



THE SUNDAY SHEET
TRINITY 16
24TH 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

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs and praises
I will ever give to thee.

William Williams 1717-1791

Tune: Cwm Rhondda

The order of service can be found in the Eucharist Booklet

THE COLLECT

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers
of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know
what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

JONAH 3. 10 – 4. 11

A reading from the book of Jonah.

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, 'O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' And the Lord said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.'

But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' Then the Lord said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

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 20. 1-16

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

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

Christians, lift your hearts and voices,
let your praises be outpoured;
come with joy and exultation
to the table of the Lord;
come believing, come expectant,
in obedience to his word.

See, presiding at his table,
Jesus Christ our great High Priest;
where he summons all his people,
none is greatest, none is least;
graciously he bids them welcome
to the eucharistic feast.

Lord, we offer in thanksgiving
life and work for you to bless;
yet unworthy is the offering,
marred by pride and carelessness;
so, Lord, pardon our transgressions,
plant in us true holiness.

On the evening of his passion
Jesus gave the wine and bread,
so that all who love and serve him
shall for evermore be fed.
Taste and see the Lord is gracious,
feed upon the living bread.

*John Edward Bowers b.1923
Tune: Regent Square*

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Merciful God,
give us grace to love one another
that your love may be made perfect in us;
we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please turn to the Eucharist Booklet for the Eucharistic Prayer

HYMN AT THE END OF COMMUNION

May the mind of Christ my Saviour
live in me from day to day,
by his love and power controlling
all I do or say.

May the word of God dwell richly
in my heart from hour to hour,
so that all may see I triumph
only through his power.

May the love of Jesus fill me,
as the waters fill the sea;
him exalting, self abasing –
this is victory.

Katie Barclay Wilkinson 1859-1928
Tune: St Leonard's (Bareham-Gould)

Please turn to the Eucharist Booklet

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
first-begotten from the dead'
thou alone, our strong defender,
liftest up thy people's head.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Jesu, true and living bread.

Here our humblest homage pay we,
here in loving reverence bow;
here for faith's discernment pray we,
lest we fail to know thee now.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou are here, we ask not how.

Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
as of old in Bethlehem,
here as there thine angels hail thee,
Branch and Flower of Jesse's Stem.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

We in worship join with them

Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished
once for all when thou wast slain,
in its fullness undiminished
shall for evermore remain,

Alleluia! Alleluia!

cleansing souls from every stain.

Life-imparting heavenly Manna,
stricken Rock with streaming side,
heaven and earth with loud hosanna
worship thee, the Lamb who died,

Alleluia! Alleluia!

risen, ascended, glorified.

George Hugh Bourne 1840-1925

Tune: St Helen

CCL No: 961722

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. They can be found 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.

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

25th Monday – Cadoc, Abbot

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

26th Tuesday – Lancelot Andrewes

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

27th Wednesday – Ember Day

9am Morning Prayer
10.30am Holy Eucharist
6.15pm Sung Evening Prayer

28th Thursday – Feria

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

29th Friday – Michael & all Angels

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Offeren (*Welsh Eucharist*)

6pm Choral Eucharist

30th Saturday – Ember Day

9am Morning Prayer

5pm Evening Prayer

1st Sunday – Trinity 17

9.30am The Parish Eucharist

11am The Cathedral Eucharist

3.30pm Choral Evensong

TODAY'S READINGS

JONAH 3. 10 – 4. 11

With his ordinary human instincts, Jonah demands justice; but God is more interested in mercy.

PSALM 145. 1-8

PHILIPPIANS 1. 21-30

Although Paul wants to be with Christ, he knows he still has work to do – work which may involve suffering, as it may too for those to whom he writes.

MATTHEW 20. 1-16

Which rules in the kingdom of heaven, justice or generosity?

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