



## The Sunday Sheet *for* Easter 3 Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2025

*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  
welcomers who will pass the information on to the clergy. Many thanks

### Entrance Hymn

Christ is the King! O friends rejoice;  
brothers and sisters with one voice  
make all men know he is your choice. Alleluia!

O magnify the Lord, and raise  
anthems of joy and holy praise  
for Christ's brave saints of ancient days. Alleluia!

They with a faith for ever new  
followed the King, and round him drew  
thousands of faithful hearts and true. Alleluia!

O Christian women, Christian men,  
all the world over, seek again  
the Way disciples followed then. Alleluia!

Christ through all ages is the same;  
place the same hope in his great name,  
with the same faith his word proclaim. Alleluia!

Let Love's unconquerable might  
your scattered companies unite  
in service to the Lord of light. Alleluia!

So shall God's will on earth be done,  
new lamps be lit, new tasks begun,  
and the whole Church at last be one. Alleluia!

*George Kennedy Allen Bell 1883-1958*  
*Tune: Vulpius (Gelobt Sei Gott)*

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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

*Silence is kept*

When we tell you that we love you, but our hearts are full of anger:  
Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

When we say we love our neighbour, but our hands are slow to help:  
Christ, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**

When we fail to love ourselves, tell us again how you have loved us:  
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**

Glory to God, we give you thanks and praise;  
of heav'nly joy and earthly peace we sing.  
We worship you, to you our hearts we raise,  
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.

Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,  
you bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
O Lamb of God, your glorious vict'ry won,  
receive our pray'r, grant us your peace within.

Alone, O Christ, you only are the Lord,  
at God's right hand in majesty most high:  
who with the Spirit worshipped and adored:  
with all the heav'nly host we glorify.

*Tune: Woodlands*

## **The Collect**

Let us pray:

Almighty Father,  
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples  
with the sight of the risen Lord:  
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,  
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life  
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;  
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*

## **Acts 9. 1-6**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" <sup>5</sup> He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup> But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

For the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Now he is living, the Christ,  
out of the tomb he is risen,  
he has conquered death,  
opened heaven to all believers.

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*Fintan O'Carroll 1922-1981  
& Christopher Walker b.1947  
Tune: Celtic Alleluia*

## John 21. 1-19

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup> Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, <sup>[a]</sup> Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup> Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. <sup>4</sup> Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." <sup>6</sup> He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup> That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he had taken it off, and jumped into the sea. <sup>8</sup> But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

<sup>9</sup> When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." <sup>11</sup> So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them, and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup> This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

<sup>15</sup> When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." <sup>16</sup> A second time he said to him, "Simon son of

John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." <sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup> Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." <sup>19</sup> (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

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 affirm the good news we have received,  
in which we stand,  
through which we are saved  
and which we hand on to others.

**Christ died for our sins  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he was buried;  
he was raised to life on the third day  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
afterwards he appeared to his followers,  
and to all the apostles:  
this we have received,  
and this we believe. 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*

The disciple whom Jesus loved said: It is the Lord! Knowing ourselves to be loved by our risen Lord Jesus, we rejoice in his presence and share his peace.

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

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

## **Offertory Hymn**

Light of the minds that know him,  
may Christ be light to mine;  
my sun in risen splendour,  
my light of truth divine;  
my guide in doubt and darkness,  
my true and living way,  
my clear light ever shining,  
my dawn of heaven's day.

Life of the souls that love him,  
may Christ be ours indeed!  
the living bread from heaven  
on whom our spirits feed;  
who died for love of sinners  
to bear our guilty load,  
and make of life's brief journey  
a new Emmaus road.

Strength of the wills that serve him,  
may Christ be strength to me,  
who stilled the storm and tempest,  
who calmed the tossing sea;  
his Spirit's power to move me,  
his will to master mine,  
his cross to carry daily  
and conquer in his sign.

May it be ours to know him  
that we may truly love,  
and loving, fully serve him  
as serve the saints above;  
till in that home of glory  
with fadeless splendour bright,  
we serve in perfect freedom  
our strength, our life, our light.

*Timothy Dudley Smith 1926-2024*  
*Tune: Aurelia*

## **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**

Creator of all,  
you wash away our sins in water,  
you give us new birth by the Spirit,  
and redeem us in the blood of Christ.  
As we celebrate the resurrection,  
renew your gift of life within us.  
We ask this in the name of  
Jesus Christ the risen 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.**

True and living God, the source of life for all creation,  
you have made us in your own image.

Always and everywhere we give you thanks  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Because in his victory over death a new age has dawned,  
the long reign of sin is ended,  
a broken world is being renewed  
and we are once again made whole.

Therefore, with angels and archangels  
and with all the company of heaven  
we praise your glorious name:

**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.**



Hear us, most merciful Father,  
and send your Holy Spirit on this bread and wine,  
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,  
they may be for us the body and blood of your Son,  
our Lord Jesus Christ;  
because on the night he was betrayed he took bread,  
and when he had given you thanks,  
he broke it, gave it to his disciples and said,

Take, eat; this is my body  
which is given for you:  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup;  
when he had given you thanks he gave it to them and said,  
Drink this, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in my blood  
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins:  
do this as often as you drink it  
in remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come in glory.**

Therefore, loving God,  
recalling now the sacrifice of Christ your Son  
once for all upon the cross  
and the triumph of his resurrection,  
we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise.

Send your Holy Spirit on us  
that we may be filled with your life and goodness  
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom  
Unite us in Christ and give us your peace  
that we may do your work and be his body in the world.

Through him, with him, in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,  
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**

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,  
to reach out and touch him and say that we love him;  
open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen;  
O, open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus! *Sing through twice*

*Robert Cull b.1949*

*Silence is kept*

## **The Sending Out**

*Please Stand*

## **Post Communion Prayer**

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

Living God,  
your Son made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

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

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life. 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. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**In the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## Final Hymn

We have a gospel to proclaim,  
good for all throughout the earth;  
the gospel of a Saviour's name:  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Tell of his birth and Bethlehem  
not in a royal house or hall  
but in a stable dark and dim,  
the Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of his death at Calvary,  
hated by those he came to save,  
in lonely suffering on the Cross;  
for all he loved his life he gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn:  
empty the tomb, for he was free.  
He broke the power of death and hell  
that we might share his victory.

Tell of his reign at God's right hand,  
by all creation glorified.  
He sends his Spirit on his Church  
to live for him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name him King:  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
This gospel-message we proclaim:  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

*Edward Joseph Burns b.1938*  
*Tune: Fulda*

## 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.

**Annual Vestry Meeting** will take place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in the Parish Church. Nomination sheets for Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary and Church Committee members can be found on the table at the back of the Church. Agenda and reports will be available shortly. **Please make nominations as soon as possible.** Thank you!

**Cathedral Choir** pre-tour concert before their trip to Finland planned for

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May has been cancelled.

**VE Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** will be commemorated at Choral Evensong today at 3.30pm.

**Plant stall** on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 10-12 in the church grounds. Proceeds shared between Parish church and Elwy Invasive Plant Group.

## The Week Ahead

### 5<sup>th</sup> Monday – Asaph, Bishop

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

### 6<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – Easter Weekday

9am Morning Prayer  
10am Toddler Group *at the Parish Church*  
5pm Evening Prayer  
6pm Holy Eucharist

### 7<sup>th</sup> Wednesday – Easter Weekday

9am Morning Prayer  
10.30am Holy Eucharist  
5pm Evening Prayer  
7.30pm Organ Recital by Ken Fayle

### 8<sup>th</sup> Thursday – Julian of Norwich

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

## **9<sup>th</sup> Friday – Gregory of Nazianzus**

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Offeren (Welsh Eucharist)

6pm Choral Evensong

## **10<sup>th</sup> Saturday – Easter Weekday**

9am Morning Prayer

5pm Evening Prayer

## **11<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Easter 4**

9.30am The Parish Eucharist

11am The Cathedral Eucharist

3.30pm Choral Evensong

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## **Today's Readings**

### **Acts 9. 1-6**

In a blinding light from heaven the crucified and risen Jesus reveals himself to Saul the persecutor, whose blindness (physical and spiritual) is later healed; he responds by recognising Jesus as the Son of God and telling others.

### **Psalm 30**

### **Revelation 5. 11-14**

The crucified and risen Jesus is recognised in heaven as the Lamb of God, and joyfully worshipped; unlike Temple offerings, this sacrifice is effective for ever.

### **John 21. 1-19**

When the disciples eventually recognise the crucified and risen Jesus in the stranger on the beach, Peter the denier is restored and forgiven, and commissioned to care for God's people, whatever the cost.

