



THE SUNDAY SHEET
ALL SAINTS
31ST OCTOBER 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

For all the saints who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be for ever blest. Alleluia.

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness, still their one true light. Alleluia.

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win, with them, the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia.

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia.

*William Walsham How 1823-1867
Tune: Sine Nomine*

THE COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
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.**

REVELATION 21. 1-6A

A reading from the book of Revelation.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

For the word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Blessed apostles sing praise;
 prophets and martyrs give glory:
 'For your majesty praise the Spirit, praise the Son!'

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Fintan O'Carroll 1922-1981 & Christopher Walker b.1947

Tune: Celtic Alleluia

JOHN II. 32-44

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!
A world without saints forgets how to praise.
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.

Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,
who bear someone's cross, or shoulder their own:
they shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares:
what patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!
A world without saints forgets how to praise.
In loving, in living, they prove it is true:
the way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.

Fred Pratt Green 1903-2000
Tune: Hannover

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Holy and mighty God,
we give you thanks for the triumph of Christ
in the lives of all his saints:
help us, like them, to run our course with faith,
that we may come to your eternal kingdom;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN AT THE END OF COMMUNION

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near;
lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

Taize Community based on Isaiah 12. 2-6, Psalm 18. 2-3

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things:
may we who have shared at this table
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth
be welcomed with all your saints
to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN

Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
bright Seraphs, Cherubim and Thrones,
raise the glad strain, Alleluia.
Cry out, Dominions, Princedoms, Powers,
Virtues, Archangels, Angels' choirs,
Alleluia x 5

Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
ye Patriarchs and Prophets blest,
Alleluia, Alleluia.
Ye holy Twelve, ye Martyrs strong,
all Saints triumphant, raise the song
Alleluia x 5

O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluia, Alleluia.
To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One.
Alleluia x 5

John Athelstan Riley 1858-1945
Tune: Lasst uns Erfreuen

TODAY'S READINGS

ISAIAH 25. 6-9

A foretaste of the mountain of reward where the righteous are greeted and nourished by God, who awaits us – a precursor of those mountains from which Jesus would open minds and hearts as preparation for eternal salvation.

REVELATION 21. 1-6A

God is with us, now and to come, forever reviving, renewing and reassuring all creation, preparing it for life in heaven.

JOHN II. 32-44

As Abraham unbound his Son Isaac at the start of Israel's new life, so Jesus calls forth and unbinds Lazarus, an act which contributed to his death; but also to his resurrection and, thus, new life for the whole world: salvation for ever.

NOTICES

Refreshments. Please join us for refreshments after the service this morning if you can. Donations towards the cost are welcome but not compulsory, so do stay even if you haven't got money with you!

Covid 19 Please use the hand sanitiser, complete the Track & Trace form, and please continue wear a face covering when coming to church. Some changes are being made as restrictions ease but please take care to keep one another safe.

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.

Mount Road Cemetery AGM. This short meeting will take place on Thursday 4th November at 10.30am in the Parish Church Vestry.

All Souls Day is on Tuesday 2nd November and there will be a Requiem Eucharist at the Cathedral at 7pm that day. If you would like any departed loved ones remembered by name please add names to the list. Thank you.

Remembrance Sunday falls on 14th November this year. Services as follows: **8.30am** Said Eucharist at the Parish Church; 10am Remembrance Service at the Cathedral with procession down to the War Memorial; 3.30pm Requiem Eucharist at the Cathedral.

Collection. We do not go around with collection plates at the Offertory but there are plates at the back for your donations. If you are a regular worshipper here please consider giving by Gift Direct, a simple and easy way to give to the work of the Church. Details can be found on the Church in Wales website: www.churchinwales.org.uk Thank you!

Bible Study for the Kingdom Season with the Rev'd Margaret Harvey will take place on Zoom at 7pm on 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th November. If you would like to take part, please let Fr Rex Know. Please note the new start date!

Church Opening. The Parish Church is now open daily for visitors and prayer. We need some volunteers to go on the rota for locking up. If you can help with this please sign the sheet at the back of Church or speak to Janet.

THE WEEK AHEAD

1st Monday – All Saints (*Additional celebration*)

9am Morning Prayer
12noon Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral*
6pm Evening Prayer

2nd Tuesday – All Souls

9am Morning Prayer
6pm Evening Prayer
7pm Requiem Eucharist *at the Cathedral*

3rd Wednesday – Winifred, Abbess

9am Morning Prayer
10.30am Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral*
6pm Evening Prayer

**4th Thursday – The Saints & Martyrs
of the Anglican Communion**

9am Morning Prayer
10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish Church*
6pm Evening Prayer

5th Friday – Cybi, Abbot

9am Morning Prayer
9.30am Offeren (*Welsh Eucharist*)
6pm Evening Prayer

6th Saturday – Illtud, Abbot

9am Morning Prayer
6pm Evening Prayer

7th Sunday – Kingdom 2

9.30am The Parish Eucharist
11am The Cathedral Eucharist
3.30pm Choral Evensong

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