



The Sunday Sheet

The 2nd Sunday of Easter

7th April 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

Jesus, Prince and Saviour,
Lord of life who died;
Christ, the friend of sinners,
mocked and crucified;
for a world's salvation,
he his body gave,
lay at last death's victim,
lifeless in the grave.

*Lord of life triumphant,
risen now to reign!
King of endless ages,
Jesus lives again!*

In his pow'r and Godhead
ev'ry vict'ry won;
pain and passion ended,
all his purpose done.
Christ the Lord is risen!
sighs and sorrows past,
death's dark night is over,
morning comes at last.

Resurrection morning!
sinners' bondage freed;
Christ the Lord is risen –
he is ris'n indeed!
Jesus, Prince and Saviour,
Lord of life who died,
Christ the King of Glory
now is glorified.

*Lord of life triumphant,
risen now to reign!
King of endless ages,
Jesus lives again!*

Tune: Rachie

The order of service can be found in the Eucharist Booklet

The Collect

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Acts 4. 32-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

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 20. 19-31

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them.

Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

Jesus, these eyes have never seen
that radiant form of thine;
the veil of sense hangs dark between
thy blessed face and mine.

I see thee not, I hear thee not,
yet art thou oft with me;
and earth hath ne'er so dear a spot
as where I meet with thee.

Yet, though I have not seen, and still
must rest in faith alone,
I love thee, dearest Lord, and will,
unseen, but not unknown.

When death these mortal eyes shall seal,
and still this throbbing heart,
the rending veil shall thee reveal
all glorious as thou art.

*Ray Palmer 1808-1887
Tune: St Fulbert*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord Jesus Christ,
in baptism you gave us your Spirit of forgiveness and peace:
by this sacrament of unity,
grant us to know your victory over sin and death;
for you 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

I am the bread of life;
he who comes to me shall not hunger:
and all who trust in me shall not thirst –
this is what Jesus said:
praise him as Lord and Saviour.

*And I will raise them up,
and I will raise them up,
and I will raise them up on the last day.*

Lord, we are one with you;
we rejoice in your new creation:
our hearts are fired by your saving love –
take up our lives, O Lord,
and use for your glory.

Suzanne Toolan b.1927

Please turn to the Eucharist Booklet

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Final Hymn

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain
of triumphant gladness;
God hath brought forth Israel
into joy from sadness;
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters,
led them with unmoistened foot
through the Red Sea waters.

'Tis the spring of souls today;
Christ hath burst his prison,
and from three days' sleep in death
as a sun hath risen;
all the winter of our sins,
long and dark, is flying
from his light, to whom we give
laud and praise undying.

Now the queen of seasons, bright
with the day of splendour,
with the royal feast of feasts,
comes its joy to render;
comes to glad Jerusalem,
who with true affection
welcomes in unwearied strains
Jesus' resurrection.

Alleluia! now we cry
to our King immortal,
who, triumphant, burst the bars
of the tomb's dark portal;
Alleluia, with the Son,
God the Father praising,
Alleluia yet again
to the Spirit raising.

St John of Damascus
Tr. John Mason Neale 1818-1866
Tune: Ave Virgo Virginum

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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 4-5pm 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.

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 next Sunday 14th April after the Parish Eucharist.

Funerals The Funeral of Norman Eaton will take place at the Parish Church on Monday 8th April at 11.15am. The Funeral of Lesley Halsall will take place at the Cathedral on Friday 12th April at

12noon.

Churchyard work party on Saturday, April 13th at 10am. All welcome for variety of tasks including painting. Refreshments provided.

The Week Ahead

8th Monday – The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Eucharist

11.15am Funeral of Norman Eaton at
the Parish Church

5pm Evening Prayer

9th Tuesday – Dietrich Bonhoeffer

9am Morning Prayer

5pm Evening Prayer

6pm Holy Eucharist

10th Wednesday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am School Service at *the Parish Church*

10.30am Holy Eucharist

5pm Evening Prayer

11th Thursday – George Augustus

Selwyn

9am Morning Prayer

10am Holy Eucharist at *the Parish*

Church

10.45am Prayer Group at *the Parish*

Church

5pm Evening Prayer

12th Friday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Offeren (*Welsh Eucharist*)

12noon Funeral of Lesley Halsall

6pm Choral Evensong

13th Saturday – In Easter Week

9am Morning Prayer

5pm Evening Prayer

14th Sunday – Easter 3

9.30am Parish Eucharist *at the Parish*

Church

Followed by the Annual Vestry Meeting

11am Cathedral Eucharist

3.30pm Choral Evensong

Contact:

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Today's Readings

Acts 4. 32-35

The first Christians live in the power of the resurrection, in their faith and joy sharing everything with one another.

Psalm 133

1 John 1. 1 – 2. 2

Walking in God's light, we find joy and forgiveness.

John 20. 19-31

The truth of the resurrection becomes clear even to Thomas, for whom Jesus provides the evidence he needs.