



The Sunday Sheet The 3rd Sunday of Lent 3rd March 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

We love the place, O God,
wherein thine honour dwells;
the joy of thine abode
all earthly joy excels.

We love the house of prayer,
wherein thy servants meet;
and thou, O Lord, art there
thy chosen flock to greet.

We love the word of life,
the word that tells of peace,
of comfort in the strife,
and joys that never cease.

We love to sing below
for mercies freely given;
but O we long to know
the triumph-song of heaven.

Lord Jesus, give us grace
on earth to love thee more,
in heaven to see thy face,
and with thy saints adore.

William Bullock 1798-1874 Henry Williams Baker 1821-1877

Tune: Quam Dilecta

The order of service can be found in the Eucharist Booklet

The Collect

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
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.**

1 Corinthians 1. 18-25

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,
'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

John 2. 13-22

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:
be thou mine inheritance now and always;
be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won;
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

*Irish, 8th Century Tr. Mary Elizabeth Byrne
Tune: Slane*

Prayer over the Gifts

Almighty God,
your beloved Son, for love of us,
willingly offered himself to endure the cross,
its agony and its shame:
give us grace to take up our cross
and to follow him in humility and love;
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

In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time:
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.

When the sun of bliss in beaming
light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming
adds more lustre to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure,
joys that through all time abide.

John Bowering 1792-1872
Tune: Cross of Jesus

Please turn to the Eucharist Booklet

Post Communion Prayer

We beseech you, almighty God,
look upon the heartfelt desires of your humble servants,
and stretch forth the right hand of your majesty,
to be our defence against all our enemies;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Final Hymn

Praise the Lord! Ye heavens, adore him;
praise him, angels, in the height;
sun and moon, rejoice before him,
praise him, all ye stars and light.
Praise the Lord! for he hath spoken;
worlds his mighty voice obeyed:
laws, which never shall be broken,
for their guidance he hath made.

Praise the Lord! for he is glorious;
never shall his promise fail:
God hath made his saints victorious;
sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation;
hosts on high, his power proclaim;
heaven and earth and all creation,
laud and magnify his name.

*Based on Psalm 148
Tune: Austria*

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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.

Invitation. Next Sunday, Mothering Sunday, is an invitation Sunday. Invitations can be found on the table at the back of the Church. Please take as many as you would like to invite people to our celebration.

Mission Giving. Thank you to all those who contributed to "Blood Bikes" this years Diocesan Offering. There will be a collection plate out on the 3rd Sundays of March, April and May for the work of Christian Aid.

Kentigern Guild. The next meeting of the Kentigern Guild will be at 2.30pm on Wednesday 6th March in the Parish Church. The Lenten Talk will be given by Canon Michael Balkwill. All very welcome.

The Week Ahead

4th Monday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral*

5pm Evening Prayer

5th Tuesday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

5pm Evening Prayer

6pm Holy Eucharist & Lent Meditation

at the Cathedral

6th Wednesday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

10.30am Holy Eucharist *at the
Cathedral*

6.15pm Sung Evening Prayer

7th 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

8th Friday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

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

6pm Choral Evensong

9th Saturday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

5pm Evening Prayer

10th Sunday – Lent 4 (Mothering Sunday)

9.30am All-Age/Family Eucharist *at the
Parish Church*

11am The Cathedral Eucharist

3.30pm Choral Evensong

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Today's Readings

Exodus 20. 1-17

God meets with Moses and gives him the Ten Commandments.

Psalm 19. 7-14

1 Corinthians 1. 18-25

In this passage, Paul challenges those people who claim to be wise.

John 2. 13-22

John describes the scene as Jesus clears the Temple of an undesirable element.

