



THE SUNDAY SHEET  
EASTER 5  
15<sup>TH</sup> MAY 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

The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
now us the Victor's triumph won;  
O let the song of praise be sung: Alleluia.

Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,  
and Jesus hath his foes dispersed;  
let shouts of praise and joy outburst: Alleluia.

On the third morn he rose again  
glorious in majesty to reign;  
O let us swell the joyful strain: Alleluia.

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee  
from death's dread sting thy servants free,  
that we may live, and sing to thee Alleluia.

*Latin, probably 17<sup>th</sup> century, tr. by Francis Pott 1832-1909*

*Tune: Victory*

## THE COLLECT

Almighty God,  
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ  
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:  
grant that, as by your grace going before us  
you put into our minds good desires,  
so by your continual help  
we may bring them to good effect;  
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## ACTS II. 1-18

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, ‘Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?’ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ‘I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, “Get up, Peter; kill and eat.” But I replied, “By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.” But a second time the voice answered from heaven, “What God has made clean, you must not call profane.” This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, “Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.” And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, “John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?’ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they

praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

For the word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

*Please Stand*

*A new commandment I give unto you:  
that you love one another as I have loved you,  
that you love one another as I have loved you.*

By this shall all know that you are my disciples  
if you have love one for another.

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that you love one another as I have loved you,  
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*Unknown, arr. Andrew Moore*

JOHN 13. 31-35

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

During the supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## OFFERTORY HYMN

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
he is my light, my strength, my song;  
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
here in the love of Christ I stand.

There in the ground his body lay,  
light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
for I am his and he is mine —  
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
this is the power of Christ in me;  
from life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
can ever pluck me from his hand;  
till he returns or calls me home,  
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

*Words & Music:*  
*Stuart Townend b.1963 & Keith Getty b.1974*

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Gracious God,  
you show us your way and give us your divine life:  
may everything we do be directed by the knowledge of your truth;  
we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our risen Lord. **Amen.**

## HYMN AT THE END OF COMMUNION

I am the bread of life;  
he who comes to me shall not hunger:  
and all who trust in me shall not thirst –  
this is what Jesus said:  
praise him as Lord and Saviour.

*And when the trumpet shall sound  
and Jesus comes in great power,  
then he will raise us to be with him  
for evermore!*

Lord, we are one with you;  
we rejoice in your new creation:  
our hearts are fired by your saving love –  
take up our lives, O Lord,  
and use us for your glory.

*And when the trumpet . . . .*

*After S. Suzanne Toolan, Michael Baughan  
Tune: I am the bread of life*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:  
grant us to walk in his way,  
to rejoice in his truth,  
and to share his risen life;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## FINAL HYMN

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,  
first-begotten from the dead,  
thou alone, our strong defender,  
liftest up thy people's head.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Jesu, true and living bread.

Here our humblest homage pay we,  
here in loving reverence bow;  
here for faith's discernment pray we,  
lest we fail to know thee now.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou are here, we ask not how.

Though the lowliest form doth veil thee  
as of old in Bethlehem,

here as there thine angels hail thee,  
Branch and Flower of Jesse's Stem.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

We in worship join with them

Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished  
once for all when thou wast slain,  
in its fullness undiminished  
shall for evermore remain,

Alleluia! Alleluia!

cleansing souls from every stain.

Life-imparting heavenly Manna,  
stricken Rock with streaming side,  
heaven and earth with loud hosanna  
worship thee, the Lamb who died,

Alleluia! Alleluia!

risen, ascended, glorified.

*George Hugh Bourne 1840-1925*

*Tune: St Helen*

## TODAY'S READINGS

### ACTS II. 1-18

Peter defends his understanding of the vision he received in Joppa as God's sign that the Gospel was as much a gift to the Gentiles as to the Jews.

### REVELATION 21. 1-6

John recounts his vision of a new heaven and a new earth.

### JOHN 13. 31-35

Jesus declares his moment of glory. The disciples cannot follow him. Instead, they are to show his glory by obeying the commandment to love one another.

## 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.

**Jubilee weekend.** There will be a flower festival and a photography exhibition at the parish church over the Jubilee weekend, June 2-5th. We will need stewards for the event; stewarding sessions are hour and half long. If anyone is able to help with the stewarding/ welcoming over the weekend, please see Gwenda Hardie or Janet Cameron.

**Evening locking up rota.** The church is now open over the weekends as well as during the week. Key holders continue to

lock up after the various activities mid week. Please sign up on the rota at the back of back of the church if you are able to help with this.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### 16<sup>th</sup> Monday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral*

5pm Evening Prayer

### 17<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

6pm Evening Prayer

7pm Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral*

### 18<sup>th</sup> Wednesday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

10.30am Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral*

5pm Evening Prayer

### 19<sup>th</sup> Thursday – Dunstan, Bishop

9am Morning Prayer

10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish Church*

5pm Evening Prayer

### 20<sup>th</sup> Friday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Offeren (*Welsh Eucharist*)

6pm Choral Evensong

### 21<sup>st</sup> Saturday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

5pm Evening Prayer

### 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – Easter 6

9.30am The Parish Eucharist

11am The Cathedral Eucharist

3.30pm Choral Evensong

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