



THE SUNDAY SHEET

TRINITY I – 6TH JUNE 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*

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Build of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
all are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
all are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
all are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

*Marty Haugen b.1950
Tune: Two Oaks*

THE COLLECT

God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers and,
because through the weakness of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
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.**

2 CORINTHIANS 4. 13 – 5. 1

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—‘I believed, and so I spoke’—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening;
you have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.

MARK 3. 20-35

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

'Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin'— for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.'

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Eternal God,

your word inspires our faith:

may we who offer you our praise

trust you in all things;

we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN AT THE END OF COMMUNION

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will me shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease:
I shall possess within the veil,
a life of joy and peace.

When I've been there ten thousand years
bright shining like the sun,
I've no less days to sing God's praise
than when I've just begun.

John Newton 1725-1807
Tune: Amazing Grace, melody probably of Scottish origin

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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ADMISSION AND WELCOME OF A CANDIDATE FOR BAPTISM

The priest addresses the candidate for Baptism

What do you ask of the Church of God?

I ask to be baptised.

Why do you ask to be baptised?

I want to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Why do you want to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

To make Jesus Christ the centre of my life.

The priest addresses the candidate's sponsors

Elliot has asked to be baptised. Are you willing to play your part in his preparation through your prayers, encouragement and good example?

We are.

The priest addresses the congregation

Elliot has set out on the road to baptism. He will need the support of our prayers and love. Will you give him that support?

We will.

The priest says to the candidate

By his cross and precious blood, our Lord Jesus Christ has redeemed the world. He has told us that, if any want to become his followers, they must deny themselves, take up their cross and follow him day by day.

The priest makes the sign of the cross with the Oil of Catechumens on the candidate

Elliot, receive the sign of the cross. May Christ our Redeemer protect and guide you.

Amen.

Elliot, I admit you as a candidate for baptism.

The Lord bless you and keep watch over you; the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord look lovingly on you and give you peace. **Amen.**

A representative of the congregation welcomes the candidate

Elliot, we welcome you joyfully as a fellow disciple of Jesus, praying that with us you will come to know Christ more fully day by day and that you will try to live the Christian life.

The priest gives a Bible to the candidate

Receive this book. It contains the good news of God's love. Take it as your guide.

The candidate is welcomed by the congregation

TODAY'S READINGS

GENESIS 3. 8-15

The man and woman hide from God, who realises what they must have done.

2 CORINTHIANS 4. 13 – 5. 1

Amidst life's troubles, Paul encourages Christians to set their hopes on their eternal heavenly home: God, who raised Jesus from the dead, will raise his people into his glorious presence.

MARK 3. 20-35

Jesus refutes both his family's desire to take him in hand and the religious authorities' accusations that he is demon-possessed. Those who attribute Jesus' healing power to Satan rather than the Holy Spirit are rejecting God's kingdom.

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 on your seat. 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.

Catechumen. Elliot is being received as a Catechumen this morning (someone who is making the journey to baptism). Please pray for him as he makes his journey of faith with us.

Bible Study The Rev'd Margaret Harvey (a retired priest in the Cathedral congregation) has agreed to lead a Bible Study for the Mission Area. We will be looking at the Acts of the Apostles (in particular the growing Church) and then some weeks on Paul's letter to the Galatians looking at some problems the Church faces. The Bible Study will be via Zoom on a Tuesday evening at 7pm. The Study will start on **Tuesday 8th June** and will run for 7 weeks. If you would like to join the Bible Study please register with Fr Rex as soon as possible:
RexMatthias@cinw.org.uk

Pattern of Services. Please note that the pattern of weekday services has changed. There is now a Eucharist at 9.30am on a Monday morning instead of Tuesday morning. See below for full details. Evensong on Friday at 6pm starts again this week.

Sunday Attendance. Please do continue to book in for Sundays. However, if you subsequently find you

are not able to attend, please let Fr Rex know as soon as possible. Thank you!

Church Opening. The Parish Church will be open for prayer and for visitors from 12noon to 4.30pm each Thursday. If you are able to help with welcoming, please speak to Janet Cameron.

THE WEEK AHEAD

7th Monday – Feria

9.30am Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral*

8th Tuesday – Feria

7pm Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral*

9th Wednesday – Columba, Abbot

10.30am Holy Eucharist *on Zoom*

10th Thursday – Ephrem the Syrian

10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish Church*

10.45am Prayer Group *at the Parish*

Church

12noon to 4.30pm Parish Church open for private prayer and for visitors

11th Friday – Feria

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

Cathedral

6pm Choral Evensong *at the Cathedral*

13th Sunday – Trinity 2

9.30am The Parish Eucharist

11am The Cathedral Eucharist

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