



THE SUNDAY SHEET
THE 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
30TH APRIL 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

Jesus lives! Thy terrors now
Can, O Death, no more appal us;
Jesus lives! By this we know
Thou, O grave, canst not enthral us. Alleluia!

Jesus lives! Henceforth is death
But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm our trembling breath,
When we pass its gloomy portal. Alleluia!

Jesus lives! For us he died;
Then, alone to Jesus living,
Pure in heart may we abide,
Glory to our Saviour giving. Alleluia!

Jesus lives! Our hearts know well
Nought from us his love shall sever;
Life, nor death, nor powers of hell
Tear us from his keeping ever. Alleluia!

Jesus lives! To him the throne
Over all the world is given;
May we go where he is gone,
Rest and reign with him in heaven. Alleluia!

C F Gellert 1715-1769 tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox 1812-1897

Tune: St Albinus

The order of service can be found in the Eucharist Booklet

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 2. 42-47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

For the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Give praise to his name.*

Jesus is Lord of all the earth:
he is the King of creation:

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Give praise to his name.*

*Donald Fishel b. 1950
Tune: Alleluia No. 1*

JOHN IO. 1-10

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said:

‘Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.’ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

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

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain
of triumphant gladness!
God hath brought his Israel
into joy from sadness;
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters;
led them with unmoistened foot
through the Red Sea waters.

'Tis the spring of souls today;
Christ hath burst his prison,
and from three days' sleep in death
as a sun hath risen:
all the winter of our sins,
long and dark, is flying
from his light, to whom we give
laud and praise undying.

Now the queen of seasons bright
with the day of splendour,
with the royal feast of feasts,
comes its joy to render;
comes to glad Jerusalem,
who with true affection
welcomes in unwearied strains
Jesu's resurrection.

Alleluia now we cry
to our King immortal,
who triumphant burst the bars
of the tomb's dark portal;
Alleluia, with the Son
God the Father praising;
Alleluia yet again
to the Spirit raising.

St John of Damascus tr. J M Neale 1818-1866
Tune: Ave Virgo Virginum

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.**

Please turn to the Eucharist Booklet for the Eucharistic Prayer

HYMN AT THE END OF COMMUNION

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
his goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in you alone,
and I will trust in you alone,
for your endless mercy follows me,
your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,
and he anoints my head with oil,
and my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on his pure delights.

Based on Psalm 23 Stuart Townend b.1963

Please turn to the Eucharist Booklet

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

Sing of the Lord's goodness, Father of all wisdom,
come to him and bless his name.

Mercy he has shown us, his love is for ever,
faithful to the end of days.

*Come then all you nations, sing of your Lord's goodness,
melodies of praise and thanks to God.*

*Ring out the Lord's glory, praise him with your music,
worship him and bless his name.*

Power he has wielded, honour is his garment,
risen from the snares of death.

His word he has spoken, one bread he has broken,
new life he now gives to all.

Courage in our darkness, comfort in our sorrow,
Spirit of our God most high;
solace for the weary, pardon for the sinner,
splendour of the living God.

Praise him with your singing, praise him with the trumpet,
praise God with the lute and harp;
praise him with the cymbals, praise him with your dancing,
praise God till the end of days.

Ernest Sands b.1949

Tune: Sing of the Lord's goodness

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.*

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

Singing Group. A Singing Group is starting at the Parish Church once a month. The first meeting is on Thursday 11th May at 7pm. It is just to sing through some of the music used at the Eucharist on a Sunday and to expand our repertoire of hymns etc. All that is required is an enjoyment of singing!

Coronation Day 6th May. Join us at the Parish Church to watch the Coronation on the Big Screen. There will

be pastries etc on arrival, a Coronation Lunch and Afternoon Tea with a glass of Champagne.

Tickets £20. Booking essential. Contact: Esther Grosvenor 01745 539993 or email ekgcatering@gmail.com
Please book today!

THE WEEK AHEAD

**1st Monday – Philip & James,
Apostles**

9am Morning Prayer
9.30am Holy Eucharist
5pm Evening Prayer

**2nd Tuesday – Athanasius, Bishop &
Doctor**

9am Morning Prayer
5pm Evening Prayer
6pm Holy Eucharist

**3rd Wednesday – Henry Vaughan,
Poet**

9am Morning Prayer
9.40am School Service *at the Parish Church*
10.30am Holy Eucharist
5pm Evening Prayer
7.30pm Organ Recital by Graham Eccles

4th Thursday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer
10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish Church*
11am Prayer Group *at the Cathedral*
5pm Evening Prayer

5th Friday – Asaph, Bishop

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

6th Saturday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

10.30am Coronation Celebration &
viewing on the big screen *at the Parish
Church*

5pm Evening Prayer

7th Sunday – Easter 5

9.30am The Parish Eucharist *at the
Parish Church*

9.30am Holy Eucharist *at St Mary's Cefn*

11am The Cathedral Eucharist

3.30pm Festival Evensong to celebrate
the Coronation

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