



The Sunday Sheet

The 2nd Sunday of Lent

25th February 2024

*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

At the name of Jesus
Every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess him
King of glory now:
'Tis the Father's pleasure
We should call him Lord,
Who from the beginning
Was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season,
To receive a name
From the lips of sinners
Unto whom he came,
Faithfully he bore it
Spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious,
When from death he passed:

In your hearts enthrone him;
There let him subdue
All that is not holy,
All that is not true:
He is God the Saviour,
He is Christ the Lord,

Ever to be worshipped,
Trusted, and adored.

Surely, this Lord Jesus
Shall return again,
With his Father's glory,
With his angel train;
For all wreaths of empire
Meet upon his brow,
And our hearts confess him
King of glory now.

Caroline Maria Noel 1817-1877
Tune: Camberwell

The order of service can be found in the Eucharist Booklet

The Collect

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Genesis 17. 1-7, 15-16

A reading from the book of Genesis.

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.'

God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

For the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Please Stand

Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour,
Word of the Father, calling us to life;
Son of God who leads us to freedom:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

You are the Word who calls us out of darkness;
you are the Word who leads into light;
you are the Word who brings us through the desert:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour,
Word of the Father, calling us to life;
Son of God who leads us to freedom:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Bernadette Farrell b.1957

Mark 8. 31-28

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, '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, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of

them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

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

Grant, O Lord,
that as we lift up these earthly gifts
in the name of your Son Jesus Christ,
so we may share in the heavenly banquet of his eternal life,
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

Bless the Lord, my soul,
and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul,
who leads me into life. *Sing through 3 times*

Taize Community

Please turn to the Eucharist Booklet

Post Communion Prayer

Creator of heaven and earth,
we thank you for these holy mysteries
given us by our Lord Jesus Christ,
by which we receive your grace and are assured of your love,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Final Hymn

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth;
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Dance then wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,
but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
they came with me and the dance went on:

I dance on the Sabbath and I cured the lame:
the holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,
and they left me there on a cross to die:

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned back;
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone;
but I am the dance and I still go on:

They cut me down and I leap up high;
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me:
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he:

*Dance then wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

*Sydney Carter 1915-2004
Tune: Lord of the Dance*

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Notices

Refreshments. Please do join us for refreshments after the service if you can.

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 4-6pm at the Parish Church. Please note the new time!

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.

Food4Thought is a lunch with a Christian message, which is part of our outreach and takes place on Thursdays at 12noon. All welcome!

Easter Flowers. Donations for Easter Flowers are now being invited in memory of departed loved ones. Please use the envelopes which can be found on the table at the back of the Church. Thank you.

Transforming Lives for Good (TLG) is an initiative to support children in need and their families in our local Church Schools. Further information or expressions of interest in this please speak to Fr. Rex.

World Day of Prayer falls on Friday 1st March. There will be a special service at the Parish Church that day at 10.30am. All are welcome!

The Week Ahead

26th Monday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral*

5pm Evening Prayer

27th Tuesday – George Herbert

9am Morning Prayer

5pm Evening Prayer

6pm Holy Eucharist & Lent Meditation
at the Cathedral

28th Wednesday – Ember Day

9am Morning Prayer

10.30am Holy Eucharist *at the*

Cathedral

6.15pm Sung Evening Prayer

29th Thursday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish*

Church

10.45am Prayer Group *at the Parish*

Church

12noon Food4Thought *at the Parish*

Church

5pm Evening Prayer

1st Friday – David, Bishop

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Offeren (*Welsh Eucharist*) at the
Cathedral

6pm Choral Eucharist

2nd Saturday – Chad

9am Morning Prayer

5pm Evening Prayer

3rd Sunday – Lent 3

9.30am The Parish Eucharist at the
Parish Church

11am The Cathedral Eucharist

11am Messy Church at the *Parish*
Church

3.30pm Choral Evensong

Today's Readings

Genesis 17. 1-7, 15-16

Thirteen years after Ishmael's birth, the Lord reaffirms his covenant promise of fruitfulness to Abram and Sarai and their descendants, renaming them Abraham and Sarah to signify his special call on their lives.

Psalm 22. 23-31

Romans 4. 13-25

Paul calls Christians to put their faith in Christ's redemption just as Abraham believed God's promises against all human odds. Trusting in God's power and grace makes us righteous in his sight.

Mark 8. 31-38

Jesus teaches his disciple about his forthcoming suffering and death. He rebukes Peter's objections as opposing God's purposes, and urges his followers to similarly yield their own lives in cross-carrying discipleship.



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