



THE SUNDAY SHEET
TRINITY 15
17TH 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

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!

*Thomas O. Chisolm 1866-1960
Tune: Faithfulness*

The order of service can be found in the Eucharist Booklet

THE COLLECT

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GENESIS 50. 15-21

A reading from the book of Genesis.

After the death of their father, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still hates us and plans to pay us back for all the harm we did to him?" So they sent a message to Joseph: "Before our father died, he told us to ask you, 'Please forgive the crime your brothers committed when they wronged you.' Now please forgive us the wrong that we, the servants of your father's God, have done." Joseph cried when he received this message. Then his brothers themselves came and bowed down before him. "Here we are before you as your slaves," they said. But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid; I can't put myself in the place of God. You plotted evil against me, but God turned it into good, in order to preserve the lives of many people who are alive today because of what happened. You have nothing to fear. I will take care of you and your children." So he reassured them with kind words that touched their hearts.

For the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Please Stand

Purify my heart,
Let me be as gold and precious silver;
Purify my heart,
Let me be as gold, pure gold.

*Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire
Is to be holy,
Set apart for you, Lord;
I choose to be holy,
Set apart for you, my master,
Ready to do your will.*

Purify my heart,
Cleanse me from within and make me holy,
Purify my heart,
Cleanse me from my sin, deep within.

Brian Doerksen b.1965

MATTHEW 18. 21-35

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, if my brother keeps on sinning against me, how many times do I have to forgive him? Seven times?" "No, not seven times," answered Jesus, "but seventy times seven, because the Kingdom of heaven is like this. Once there was a king who decided to check on his servants' accounts. He had just begun to do so when one of them was brought in who owed him millions of dollars. The servant did not have enough to pay his debt, so the king ordered him to be sold as a slave, with his wife and his children and all that he had, in order to pay the debt. The servant fell on his knees before the king. "Be patient with me," he begged, "and I will pay you everything!" The king felt sorry for him, so he forgave him the debt and let him go. "Then the man went out and met one of his fellow servants who owed him a few dollars. He grabbed him and started choking him. "Pay back what you owe me!" he said. His fellow servant fell down and begged him, "Be patient with me, and I will pay you back!" But he refused; instead, he had him thrown into jail until he should pay the debt. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were very upset and went to the king and told him everything. So he called the servant in. "You worthless slave!" he said. "I forgave you the whole amount you owed me, just because you asked me to. You should have had mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you." The king was very angry, and he sent the servant to jail to be punished until he should pay back the whole amount." And Jesus concluded, "That is how my Father in heaven will treat every one of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart."

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

*How wonderful, how glorious
is the love of God,
bringing healing, forgiveness, wonderful love.*

Let celebration echo through this land;
we bring reconciliation,
we bring hope to everyone.

We proclaim the kingdom of our God is here.
Come and join the heav'nly anthem
ringing loud and ringing clear.

Listen to the music as his praises fill the air;
with joy and with gladness
tell the people everywhere.

Dave Bilborough

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have opened the scriptures to us:
let our hearts burn with your love,
be known to us in the breaking of the bread,
and abide with us always
that we may abide in you;
who live and reign now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please turn to the Eucharist Booklet for the Eucharistic Prayer

HYMN AT THE END OF COMMUNION

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found;
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come.
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

John Newton 1725-1807
Tune: Amazing Grace

Please turn to the Eucharist Booklet

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

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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.

Pray for 2 Challenge. I hope you have been praying for 2 people (or more) over the summer. It is now time to invite them to church. Invitation cards are available today to invite people to Harvest on 8th October. There is one with this Sunday Sheet and more on the table at the back of the Church. Get inviting and keep praying!

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 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 8th October with services at the usual times at the Cathedral and Parish Church. As usual we will be accepting gifts for the Food Bank (based at the United Church in Rhyl).

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 or tel: 01745539993 or 07954033192

THE WEEK AHEAD

18th Monday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Eucharist

5pm Evening Prayer

19th Tuesday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

5pm Evening Prayer

6pm Holy Eucharist

20th Wednesday – Ss., Martyrs & Missionaries of the Pacific

9am Morning Prayer

10.30am Holy Eucharist

6.15pm Sung Evening Prayer

21st Thursday – Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

9am Morning Prayer
10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish Church*
10.45am Prayer Group *at the Parish Church*
5pm Evening Prayer
7pm Church Committee

22nd Friday – Feria

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

23rd Saturday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer
5pm Evening Prayer

24th Sunday – Trinity 16

9.30am The Parish Eucharist
11am The Cathedral Eucharist
3.30pm Choral Evensong

TODAY'S READINGS

GENESIS 50. 15-21

God knows when others try to harm us. But is we can forgive them, then God can turn a sorrowful situation into good – for us, for them and sometimes for the world.

PSALM 103. 8-13

ROMANS 14. 1-12

We should not become engaged in details of differences, of people or circumstance. If our focus is on God alone, then everything will take its proper priority.

MATTHEW 18. 21-35

Jesus' parable explains how forgiveness is demanded by justice. It is only just that we should forgive others as we are forgiven by the Lord.

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