



THE SUNDAY SHEET
TRINITY 6
16TH JULY 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

Holy Spirit, living breath of God,
Breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord,
To renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;
Give me faith for what I cannot see,
Give me passion for Your purity;
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within,
May Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin,
In each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace;
Breath of God show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
Giving life to all that God has made,

Show Your power once again on earth,
Cause Your church to hunger for your ways.
May the fragrance of our prayers arise;
Lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ
may be clear for all the world to see.

Keith Getty b.1974
Stuart Townend b.1963

The order of service can be found in the Eucharist Booklet

THE COLLECT

Creator God,
you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ISAIAH 55. 10-13

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord says:

"My word is like the snow and the rain that come down from the sky to water the earth. They make the crops grow and provide seed for planting and food to eat. So also will be the word that I speak - it will not fail to do what I plan for it; it will do everything I send it to do. You will leave Babylon with joy; you will be led out of the city in peace. The mountains and hills will burst into singing, and the trees will shout for joy. Cypress trees will grow where now there are briars; myrtle trees will come up in place of thorns. This will be a sign that will last forever, a reminder of what I, the Lord, have done."

For the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

Colours of day dawn into the mind,
 the sun has come up, the night is behind.
 Go down in the city, into the street,
 and let's give the message to the people we meet.

*So light up the fire and let the flame burn,
 open the door, let Jesus return.
 Take seeds of his Spirit, let the fruit grow,
 tell the people of Jesus, let his love show.*

*Sue McClellan b.1951
 John Paculabo 1946-2013
 Keith Ryecroft b.1949*

MATTHEW 13. 1-9, 18-23

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus left the house and went to the lakeside, where he sat down to teach. The crowd that gathered around him was so large that he got into a boat and sat in it, while the crowd stood on the shore. He used parables to tell them many things. "Once there was a man who went out to sow grain. As he scattered the seed in the field, some of it fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some of it fell on rocky ground, where there was little soil. The seeds soon sprouted, because the soil wasn't deep. But when the sun came up, it burned the young plants; and because the roots had not grown deep enough, the plants soon dried up. Some of the seed fell among thorn bushes, which grew up and choked the plants. But some seeds fell in good soil, and the plants bore grain: some had one hundred grains, others sixty, and others thirty." And Jesus concluded, "Listen, then, if you have ears!"

"Listen, then, and learn what the parable of the sower means. Those who hear the message about the Kingdom but do not understand it are like the seeds that fell along the path. The Evil One comes and snatches away what was sown in them. The seeds that fell on rocky ground stand for those who receive the message gladly as soon as they hear it. But it does not sink deep into them, and they don't last long. So when trouble or persecution comes because of the message, they give up at once. The seeds that fell among thorn bushes stand for those who hear the message; but the worries about this life and the love for riches choke the message, and they don't bear fruit. And the seeds sown in the

good soil stand for those who hear the message and understand it: they bear fruit, some as much as one hundred, others sixty, and others thirty."

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

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Daniel L. Schutte b.1947

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of grace,
as we look forward to the glory you have promised,
fulfil our hopes and transform our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please turn to the Eucharist Booklet for the Eucharistic Prayer

HYMN AT THE END OF COMMUNION

Here is bread, here is wine,
Christ is with us, he is with us;
break the bread, drink the wine –
Christ is with us here.

Here is grace, here is peace,
Christ is with us, he is with us;
know his grace, find his peace –
feast on Jesus here.

*In this bread there is healing,
in this cup there's life for ever;
in this moment, by the Spirit
Christ is with us here.*

Here we are, joined in one,
Christ is with us, he is with us;
we'll proclaim, 'til he comes –
Jesus crucified.

*In this bread there is healing,
in this cup there's life for ever;
in this moment, by the Spirit
Christ is with us here.*

Graham Kendrick b.1950

Please turn to the Eucharist Booklet

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN

You shall go out with joy
and come again in peace;
the mountains and the hills
shall sing and never cease;
the Son of God is ris'n again,
his love has conquered death's domain.

The trees in every field
shall clap their hands, and say
'Come shout aloud, and help
us celebrate the day!'
Jesus, the King, has burst the grave,
and lives once more to heal and save.

The Word, like rain or snow,
has come down from above,
and now reveals to all
God's purposes of love;
the Word made flesh, once dead, now lives,
new life to all he freely gives.

The myrtle for the briar,
the cypress for the thorn,
shall rise to tell the world
of its awaking dawn.
Jesus, the Life, the Truth, the Way,
has ushered in God's great new day.

*N.T. Wright b.1948, based on Isaiah 55.10-13
Tune: Darwell's 148th*

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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.

Christian Aid John & Anne Musgrave have completed their cycle ride in aid of Christian Aid. Could you please bring in your sponsor money as soon as possible. Thank you!

School Bibles. Each year the Mission Area gives a copy of the Bible to each Year 6 pupil at Esgob Morgan as they leave to go to High School. Donations towards this will be gratefully received. Please see Fr Rex or Marion Hughes. Thank you!

Pray for 2 Challenge. If each of us only prayed for 2 people over the summer period and they responded, imagine the number of new people there could be in church for the Harvest celebrations. So let us spend the summer each praying for 2 people come to know the Lord and join our church. Then invite them!

Archdeacon's Visitation takes place on Wednesday 19th July at 7pm at St Margaret's Bodelwyddan. This is a requirement for clergy and wardens but there is a welcome to anyone to attend.

Coffee Morning on Saturday 29th July from 10am to 1pm at the Parish Church.

Prayer Group This will now meet every Thursday at the Parish Church at 10.45am All Welcome!

Churchyard Work Party on Saturday 22nd July 10am to noon, with refreshments provided. We would be very grateful for your help!

THE WEEK AHEAD

17th Monday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Eucharist

10.30am Cathedral Chapter

5pm Evening Prayer

18th Tuesday – Elizabeth of Russia

9am Morning Prayer

5pm Evening Prayer

6pm Holy Eucharist

**19th Wednesday – Gregory of Nyssa
& Macrina**

9am Morning Prayer

10.30am Holy Eucharist

5pm Evening Prayer

20th Thursday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish Church*

10.45am Prayer Group *at the Parish Church*

5pm Evening Prayer

7pm Church Committee

**21st Friday – Howell Harris,
Preacher**

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Offeren (*Welsh Eucharist*)

5pm Evening Prayer

22nd Saturday – Mary Magdalene

9am Morning Prayer

5pm Evening Prayer

23rd Sunday – Trinity 7

9.30am The Parish Eucharist *at the
Parish Church*

11am The Cathedral Eucharist

3.30pm Evening Prayer

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