your glorious name:

**Holy, holy, holy, holy,
Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty.
And we lift our hearts before you
as a token of our love.
Holy, holy, holy, holy.**

**Gracious Father, gracious Father,
Blessed is the one who comes to us
in your name.**

**And we lift our hearts before you
as we give you thanks and praise.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Hear us, most merciful Father,
and send your Holy Spirit on this bread and wine,
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,
they may be for us the body and blood of your Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ;
because on the night he was betrayed he took bread,
and when he had given you thanks,
he broke it, gave it to his disciples and said,

Take, eat; this is my body
which is given for you:
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup;
when he had given you thanks he gave it to them and said,
Drink this, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in my blood
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins:
do this as often as you drink it
in remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come in glory.

Therefore, loving God,
recalling now the sacrifice of Christ your Son
once for all upon the cross
and the triumph of his resurrection,
we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise.

Send your Holy Spirit on us
that we may be filled with your life and goodness
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom
Unite us in Christ and give us your peace
that we may do your work and be his body in the world.

Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Silence is kept

Please Sit

Let us pray with confidence to the Father:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Communion

The priest breaks the bread
We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body
for we all share in one bread.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.**

The Invitation to Holy Communion

Alleluia! Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The sacrament is administered with these words:

The body of Christ. **Amen.** The blood of Christ. **Amen.**

All those who are baptised (Christened) are welcome to receive Holy Communion today. Baptised (Christened) children are welcome to receive holy communion at the discretion of their parents.

If you are not receiving you are welcome to come forward for a blessing but please bring this leaflet with you as a signal to the priest.

Hymn at the end of Communion

Christ bids us break the bread
and share the cup he gave,
in token of the blood he shed
for those he died to save.

The Saviour crucified
in glory rose again:
we here remember him who died,
ascended now to reign.

O Christ, once lifted up
that we might be forgiven,
we take the bread and drink the cup
and share the life of heaven.

*Timothy Dudley Smith b.1926
Tune: Franconia*

Silence is kept

The Sending Out

Please Stand

Post Communion Prayer

Bountiful God,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Blessing

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Go out to love and serve one another in the name of the Father who created us for his service, in the name of the Son who accepted us for his service, and in the name of the Holy Spirit who empowers us for his service.
And the blessing of God almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!
In the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Final Hymn

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
be thou for ever near me, my Master and my friend:
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
O speak and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised, to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end:
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.

O let me see thy foot-marks, and in them plant mine own;
my hope to follow duly is in thy strength alone:
O guide me, call me, draw me, uphold me to the end;
and then in heav'n receive me, my Saviour and my friend.

John Ernest Bode 1816-1874
Tune: Wolvercote

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.

Choir Open Evening. This will take place at the Cathedral on Wednesday 8th May at 6pm. If you know of any children who enjoy singing please let them know.

Bibles for School. Again we are planning to give a Bible to all those leaving Year 6 at Ysgol Esgob Morgan. If you would like to give a donation towards this please see Fr Rex or Marion Hughes.

Christian Aid. There is a plate on the table at the back of the Church to receive donations towards the work of Christian Aid. The plate will be there until 19th May which is the end of Christian Aid Week.

Ascension Day is a major feast day of the Church Year but often neglected as it falls midweek. Ascension Day this year is on Thursday 9th May and the Eucharist will be celebrated as follows:
10am at the Parish Church
6pm at the Cathedral

The Week Ahead

6th Monday – Rogation Day

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

7th Tuesday – Rogation Day

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

8th Wednesday – Rogation Day

9am Morning Prayer
9.30am Schools Service *at the Parish Church*
10.30am Holy Eucharist
5pm Evening Prayer
6pm Choir Open Evening

9th Thursday – ASCENSION DAY

9am Morning Prayer
10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish Church*
10.45am Prayer Group *at the Parish Church*
5pm Evening Prayer
6pm Holy Eucharist

10th Friday – after Ascension

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Offeren (*Welsh Eucharist*)

6pm Choral Evensong

11th Saturday – after Ascension

9am Morning Prayer

5pm Evening Prayer

12th Sunday – Easter 7

9.30am Parish Eucharist *at the*

Parish Church

11am Cathedral Eucharist

3.30pm Choral Evensong

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Today's Readings

Acts 10. 44-48

The Holy Spirit falls on the Gentiles who have heard Peter preach in Caesarea. Peter sees this as a sign that all who believe in Jesus may be baptised into the faith.

Psalm 98

1 John 5. 1-6

John meditates on the love of God and the response of faith as testified by the Spirit, that leads to "the victory that overcomes the world."

John 15. 9-17

Jesus speaks to his disciples not as servants but as friends. They are to abide in his love and obey his commandment to love one another.

LOVE
ONE ANOTHER
as I have
loved YOU
John 15:12