



# THE SUNDAY SHEET CHRIST THE KING 26<sup>th</sup> November 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

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the virgin's Son, the God incarnate born, whose arm those crimson trophies won which now His brow adorn; fruit of the mystic rose, as of that rose the stem; the root whence mercy ever flows, the Babe of Bethlehem.

Crown him the Lord of love, behold his hands and side, those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.

No angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a sceptre sways from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise. his reign shall know no end, and round his piercèd feet fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
all hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou has died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

Matthew Bridges 1800-1894

Tune: Diademata

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

#### THE COLLECT

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

# **EPHESIANS 1. 15-23**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

For the word of the Lord:

#### Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL Please Stand

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.

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Donald Fishel b. 1950 Tune: Alleluia No. 1

Matthew 25. 31-46

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the

sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

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

O worship the King all glorious above; O gratefully sing his power and his love; our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space; his chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold, almighty, thy power hath founded of old; hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree, and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite? it breathes in the air, it shines in the light; it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain; and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust and feeble as frail, in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail; thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end! our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

O measureless might, ineffable love, while angels delight to hymn thee above, thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays, with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

Robert Grant 1779-1838

Tune: Hannover

#### Prayer over the Gifts

Eternal God, you have given your Son authority in heaven and on earth: grant that through this eucharist we may share in the banquet of his kingdom and serve him with hope and joy; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

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

# Hymn at the end of Communion

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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#### Please turn to the Eucharist Booklet

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### FINAL HYMN

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King. the heavens are not too high, his praise may thither fly: the earth is not too low, his praises there may grow. Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King.

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King.
The Church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out; but above all the heart must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King.

George Herbert 1593-1633

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:

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.

**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.

**Advent** begins on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. As well as the usual morning Eucharist there will be the Advent Procession at the Cathedral at 6pm. This is a beautiful service of music and readings to mark the beginning of this special season.

Kentigern Guild The next meeting of the Kentigern Guild will be on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm in the Parish Church, The speaker will be Elin Roberts of Llysfasi Agricultural College "Educating Those that Work the Land" All welcome.

Christmas Coffee Morning will take place at the Parish Church on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December from 10am to 1pm. A warm festive welcome to all.

#### Carols by 1000 Candles

An evening of Music with the Cathedral Choir on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm at the Cathedral

> Adults £10 Children Free



THE WEEK AHEAD

27<sup>th</sup> Monday – Feria 9am Morning Prayer 9.30am Holy Eucharist 5pm Evening Prayer

#### 28th Tuesday – Feria

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

# 29<sup>th</sup> Wednesday – Day of Intercession for the Mission of the Church

9am Morning Prayer10.30am Holy Eucharist6.15pm Sung Evening Prayer

# 30th Thursday – Andrew, Apostle

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

## 1st Friday – Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon

9am Morning Prayer9.30am Offeren (Welsh Eucharist)6pm Choral Evensong

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday – The Saints, Martyrs & Missionaries of Asia

9am Morning Prayer5pm Evening Prayer

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – Advent 1

9.30am The Parish Eucharist11am Messy Church11am The Cathedral Eucharist6pm The Advent Procession

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#### TODAY'S READINGS

EZEKIEL 34. II-I6, 20-24

God never gives up on his people, but promises to bring them into his kingdom of justice and peace.

Psalm 95. 1-7

## **EPHESIANS 1. 15-23**

The risen Christ rules in heaven, and we have an inheritance in his kingdom with all the saints.

## MATTHEW 25. 31-46

We will, in the end, be judged by our attitude towards people in need of our help.

