



## The Sunday Sheet *for* Easter 5 Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026

*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

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*

✠ 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 calls the people to penitence.*

*Silence is kept*

God, source of all being, for the times that we seek only our own comfort and refuse to explore our own depths:

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

God, eternal Word, for the times when the way of the cross seems too hard for us :

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

God, Holy Spirit, for the times when we fail to understand you but are too lazy to seek any enlightenment:

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: Rachie*

## The Collect

Let us pray:

Almighty God,  
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ  
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:  
grant that, as by your grace going before us  
you put into our minds good desires,  
so by your continual help  
we may bring them to good effect;  
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please Sit*

## Acts 7. 55-60

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Standing before the high priest and the council, Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' <sup>57</sup>But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup>Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' <sup>60</sup>Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

For the word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel

*Please Stand*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Now he is living, 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*

## **John 14. 1-14**

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.’ <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.’

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’ <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me<sup>e</sup> for anything, I will do it.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**The Homily**

*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*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, Peace be with you!  
They were overjoyed on seeing the Lord.

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 the Lord's peace.

## Offertory Hymn

Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky;  
heaven thunders forth its victor-cry:  
Alleluia, alleluia.

The glad earth shouts her triumph high,  
and groaning hell makes wild reply:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia.

That Eastertide with joy was bright,  
the sun shone out with fairer light,  
Alleluia, alleluia.  
when, to their longing eyes restored,  
the glad apostles saw their Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia.

He bade them see his hands, his side,  
where yet the glorious wounds abide;  
Alleluia, alleluia.  
the tokens true which made it plain  
their Lord indeed was risen again:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia.

*John Mason Neale 1818-1866*  
*Tune: Lass tuns erfreuen*

## 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

Gracious God,  
you show us your way and give us your divine life:  
may everything we do be directed by the knowledge of your truth;  
we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our risen 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.

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.**

*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**

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**

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 when the trumpet shall sound  
and Jesus comes in great power,  
then he will raise us to be with him  
for evermore.*

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 them for your glory.

*Suzanne Toolan*

*Silence is kept*

## **The Sending Out**

*Please Stand*

## **Post Communion Prayer**

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

Eternal God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:  
grant us to walk in his way,  
to rejoice in his truth,  
and to share his risen life;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Blessing

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

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life. 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

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;  
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for her Lord now liveth, death has lost its sting:

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;  
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:

*Edmond Budry 1854-1932  
Tr. Richard Birch Hoyle 1875-1939  
Tune: Maccabaeus*

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## Notices

**Refreshments.** Please do join us for refreshments after the service if you can.

**Safeguarding.** Children, young people and vulnerable adults are an important part of the community of the Church in Wales and St Asaph Parish Church. They are respected and cherished for their own sake. The Parish Church is committed to take seriously its responsibilities to protect children, young children and vulnerable adults and safeguard their welfare. The Parish Church adopts the Church in Wales Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy and upholds its Code of Good Practice.

For more information, visit:

[www.churchinwales.org.uk/safeguarding](http://www.churchinwales.org.uk/safeguarding)

**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.

**Afternoon Teas** take place at the Parish Church at 2pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. The next dates are:

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May

All welcome!

**Pentecost Confirmation.** This year the Cathedral will host the Diocesan Confirmation Service on Pentecost Sunday. If you, or a member of your family, would like to be confirmed, please contact Canon Josh by Sunday 10 May. You can get in touch via email at [JoshuaAskwith@cinw.org.uk](mailto:JoshuaAskwith@cinw.org.uk) or by phone on 07727 187987.

**Curate.** Elin Douglas-Jones, who is to be ordained Deacon at the end of June at the Cathedral, will be joining us in the Elwy Mission Area to serve her curacy. Please do pray for Elin as she prepares for ordination and please support her with your presence at the cathedral on the afternoon on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June.

**St Mary's Cefn** has a celebration of the Eucharist in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month. The next services are as follows:

17<sup>th</sup> May at 9.30am

31<sup>st</sup> May at 6pm

**Ways of Giving to the work of the Parish Church.** We are very grateful to all those who contribute financially to the life and witness of our Parish Church. There are various ways to do this:

1. The Collection plate near the entrance to the Church
2. Setting up a Standing Order. Contact Dave Bradley for the bank details
3. Gift Direct. Set up regular giving or make a one off donation. For Gift Direct you can use the QR code below. Thank you very much.



### **7<sup>th</sup> Thursday – Easter Weekday**

9am Morning Prayer

10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish*

*Church*

10.45am Prayer Group *at the Parish*

*Church*

5pm Evening Prayer

### **8<sup>th</sup> Friday – Julian of Norwich**

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Offeren (Welsh Eucharist)

6pm Choral Evensong

### **9<sup>th</sup> Saturday – Gregory of Nazianzus**

9am Morning Prayer

5pm Evening Prayer

### **10<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Easter 6**

9.30am The Parish Eucharist

11am The Cathedral Eucharist

3.30pm Choral Evensong

## **The Week Ahead**

### **4<sup>th</sup> Monday – Easter Weekday**

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Eucharist

5pm Evening Prayer

### **5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – Asaph, Bishop**

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Toddler Group *at the Parish*

*Church*

5pm Evening Prayer

6pm Holy Eucharist

### **6<sup>th</sup> Wednesday – Easter Weekday**

9am Morning Prayer

10.30am Holy Eucharist

2pm Kentigern Guild *at the Parish*

*Church*

5pm Evening Prayer

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### Parish Church Website:

[www.stasaphparishchurch.org.uk](http://www.stasaphparishchurch.org.uk)

## Today's Readings

### **Acts 7. 55-60**

As Stephen is stoned by the mob he is filled with the Holy Spirit, an event witnessed by Saul of Tarsus, who later experienced the Holy Spirit for himself and became St Paul.

### **Psalm 31. 1-5**

### **1 Peter 2. 2-10**

Christians are a chosen race, living stones forming a strong, royal priesthood supported by the cornerstone, Jesus Christ.

### **John 14. 1-14**

Jesus describes himself as the way, the truth and the life, claiming that anyone who has seen him has seen God.

*Christ*  
The Way, the Truth,  
and the Life.

JOHN 14:6