



THE SUNDAY SHEET
LENT 5 (PASSIONTIDE BEGINS)
3RD APRIL 2022

*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

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.*

Come, let us follow where our Captain trod,
our King victorious, Christ the Son of God:

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us unto thee:

Let every race and every language tell
of him who saves our souls from death and hell:

For thy blest cross which doth for all atone
creation's praises rise before thy throne:

*George William Kitchin 1827-1912
& Michael Robert Newbolt 1874-1956
Tune: Crucifer*

THE COLLECT

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
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.**

PHILIPPIANS 3. 4B-14

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

For the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour,
Word of the Father, calling us to life;
Son of God who leads us to freedom;
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

You are the Word who calls us out of darkness;
you are the Word who leads into light;
you are the Word who brings us through the desert:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour,
Word of the Father, calling us to life;
Son of God who leads us to freedom;
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Bernadette Farrell b.1957

JOHN 12. 1-8

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.

O generous love! that he, who smote
in Man for man the foe,
the double agony in Man
for man should undergo;

And in the garden secretly,
and on the cross on high,
should teach his brethren, and inspire
to suffer and to die.

Praise to the holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

John Henry Newman 1801-1890

Tune: Gerontius

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Living Lord,
the way of your cross is shown
to be the way of our salvation,
your love and forgiveness
are displayed as the keys of our redemption
and your sacrificial love
is offered as the foundation of our hope;
Lord Jesus, help us to follow you,
who are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

HYMN AT THE END OF COMMUNION

How deep the Father's love for us,
how vast beyond all measure,
that he should give his only Son
to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss;
the Father turns his face away,
as wounds which mar the chosen One
bring many souls to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
my sin upon his shoulders;
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there,
until it was accomplished;
his dying breath has brought me life –
I know that 'it is finished.'

Words & Music: Stuart Townend b.1963

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN

To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice!

*O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory! Great thing he has done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God!
The vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives.

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

Fanny Crosby 1820-1915

Tune: To God be the glory

TODAY'S READINGS

ISAIAH 43. 16-21

Isaiah refers back to the first saving act of God when God brought the Israelites out of Egypt into the Promised Land, and reveals that God has now promised to do something new and amazing for his people.

PHILIPPIANS 3. 4B-14

Paul states his Jewish credentials, but counts them as so much dross against his goal of striving to know Christ and the power of his resurrection.

JOHN 12. 1-8

Mary of Bethany anoints Jesus' feet with expensive perfume and wipes them on her hair, much to the discomfort of Judas Iscariot.

NOTICES

Covid 19 Please use the hand sanitiser and **please do continue wear a face covering** when coming to church. Please take care to keep one another safe.

Refreshments. Do join us for coffee after the Eucharist this morning. No charge but donations gratefully received.

Coffee Morning to raise funds for the Ukrainian Crisis Appeal on Saturday, April 9th from 10am onwards at the parish church. Please support and bring friends along. Tickets £4 at the door.

Electoral Roll. The Church Electoral Roll is being completely renewed this year. Please complete a form and return it to church as soon as possible. Thank

you!

Night Prayer (Compline)

There will be Night Prayer (Compline) on Wednesday evenings during Lent at 7.30pm in the stillness of the Cathedral. Night Prayer is a lovely and fitting end to the day. The last one takes place this week.

Easter Flowers. Donations for Easter Flowers are now being invited in memory of departed loved ones. Please use the envelopes which can be found on the table at the back of the Church. Thank you.

Mission Area Prayer meeting at 11am on Thursday, April 7th in the Translators Chapel of the cathedral.

THE WEEK AHEAD

4th Monday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral*

5pm Evening Prayer

5th Tuesday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

6pm Evening Prayer

7pm Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral*

7pm Bible Study *via Zoom*

6th Wednesday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

9.40am Schools Service

10.30am Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral*

5pm Evening Prayer

7.30pm Compline

7th Thursday – Brynach, Abbot

9am Morning Prayer

10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish Church*

5pm Evening Prayer

8th Friday – Griffith Jones

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Offeren (*Welsh Eucharist*)

6pm Choral Evensong

9th Saturday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

5pm Evening Prayer

10th Sunday – Palm Sunday

9.30am Blessing of Palms & The Parish

Eucharist

11am Blessing of Palms & The Cathedral

Eucharist

3.30pm Choral Evensong

Holy Week & Easter. It has become a tradition for us here to have someone to lead Holy Week for us. Rather than bringing a guest preacher in this year, the Dean, the Very Rev'd Nigel Williams will be leading us through Holy Week and preaching each day. Holy Week & Easter Services are as follows:

Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th & Wednesday 13th April

9am Morning Prayer

6pm Evening Prayer

7pm Holy Eucharist & Address *at the Cathedral*

No other Eucharists on these days

Maundy Thursday 14th April

8am Morning Prayer

11am Chrism Eucharist

5pm Evening Prayer

7pm Choral Eucharist of the Last Supper, Stripping of the Altar & Watch of Prayer

10pm Compline

Good Friday 15th April

9am Morning Prayer

12noon Journey to the Cross – then and now *at the Parish Church*

Walk of Witness up the High Street behind the Cross

1.30pm Solemn Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday 16th April

9am Morning Prayer

Cathedral & Parish Church open for decoration for Easter and service preparations

7pm Vigil, Confirmation & 1st Eucharist of Easter

Easter Day

8am Holy Eucharist

9.30am The Parish Eucharist

11am The Cathedral Eucharist

3.30pm Choral Evensong

From Monday 11th to Thursday 14th April from 10am to 12noon each day the Messy Church Holy Week Club will take place at the Parish Church

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