Eglwys Sant Asa Llanelwy Saint Asaph Parish Church



The Sunday Sheet *for*Epiphany 2 Sunday 19th January 2025

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

Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it, for by his power each tree and flower was planned and made. Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it; sun, moon and stars in heaven cry: "Jesus is Lord!"

Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord! Praise him with Alleluias, for Jesus is Lord.

Jesus is Lord! Yet from his throne eternal in flesh he came to die in pain on Calvary's tree. Jesus is Lord! From him all life proceeding, yet gave his life a ransom thus setting us free.

Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty conqueror, from death he rose and all his foes shall own his name. Jesus is Lord! God send the Holy Spirit to show by works of power that Jesus is Lord.

David John Mansell b. 1936 Tune: Jesus is Lord ■ 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

For the times when we stifle God's gift of life, and neglect the opportunities he gives for joy and celebration:

Lord, have mercy: Lord, have mercy.

For the times when we make God to small, and we fail to see his presence and activity in the whole of life:

Christ, have mercy: Christ, have mercy.

For the times when our thoughts are concerned with things on earth, forgetting that we belong in God's kingdom:

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

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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.**

Please Sit

Isaiah 62. 1-5

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

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.

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

Donald Fishel b.1050 Tune: Alleluia No.1

John 2. 1-11

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother, his brothers, and his disciples; and they remained there for a few days.

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 the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

God calls us to live in love and peace with one another, in the light and love of Christ.

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

The trumpets sound, the angels sing, the feast is ready to begin; the gates of heaven are open wide, and Jesus welcomes you inside.

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Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight, come and revel in heaven's love and light; take your place at the table of the King, the feast is ready to begin, the feast is ready to begin.

Tables are laden with good things, O taste the peace and joy he brings; He'll fill you up with love divine, He'll turn your water into wine.

The hungry heart he satisfies, offers the poor his paradise; now hear all heaven and earth applaud the amazing goodness of the Lord.

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

God of life and freedom, we celebrate the revelation of Jesus as the Christ who makes all things new: renew us in him and in our lives make him known, who is Lord for ever and ever. **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.

We sing

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.

David Evans b.1957

Tune: Be still

Silence is kept

Post Communion Prayer

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

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

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

May the love of God the Father give you life; may the light of Christ the Son guide your path; may the energy of the Holy Spirit inspire you with hope and joy. And the blessing of God almighty, ▶ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. Amen.

Final Hymn

Sing of the Lord's goodness, Father of all wisdom, come to him and bless his name.

Mercy he has shown us, his love is for ever, faithful to the end of days.

Come then all you nations, sing of your Lord's goodness, melodies of praise and thanks to God.
Ring out the Lord's glory, praise him with your music, worship him and bless his name.

Power he has wielded, honour is his garment, risen from the snares of death. His word he has spoken, one bread he has broken, new life he now gives to all.

Courage in our darkness, comfort in our sorrow, Spirit of our God most high; solace for the weary, pardon for the sinner, splendour of the living God.

Praise him with your singing, praise him with the trumpet, praise God with the lute and harp; praise him with the cymbals, praise him with your dancing, praise God till the end of days.

Come then all you nations, sing of your Lord's goodness, melodies of praise and thanks to God. Ring out the Lord's glory, praise him with your music, worship him and bless his name.

Ernest Sands b.1949 Tune: Sing of the Lord's goodness

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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: https://gofund.me/560aa0db 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.

The Week Ahead

20th Monday - Feria

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

21st Tuesday – Agnes, Martyr

9am Morning Prayer 10am LYCiG meeting at the Parish

Church

5pm Evening Prayer 6pm Holy Eucharist

22nd Wednesday – Feria

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

23rd Thursday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer 10am Holy Eucharist at the Parish

Church

10.45am Prayer Group at the Parish Church

12noon Food4Thought Lunch at the

Parish Church

5pm Evening Prayer

24th Friday – Antony of Egypt (Eve of the Conversion of Paul)

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

25th Saturday – The Conversion of Paul, Apostle

9am Morning Prayer5pm Evening Prayer

26th Sunday – Epiphany 3

9.30am The Parish Eucharist11am The Cathedral Eucharist3.30pm Choral Evensong

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Today's Readings

Isaiah 62. 1-5

Zion has suffered oppression and injustice; but the prophet brings good news. He vows neither to rest of be silent until Jerusalem is vindicated, and her salvation shines out 'like a burning torch'.

Psalm 36. 5-10

1 Corinthians 12, 1-11

No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' other than by the Holy Spirit. Paul explains to his readers the ways in which the one Spirit works in believers to bring forth a variety of different gifts.

John 2. 1-11

Jesus turns water into wine at a wedding at Cana in Galilee. He thus performed the first of his 'signs', 'and his disciples believed in him.

