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The Sunday Sheet The 2nd Sunday of Lent 5th March 2023

A very warm welcome as we gather for the Parish Eucharist. An induction loop is provided.

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

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, Every tongue confess him King of glory now: 'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord, Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season, to receive a name From the lips of sinners unto whom he came, Faithfully he bore it spotless to the last, Brought it back victorious, when from death he passed:

Bore it up triumphant with its human light, Through all ranks of creatures, to the central height, To the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast; Filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.

In your hearts enthrone him; There let him subdue All that is not holy, All that is not true: He is God the Saviour, He is Christ the Lord, Ever to be worshipped, Trusted, and adored.

Surely, this Lord Jesus shall return again, With his Father's glory, with his angel train; For all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow, And our hearts confess him King of glory now.

> Caroline Maria Noel 1817-1877 Tune: Camberwell

The order of service can be found in the Eucharist Booklet

The Collect

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

GENESIS 12. I-4A

A reading from the book Genesis.

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

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

My spirit longs for thee within my troubled breast, though I unworthy be of so divine a guest.

No rest is to be found but in thy blessed love: O let my wish be crowned and send it from above!

> John Byrom 1692-1763 Tune: Quam Dilecta

John 3. 1-17

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John. Glory to you, O Lord.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

After the Sermon please turn to the Eucharist booklet for the Affirmation of Faith

Offertory Hymn

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad his wonderful name; the name all-victorious of Jesus extol: his kingdom is glorious, and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save; and still he is night, his presence we have; the great congregation his triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

Salvation to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry aloud, and honour the Son. The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore, and give him his right: all glory and power, all wisdom and might, and honour and blessing, with angels above, and thanks never-ceasing, and infinite love.

> Charles Wesley 1707-1788 Tune: Paderborn

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Grant, O Lord, that as we lift up these earthly gifts in the name of your Son Jesus Christ, so we may share in the heavenly banquet of his eternal life, who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please turn to the Eucharist Booklet for the Eucharistic Prayer

Hymn at the end of Communion

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom, Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom

Sung through 3 times

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Please turn to the Eucharist Booklet

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Creator of heaven and earth, we thank you for these holy mysteries given us by our Lord Jesus Christ, by which we receive your grace and are assured of your love, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Final Hymn

To God be the glory! great things he hath 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 things he hath done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood! to ev'ry believer the promise of God; the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath 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.

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 things he hath done.

> Fanny Crosby 1820-1915 Tune: To God be the glory

Notices

Refreshments. Please do join us for refreshments after the service if you can.

Foodbank. The Foodbank box is now back in the Parish Church. Donations gratefully received.

Praying for Growth. Please pray for the growth and renewal of the Church here in this place. Here is the Leading Your Church into Growth Prayer (card copies are available at the back of the Church): God of Mission, Who alone brings growth to your Church, Send your Holy Spirit to give Vision to our planning, Wisdom to our actions. Joy to our worship, And power to our witness. Help our church to grow in numbers, In spiritual commitment to you, And in service to our local community, Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Invitation Service. We are holding an invitation service on Mothering Sunday which is on 19th March at 9.30am for which we are all asked to invite someone along. Hopefully the warmth of our welcome and the joy of our worship will spark/re-ignite an interest in the Christian Faith. Who could you invite on the Sunday? Please start thinking about it and praying for those who will invite. Invitations are available if you need more and can be found on the table at the back of the Church. We *are* a welcoming Church, but we need to do all we can to enhance our welcome and create a culture of invitation. Please make every effort to come along so that we can have a great

family celebration of Mothering Sunday.

The Community Fridge takes place every Sunday from 5-7pm at the Parish Church

Kentigern Guild The next meeting of the Kentigern Guild will be at 2.30pm in the Parish Church on Wednesday 8th March. Please note the change of date. The speaker will be Rev'd Jane Coxall who will give the Lenten address. All welcome!

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.

The Week Ahead

6th Monday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer9.30am Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral*5pm Evening Prayer

7th Tuesday – Perpetua, Felicity & their Companions

9am Morning Prayer6pm Evening Prayer7pm Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral*

8th Wednesday – Feria
9am Morning Prayer
10.30am Holy Eucharist
5pm Evening Prayer

9th Thursday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer 10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish Church* 11am Prayer Group *at the Parish Church* 5pm Evening Prayer 7pm Faith, Hope, Love Lent Study *at the Parish Church*

10th Friday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer9.30am Offeren (Welsh Eucharist)6pm Choral Evensong

11th Saturday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer 5pm Evening Prayer 7pm London Film Music Orchestra

Concert

12th Sunday – Lent 3

9.30am The Parish Eucharist11am The Cathedral Eucharist3.30pm Choral Evensong

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