



THE SUNDAY SHEET

EASTER 4

8TH 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 Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,
yet I will fear none ill;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me;
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.

Scottish Psalter 1650

Tune: Crimond

THE COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

ACTS 9. 36-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

For the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Please Stand

All sing with the choir

Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia!

Father we praise you as Lord,
all of the earth gives you worship,
for your majesty fills the heavens, fills the earth.

Alleluia

JOHN IO. 22-30

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, ‘How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.’ Jesus answered, ‘I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. The Father and I are one.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

OFFERTORY HYMN

I will sing the wondrous story of the Christ who died for me,
how he left the realms of glory for the cross on Calvary.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story of the Christ who died for me –
sing it with the saints in glory, gathered by the crystal sea.

I was lost but Jesus found me, found the sheep that went astray,
raised me up and gently led me back into the narrow way.
Days of darkness still may meet me, sorrow's path I oft may tread;
but his presence still is with me, by his guiding hand I'm led.

He will keep me till the river rolls its waters at my feet:
then he'll bear me safely over, made by grace for glory meet.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story of the Christ who died for me –
sing it with his saints in glory, gathered by the crystal sea.

Francis Harold Rowley 1854-1952
Tune: Hyfrydol

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of loving care,
you spread before us the table of life
and give us the cup of salvation to drink:
keep us always in the fold of our Saviour and our Shepherd,
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN AT THE END OF COMMUNION

In heav'nly love abiding,
no change my heart shall fear;
and safe is such confiding,
for nothing changes here.
The storm may roar without me,
my heart may low be laid,
but God is round about me,
and can I be dismayed?

Wherever he may guide me,
no want shall turn me back;
my Shepherd is beside me,
and nothing shall I lack.

His wisdom ever waketh,
his sight is never dim,
he knows the way he taketh,
and I will walk with him.

Anna Laetitia Waring 1823-1910

Tune: Penlan

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided,
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

*Great is thy faithfulness!
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Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided,
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

Thomas O. Chisholm 1866-1960

Tune: Faithfulness

TODAY'S READINGS

ACTS 9. 36-43

Tabitha (or Dorcas), one of the disciples, has died and Peter has been sent to help.

REVELATION 7. 9-17

This reading, with its strong, uplifting note is often used at a funeral service. The writer has a vision of heaven.

JOHN IO. 22-30

The crowds gather. They challenge Jesus to tell them who he is. He replies plainly, telling them that he has come to do the Father's will. When will they listen?

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

9th Monday – Gregory of Nazianzus

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral*

5pm Evening Prayer

10th Tuesday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

6pm Evening Prayer

7pm Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral*

11th Wednesday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

9.40am Schools Service

10.30am Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral*

5pm Evening Prayer

12th Thursday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish Church*

5pm Evening Prayer

7.30pm Church Committee

13th Friday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Offeren (*Welsh Eucharist*)

6pm Choral Evensong

14th Saturday – Matthias, Apostle

9am Morning Prayer

5pm Evening Prayer

15th Sunday – Easter 5

9.30am The Parish Eucharist

11am The Cathedral Eucharist

3.30pm Choral Evensong with
Installation of Canons & Inauguration of
the new Cathedral Chapter

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