



THE SUNDAY SHEET  
TRINITY 13  
3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER 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

Living God, your word has called us,  
summoned us to live by grace,  
make us one in hope and vision,  
as we gather in this place.  
Take our searching, take our praising,  
take the silence of our prayer,  
offered up in joyful worship,  
springing from the love we share.

Living God, your love has called us  
in the name of Christ your Son,  
forming us to be his body,  
by your Spirit making one.  
Working, laughing, learning, growing,  
old and young and black and white,  
gifts and skills together sharing,  
in your service all unite.

Living God, your hope has called us  
to the world that you have made,  
teaching us to live for others,

humble, joyful, unafraid.  
Give us eyes to see your presence,  
joy in laughter, hope in pain.  
In our loving, in our living,  
give us strength that Christ may reign.

*Jan Berry b.1953*  
*Tune: Blaenwern*

*The order of service can be found in the Eucharist Booklet*

THE COLLECT

Almighty God,  
who called your Church to bear witness  
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:  
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,  
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;  
through him who was lifted up on the cross,  
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

ROMANS 12. 9-21

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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.

Come let us praise the living God:  
 joyfully sing to our Saviour:

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.  
 Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

*Donald Fishel b.1950*

*Tune: Alleluia No.1*

### MATTHEW 16. 21-28

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

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

Take up thy cross, the Saviour said,  
if thou wouldst my disciple be;  
deny thyself, the world forsake,  
and humbly follow after me.

Take up thy cross: let not its weight  
fill thy weak spirit with alarm;  
his strength shall bear thy spirit up,  
and brace thy heart, and nerve thine arm.

Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame,  
nor let thy foolish pride rebel:  
thy Lord for thee the cross endured,  
to save thy soul from death and hell.

Take up thy cross then in his strength,  
and calmly every danger brave;  
'twill guide thee to a better home,  
and lead to victory o'er the grave.

Take up thy cross, and follow Christ,  
nor think till death to lay it down;  
for only they who bear the cross  
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

To thee, great Lord, the One in Three,  
all praise for evermore ascend:  
O grant us in our home to see  
the heavenly life that knows no end.

*Charles William Everest 1814-1877*

*Tune: Breslau*

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Living host, call us together,  
call us to eat and drink with you;  
grant that by your body and your blood  
we may be drawn to each other and to you;  
who are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please turn to the Eucharist Booklet for the Eucharistic Prayer*

HYMN AT THE END OF COMMUNION

‘Come to me’, says Jesus,  
‘all who are distressed;  
take my yoke upon you,  
I will give you rest’.

Hear the call of Jesus,  
come, be deeply blessed;  
his the invitation,  
you the honoured guest.

Here, where bread is broken,  
here, where wine is poured,  
thankfully receive him,  
find your faith restored.

*Alan Gaunt b.1935*

*Tune: Glenfinlas*

*Please turn to the Eucharist Booklet*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Creator God,  
you feed your children with the true manna,  
the living bread from heaven:  
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage  
until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## FINAL HYMN

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine:  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God;  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

*This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long.  
This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture burst on my sight;  
angels descending, bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Saviour am happy and blest;  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

*Fanny Crosby 1820-1915  
Tune: Blessed Assurance*

## 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.

**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!

**Sunday Sheet.** Please take this sheet home with you for the notices for the week and to pray for what is happening in

the life of our Church.

**The Civic Service** for Colin, our Mayor, takes place at the Cathedral next Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 11am. There will be no service in the Parish Church on that morning. Please do come to the Cathedral to give our prayerful support to Colin and Gwenda.

**The New Lectern** is now in place. At some point – to be arranged – this will be dedicated during the Parish Eucharist.

**Harvest** Our celebration of the Harvest will take place on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October with services at the usual times at the Cathedral and Parish Church. Following the success of last year's Harvest Lunch, we will be holding another one at approximately 1pm on the same day. Tickets cost £15 and bookings can be made by contacting Esther: [ekgcatering@gmail.com](mailto:ekgcatering@gmail.com) or tel: 01745539993 or 07954033192

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### 4<sup>th</sup> Monday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Eucharist

5pm Evening Prayer

### 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

5pm Evening Prayer

6pm Holy Eucharist

### 6<sup>th</sup> Wednesday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

10.30am Holy Eucharist

5pm Evening Prayer

## 7<sup>th</sup> Thursday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish Church*

10.45am Prayer Group *at the Parish Church*

5pm Evening Prayer

## 8<sup>th</sup> Friday – The Nativity of the BVM

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Offeren (*Welsh Eucharist*)

6pm Choral Eucharist

## 9<sup>th</sup> Saturday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

5pm Evening Prayer

## 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Trinity 14

11am The Cathedral Eucharist

*Mayor's Civic Service*

3.30pm Choral Evensong

### TODAY'S READINGS

#### JEREMIAH 15. 15-21

Jeremiah has been called by God's name, and God will deliver him from all who seek to harm him

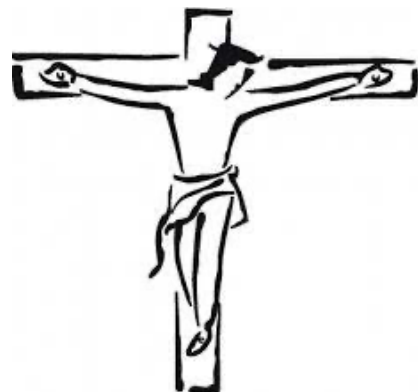
#### PSALM 26. 1-8

#### ROMANS 12. 9-21

Paul sets out the characteristics of Christian behaviour, calling on Christians to hate what is evil, and hold fast to what is good.

#### MATTHEW 16. 21-28

Jesus foretells his death and resurrection, turning on Peter when Peter attempts to remonstrate with him, and calls on all his disciples to take up their own cross in order to follow Jesus.



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