



## The Sunday Sheet *for* Trinity 18 Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2025

*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  
welcomers who will pass the information on to the clergy. Many thanks

### Entrance Hymn

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,  
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes with succour speedy to those who suffer wrong;  
to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth,  
and love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth:  
before him on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go;  
and righteousness in fountains from hill to valley flow.

O'er every foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest;  
from age to age more glorious, all-blessing and all-blest:  
the tide of time shall never his covenant remove;  
his name shall stand for ever, his changeless name of love.

*James Montgomery 1771-1854  
Tune: Cruger*

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

Grace and peace be with you  
**and keep you in the love of Christ.**

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

When we doubt your love,  
Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

When our faith grows cold,  
Christ, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**

When we fail to pray,  
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 to God, we give you thanks and praise;  
of heavenly joy and earthly peace we sing.  
We worship you, to you our hearts we raise,  
Lord God, almighty Father, heavenly King.

Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,  
you bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
O Lamb of God, your glorious victory won,  
receive our prayer, grant us your peace within.

Alone, O Christ, you only are the Lord,  
at God's right hand in majesty most high:  
who with the Spirit worshipped and adored:  
with all the heavenly host we glorify.

*Tune: Woodlands*

## The Collect

Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God,  
increase in us your gift of faith  
that, forsaking what lies behind  
and reaching out to that which is before,  
we may run the way of your commandments  
and win the crown of everlasting 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.**

*Please Sit*

## 2 Timothy 3. 14 – 4. 5

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

<sup>14</sup>Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, <sup>15</sup>and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup>All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

<sup>4</sup>In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: <sup>2</sup>proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. <sup>3</sup>For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, <sup>4</sup>and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. <sup>5</sup>As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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.*

God has proclaimed the just reward:  
life for the world, alleluia.

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

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

## Luke 18. 1-8

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Luke.

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus told his disciple a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. <sup>2</sup>He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. <sup>3</sup>In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." <sup>4</sup>For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, <sup>5</sup>yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." ' <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup>And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? <sup>8</sup>I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

This is the Gospel of the Lord:

### **Praise to you, O Christ**

## The Homily

*Please Sit*

## **The Affirmation of Faith**

*Please Stand*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## The Intercessions

*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*

God's care for us is infinite and no one falls outside that love, no matter who they are or what they have done. So let us demonstrate God's boundless love.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of the Lord's peace.

## Offertory Hymn

O God beyond all praising,  
we worship you today  
and sing the love amazing  
that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder  
at every gift you send,  
at blessings without number  
and mercies without end:  
we lift our hearts before you  
and wait upon your word,  
we honour and adore you,  
our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Saviour,  
accept the love we bring,  
that we who know your favour  
may serve you as our king;  
and whether our tomorrows  
be filled with good or ill,  
we'll triumph through our sorrows  
and rise to bless you still:  
to marvel at your beauty  
and glory in your ways,  
and make a joyful duty  
our sacrifice of praise.

*Michael Perry 1942-1996*  
*Tune: Thaxted*

## **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**

God of grace,  
you have freed us from our sins  
and made us a kingdom in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord:  
deepen our knowledge of your ways  
and strengthen us in the new life you have given us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.

In your love for us  
and in the fullness of time  
you sent your Son to be the Saviour;  
the Word was made flesh,  
he lived among us and we have seen his glory.

For our sins and the sins of all the world  
he suffered death on the cross.

You raised him to life in triumph  
and exalted him in glory.

Through him you send your Holy Spirit upon your Church  
and make us your people.

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.**

*We sing*  
**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**

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sins of the world.  
Happy are those who are called to his supper.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*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**

Praise we now the word of grace;  
may our hearts its truth embrace:  
from its pages may we hear  
Christ our teacher, speaking clear.

May the Gospel of the Lord  
everywhere be spread abroad,  
that the world around may own  
Christ as King, and Christ alone.

*Sidney Newman Sedgewick 1872-1941  
Tune: Savannah*

*Silence is kept*

### Post Communion Prayer

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious:  
**his love is everlasting.**

All praise and thanks, O Christ,  
for this sacred banquet,  
in which by faith we receive you,  
the memory of your passion is renewed,  
our lives are filled with grace,  
and a pledge of future glory given,  
to feast at that table  
where you reign with all your saints for ever. **Amen.**

### The Blessing

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

May you know the deep love God has for you and have the opportunity, courage and compassion to show such love to others this coming week.  
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.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

### Final Hymn

Prayer is the soul's sincere desire,  
Uttered or unexpressed;  
The motion of a hidden fire  
That trembles in the breast.

Prayer is the simplest form of speech  
That infant lips can try  
Prayer, the sublimest strains that reach  
The Majesty on high.

Prayer is the Christian's vital breath,  
The Christian's native air,  
His watchword at the gates of death:  
He enters heaven with prayer.

Prayer is the contrite sinner's voice,  
Returning from his ways;  
While angels in their songs rejoice,  
And cry, "Behold! He prays!"

Nor prayer is made on earth alone:  
The Holy Spirit pleads,  
And Jesus at the Father's throne  
For sinners intercedes.

O Thou by whom we come to God,  
The Life, the Truth, the Way  
The path of prayer Thyself hast trod:  
Lord, teach us how to pray.

*James Montgomery 1771-1854*  
*Tune: Beatitudo*

## 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.

**Pilgrimage-Lite.** The route is to follow the North Wales Pilgrim Way. The aim is to involve those in the Mission Area who are not strong walkers, who are interested in pilgrimage, but couldn't manage 10/12 miles in a day. The last dates are as follows: 25<sup>th</sup> October and on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October gather and pray and 9.15am and walk to the Parish Church for the 9.30am Eucharist. Further info from Dave Bradley: 07876732922 [davebradley80@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:davebradley80@hotmail.co.uk)

**Music & Discussion.** Come and listen to songs full of passion and provocative ideas connected with or expressing faith. The music will be the lead into faith-based discussion. At the Parish Church at 7.30pm on 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> November. Further info from Dave Bradley: 07876732922 [davebradley80@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:davebradley80@hotmail.co.uk)

**All Souls Day** is Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. There will be a Requiem Eucharist at the Cathedral on that day at 9.30am. If you would like departed loved ones remembered by name at that service please add names to the list at the back of the Church/Cathedral. Do come long to remember them on the day.

**Remembrance Sunday** falls on 9<sup>th</sup> November. The Parish Eucharist for that weekend will be on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm. The Remembrance Service on the 9<sup>th</sup> will begin at 10am at the Cathedral. At 3.30pm that afternoon there will be the annual All Souls Requiem at the Cathedral during which we will pray for all those who have died during that past year.

## The Week Ahead

### 20<sup>th</sup> Monday – Feria

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

### 21<sup>st</sup> Tuesday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer  
9.30am Toddler Group *at the Parish Church*  
5pm Evening Prayer  
6pm Holy Eucharist

## 22<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

10.30am Holy Eucharist

6.15pm Sung Evening Prayer

## 23<sup>rd</sup> Thursday – James of Jerusalem

9am Morning Prayer

10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish Church*

10.45am Prayer Group *at the Parish Church*

12noon Food4Thought Lunch

5pm Evening Prayer

## 24<sup>th</sup> Friday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Offeren (Welsh Eucharist)

6pm Choral Evensong

## 25<sup>th</sup> Saturday – Lewis Bayly

9am Morning Prayer

2pm Order of St John Service

5pm Evening Prayer

## 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Last Sunday after Trinity

9.30am The Parish Eucharist

11am The Cathedral Eucharist

3.30pm Evening Prayer

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## Today's Readings

### Genesis 32. 22-31

Jacob is on his way home with his family, servants and animals after having dwelt in a foreign land for many years. En route, he has a dramatic encounter.

### Psalm 121

### 2 Timothy 3. 14 – 4. 5

Paul gives instructions to Timothy, encouraging him to be guided by the teaching he has received so he can direct the church in Ephesus well.

### Luke 18. 1-8

Jesus has just been teaching about the difficult times that will precede the establishment of his kingdom. He now goes on to encourage his followers to keep on praying through the tough times ahead.

