



THE SUNDAY SHEET  
THE 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER – 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021

*A very warm welcome as we gather for the Parish Eucharist.  
An induction loop is provided. To use, please turn your hearing aid to T.*

*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 *Please listen but DO NOT join in singing*

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness;  
God hath brought his 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.

Neither might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal,  
Nor the watchers, nor the seal, hold thee as a mortal;  
But today amidst thine own thou didst stand, bestowing  
That thy peace which evermore passeth human knowing.

*Greek, St John of Damascus c 750  
Tr. J M Neale 1816-66  
Tune: Ave Virgo Virginum*

## 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 IO. 44-48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Peter was still 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

Alleluia. Alleluia.  
Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life.  
Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die'.  
**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.**

#### 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.**

#### HYMN AT THE END OF COMMUNION

Silent, surrendered, calm and still,  
Open to the word of God.  
Heart humbled to his will,  
Offered is the servant of God.

*Pamela Hayes / Margaret Rizza  
Music: Margaret Rizza b. 1929*

#### 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.**

## 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.

### I 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 command to love one another.

## NOTICES

**Covid 19** Please use the hand sanitiser, complete the Track & Trace form, and observe social distancing regulations as we strive to keep everyone safe in church. When you have arrived in church please take your seat immediately and remain seated until the service begins as other people will be arriving and this will avoid congestion and unnecessary contact in the aisle. After the service please leave the building as directed by the stewards on duty. Please continue wear a face covering when coming to church.

If you have a SmartPhone and have downloaded the NHS Covid 19 app please check in using the QR Code. If you do this there is no need to fill in the Track and Trace form as well.

**Service Booklets.** Please do take this reading sheet away with you after the service but please leave the service booklet here. The booklets are quarantined until the following Sunday. Thank you!

**Prayers.** Please continue to pray for the current situation with Covid 19 and for all those who suffer especially the anxious. Please pray too for the recovery and reconstruction of the Church both now and when this crisis is over. Pray for the renewal and growth of the Church in this place.

*God of Mission, who alone brings growth to your Church, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, 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.*

**Ascension Day** falls on 13<sup>th</sup> May and services are as follows:

10am Eucharist *at the Parish Church*

7pm Choral Eucharist *at the Cathedral*

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### 11<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – Rogation Day

9.30am Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral*

7pm Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral*

### 12<sup>th</sup> Wednesday – Rogation Day

10.30am Holy Eucharist *on Zoom*

### 13<sup>th</sup> Thursday – ASCENSION DAY

10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish Church*

7pm Choral Eucharist *at the Cathedral*

### 14<sup>th</sup> Friday – Matthias, Apostle

9.30am Offeren (*Welsh Eucharist*) *at the*

*Cathedral*

### 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Easter 7 (Ministry & Calling Sunday)

9.30am The Parish Eucharist

11am The Cathedral Eucharist

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