Eglwys Sant Asa Llanelwy Saint Asaph Parish Church



# The Sunday Sheet *for*Kingdom 3 Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024

A very warm welcome as we gather for the **All-Age Eucharist**.

An induction loop is provided.

Gluten free wafers are available for those who need them. Please inform one of the welcomers who will pass the information on to the clergy. Many thanks

#### **Entrance Hymn**

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat: a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Marty Haugen b.1950 Tune: Two Oaks

■ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Grace and peace be with you **And keep you in the love of Christ.** 

The Priest gives an introduction to the Eucharist and calls the people to penitence.

Silence is kept

When we live impatiently and don't wait for God's direction and timing: Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.** 

When we make decisions based on hasty judgements, and fail to seek God's wisdom: Christ, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.** 

When we fail to look beyond our own narrow horizons and fail to see God at work in the world:

Lord, have mercy: Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God have mercy on you, ♣ forgive you and set you free from sin, and keep you in eternal life. **Amen.** 

#### Gloria in Excelsis

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo. Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.

Lord, God, heavenly King, peace you bring to us, we worship you, we give you thanks, we sing our song of praise.

Jesus, Saviour of all, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away our sins, Oh Lord, have mercy on us all.

At the Father's right hand, Lord receive our prayer, for you alone are the Holy One, and you alone are Lord.

Glory, Father and Son, Glory Holy Spirit, to you we raise our hands up high, we glorify your name.

#### **The Collect**

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

## Hebrews 10. 11-14, 19-25

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God', and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to

meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

For the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Please Stand

Great is the darkness that covers the earth, oppression, injustice and pain; nations are slipping in hopeless despair, though many have come in your name – watching while sanity dies, touched by the madness and lies.

Come, Lord Jesus, come, Lord Jesus, pour out your Spirit we pray; come, Lord Jesus, come, Lord Jesus, pour out your Spirit on us today.

May now your Church rise with power and love, this glorious gospel proclaim; in every nation salvation will come to those who believe in your name. Help us bring light to this world, that we might speed your return.

Great celebrations on that final day, when out from the heavens you come; darkness will vanish, all sorrow will end, and rulers will bow at your throne; our great commission complete; then face to face we shall meet.

Gerald Coates & Noel Richrds Tune: Come, Lord Jesus

#### Mark 13. 1-18

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Mark. Glory to you, O Lord.

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

The Homily Please Sit

#### An Affirmation of the Faith.

Please Stand

Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe in God: Creator, Saviour and Judge of all.

We believe in Jesus, who have opened up the way to heaven and cleansed us of our sin.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the Church.

We believe in God: Creator, Saviour and Judge of all.

#### The Intercession

Please Sit

Appropriate responses may be used, for example

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

Lord, hear us:

Lord, graciously hear us.

The Intercession ends with a suitable collect said by the priest, or the following

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Peace Please Stand

With all God's people, we watch and wait in expectation of his coming, and in peace with one another.

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.** 

Let us offer one another a sign of the Lord's peace.

## **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, 8<sup>th</sup> Century Tune: Slane* 

# The Thanksgiving

We celebrate together the gifts and grace of God. We take this bread, we take this wine to follow Christ's example and obey his command.

## **Prayer over the Gifts**

Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom; we ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** 

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory. You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish.

You give us happy times and things to celebrate. In these we taste your kingdom, a feast for all your children.

You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and sing your praise:

Holy, holy, holy, holy, Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty. And we lift our hearts before you as a token of our love. Holy, holy, holy, holy.

Gracious Father, gracious Father,
Blessed is the one who comes to us
in your name.
And we lift our hearts before you
as we give you thanks and praise.
Hosanna in the highest.

We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may become Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread.
He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying:

'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:

'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come in glory.

So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Kentigern, St Asaph and all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

Silence is kept Please Sit

Let us pray with confidence to the Father:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

#### The Communion

The priest breaks the bread
We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body
for we all share in one bread.

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

#### The Invitation to Holy Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.
Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.

The sacrament is administered with these words:

The body of Christ. **Amen.** The blood of Christ. **Amen.** 

All those who are baptised (Christened) are welcome to receive Holy Communion today. Baptised (Christened) children are welcome to receive holy communion at the discretion of their parents.

If you are not receiving you are welcome to come forward for a blessing but please bring this leaflet with you as a signal to the priest.

## Hymn at the end of Communion

Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here. Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear. In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground. Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still for the glory of the Lord is shining all around; he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned. How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light! Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place; he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace. No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him. Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

## **The Sending Out**

Please Stand

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious: **his love is everlasting.** 

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.** 

## The Blessing

The Lord be with you **And also with you.** 

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

## **Final Hymn**

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine: O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God; born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Saviour all the day long. This is my story, this is my song, praising my Saviour all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture burst on my sight; angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Saviour am happy and blest; watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Saviour all the day long. This is my story, this is my song, praising my Saviour all the day long.

Fanny Crosby 1820-1915 Tune: Blessed Assurance

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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 4-5pm 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.

Choir Tour. The Cathedral Choir have been given the amazing opportunity of singing in Finland on a choir tour in May next year. We are raising money to make sure this can happen. For more details, and to donate online, please see the following

link: <a href="https://gofund.me/560aa0db">https://gofund.me/560aa0db</a>
If you would like to donate in cash or by cheque, please clearly mark your donations 'Choir Finland' and hand to a member of the cathedral team or pop it in the collection plate or donation box

in the cathedral. If you are able to, please share the Go Fund Me page – from the page on the link above, click 'Share' and you can share on social media or copy the link to send to friends and family. Thank you.

O Come, let us adore him is an Advent Study Group put together by the Bishops of the Church in Wales. We will be running the group at the Parish Church on the following Mondays: 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> December starting at 11am. The sessions will last no longer than one hour. A warm welcome to all!

Advent begins on Sunday 1<sup>st</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. Advent Sunday is also our next Invitation Service. Please pick up invitations to give out from the table at the back of the Church.

**Kentigern Guild** The next meeting of the Kentigern Guild will be on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm in the Parish Church. The speaker will be Paul Mealor and his talk is entitled "Composing for Royalty". All welcome.

Christmas Coffee Morning will take place at the Parish Church on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December from 10am to 1pm. A warm festive welcome to all.

The Mothers' Union 'Wave of Prayer' will be held in the Cathedral, Translators Chapel, on Tuesday 18th November at 12.20 pm.

Wednesday 19th November our Meeting in the Parish Church at 2pm A talk by Pam Lake on the work of the Humming Bird Project. All welcome to join us. **24<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Christ the King** 9.30am The Parish Eucharist 11am The Cathedral Eucharist 3.30pm Choral Evensong

#### The Week Ahead

#### 18th Monday - Hilda, Abbess

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

# 19th Tuesday – Elizabeth of Hungary

9am Morning Prayer5pm Evening Prayer6pm Holy Eucharist

#### 20th Wednesday - Feria

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

## 21st Thursday - Paulinus of Wales

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

## 22<sup>nd</sup> Friday – Cecilia, Martyr

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

# 23<sup>rd</sup> Saturday – Clement, Bishop &

Martyr

9am Morning Prayer 5pm Evening Prayer Contact:

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#### **Today's Readings**

#### **Daniel 12. 1-3**

A heavenly visitor tells Daniel that at a future time of great anguish, the 'great prince' Michael will arise as the protector of the people. At that time the people will be delivered, and many of those who have died will rise, to everlasting life or everlasting shame.

#### Psalm 16

#### Hebrews 10. 11-14, 19-25

Human priesthood can never take away sin; only Christ's offering of himself was able to accomplish that. The writer therefore urges his readers to have confidence in Christ and the 'new and living way' he has opened up for them.

#### Mark 13. 1-8

The disciples admire the seeming permanence and magnificence of the Temple, but Jesus warns them of its future destruction. This will be one of the signs of the end of the age. The disciples are to be on their guard, and not allow any who falsely claim to be the Messiah to lead them astray.