



CADEIRLAN  
LLANELWY  
ST ASAPH  
CATHEDRAL

ARDAL  
CENHADAETH  
ELWY  
MISSION AREA



THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2020 – MELANGELL, ABBESS

## COLLECT

God our strength,  
protector of the weak,  
the one in whom sinners find sanctuary:  
grant that we who revere the memory of Melangell  
may preach the gospel of forgiveness  
and become people in whom others may place their trust;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
whom by the power of the Spirit  
you raised to live with you,  
his God and Father,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

ACTS 22. 30; 23. 6-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Since he wanted to find out what Paul was being accused of by the Jews, the next day he released him and ordered the chief priests and the entire council to meet. He brought Paul down and had him stand before them. When Paul noticed that some were Sadducees and others were Pharisees, he called out in the council, 'Brothers, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees. I am on trial concerning the hope of the resurrection of the dead.' When he said this, a dissension began between the Pharisees and the Sadducees, and the assembly was divided. (The Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, or angel, or spirit; but the Pharisees acknowledge all three.) Then a great clamour arose, and certain scribes of the Pharisees' group stood up and contended, 'We find nothing wrong with this man. What if a spirit or an angel has spoken to him?' When the dissension became violent, the tribune, fearing that they would

tear Paul to pieces, ordered the soldiers to go down, take him by force, and bring him into the barracks.

That night the Lord stood near him and said, 'Keep up your courage! For just as you have testified for me in Jerusalem, so you must bear witness also in Rome.'

For the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 16

**R: Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Preserve me, O God, for in you have I taken refuge;

I have said to the Lord, 'You are my lord,

all my good depends on you.'

All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble in heart.

Though the idols are legion

that many run after,

their drink offerings of blood I will not offer,

neither make mention of their names upon my lips. **R:**

The Lord himself is my portion and my cup;

in your hands alone is my fortune.

My share has fallen in a fair land;

indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel,

and in the night watches he instructs my heart. **R:**

I have set the Lord always before me;

he is at my right hand; I shall not fall.

Wherefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices;

my flesh also shall rest secure.

For you will not abandon my soul to Death,

nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.

You will show me the path of life;

in your presence is the fullness of joy

and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore. **R:**

## JOHN 17. 20-26

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

I am the resurrection and the life;  
everyone who believes in me will never die. Alleluia!

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

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

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus looked up to heaven and said,  
'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.  
'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Alleluia. **Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## POST COMMUNION

Eternal Giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**