



## The Sunday Sheet *for* The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (Passion Sunday) Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 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

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,  
till all the world adore his sacred name.*

Come, let us follow where our Captain trod,  
our King victorious, Christ the Son of God.

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine:

Each new-born soldier of the Crucified  
bears on his brow the seal of him who died.

Saved by the cross whereon their Lord was slain,  
earth's fallen children their lost home regain.

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised, draw us unto thee.

Let every race and every language tell  
of him who save our souls from death and hell.

*George William Kitchen 1827-1912  
& Michael Robert Newbolt 1874-1956  
Tune: Crucifer*

✠ 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*

Father God, when we despise or reject the way other people worship:  
Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, when we are horrified by other people's extravagance towards you:  
Christ, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, when we judge other people according to our own values:  
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.**

## **The Collect**

Let us pray:

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ  
delivered and saved the world:  
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross  
we may triumph in the power of his victory;  
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 43. 16-21**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord,  
who makes a way in the sea,  
a path in the mighty waters,

who brings out chariot and horse,  
    army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise,  
    they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
Do not remember the former things,  
    or consider the things of old.  
I am about to do a new thing;  
    now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
    and rivers in the desert.  
The wild animals will honour me,  
    the jackals and the ostriches;  
for I give water in the wilderness,  
    rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
    the people whom I formed for myself  
so that they might declare my praise.

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 12. 1-8**

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **The Homily**

*Please Sit*

### **An Affirmation of the Faith.**

*Please Stand*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. 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*

Once we were far away from God, but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near through the shedding of his blood.

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

Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise:  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways.

O loving wisdom of our God!  
when all was sin and shame,  
a second Adam to the fight  
and to the rescue came.

O wisest love! that flesh and blood,  
which did in Adam fail,  
should strive afresh against the foe,  
should strive and should prevail;

and that a higher gift than grace  
should flesh and blood refine,  
God's presence and his very self,  
and essence all-divine.

O generous love! that he, who smote  
in Man for man the foe,  
the double agony in Man  
for man should undergo;

and in the garden secretly,  
and on the cross on high,  
should teach his brethren, and inspire  
to suffer and to die.

Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise:  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways.

*John Henry Newman 1801-1890*

*Tune: Gerontius*

## **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**

Living Lord,  
the way of your cross is shown  
to be the way of our salvation,  
your love and forgiveness  
are displayed as the keys of our redemption  
and your sacrificial love  
is offered as the foundation of our hope;  
Lord Jesus, help us to follow you,  
who are alive and reign, now and for 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.**

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy  
at all times and in all places to give you thanks, holy Father,  
all-powerful and everliving God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Who, bearing the human likeness, humbled himself  
and in obedience accepted death, even death on a cross.  
He was lifted up from the earth  
that he might draw all people to himself.

And so with the hosts of angels and all the company of heaven  
we proclaim the glory of your name  
and join in their unending hymn of 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.**



All praise and thanks to you, true and living God,  
Creator of all things, Giver of life.  
You formed us in your own image;  
but we have marred that image and fall short of your glory.  
We give you thanks  
that you sent your Son to share our life;  
you gave him up to death that the world might be saved,  
and you raised him from the dead  
that we might live in him and he in us.

Sanctify with your Spirit this bread and wine, your gifts to us,  
that they may be for us the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread,  
and when he had given thanks  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying,

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,  
and when he had given thanks  
he gave it to them, saying,

Drink from this, all of you,  
for this is my blood of the new covenant  
which is shed 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.**

As he has commanded us, Father,  
we remember Jesus Christ, your Son.  
Proclaiming his victorious death,  
rejoicing in his resurrection  
and waiting for him to come in glory  
we bring to you this bread, this cup.

Accept our sacrifice of thanks and praise.  
Restore and revive your people,  
renew us and all for whom we pray  
with your grace and heavenly blessing,  
and at the last receive us with all your saints  
into that unending joy promised by your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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*  
Every time we eat this bread and drink of this cup  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

*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

Jesus Christ, I think upon your sacrifice;  
You became nothing, poured out to death.  
Many times I've wondered at your gift of life,  
And I'm in that place once again,  
I'm in that place once again.

*And once again I look upon the cross where you died,  
I'm humbled by your mercy and I'm broken inside.  
Once again I thank you, once again I pour out my life.*

Now you are exalted to the highest place,  
King of the heavens, where one day I'll bow,  
But for now, I marvel at this saving grace  
And I'm full of praise once again,  
I'm full of praise once again.

*And once again I look upon the cross where you died,  
I'm humbled by your mercy and I'm broken inside.  
Once again I thank you, once again I pour out my life.*

*Matt Redman b.1974*

*Silence is kept*

## Post Communion Prayer

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

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us  
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters  
we do also for you:  
give us the will to be the servant of others  
as you were the servant of all,  
and gave up your life and died for us,  
but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Blessing

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

Christ crucified draw you to himself, the sure ground of faith, the firm support for hope and the assurance of sins forgiven 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

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 wouldn't 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 left me there on a cross to die:

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;  
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 leapt 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:

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

## 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.

**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.

**Service of Prayer for Healing** There is to be a service of prayer for healing which will include the Church's ministry of healing: the Laying on of Hands and Anointing with Oil. There will also be other prayer stations for

contemplation. This is a lovely service and a good preparation for our commemoration of Holy Week and Celebration of Easter. The service is **tonight** at 6.30pm at the Parish Church.

**Palm Sunday Procession** Following the success of last year's procession this will be taking place with a donkey to lead again beginning at St Mary's Cefn at 1.45pm. A light lunch of soup, sandwiches & cakes will be available in the Neuadd Owen Village Hall, Cefn Meiriadog, from 12 noon If you would like to join us please tel. 01745 540345 to book or e-mail: [clarevickers2@btinternet.com](mailto:clarevickers2@btinternet.com)

**Pilgrimage.** The Diocese of Bangor has recently created a pilgrimage route known as Llwybr Cadfan. This goes from Tywyn to Bardsey (Ynys Enlli) to reproduce the medieval Southern pilgrimage way to that holy island. The Northern route passes through St. Asaph and has been in existence for some years now (keep any eye out for pilgrims!). Dave Bradley from the Parish Church plans to walk Llwybr Cadfan over 9 days from April 22nd. He would welcome fellow walkers, especially on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> for the eight and a half mile walk from Porthmadog to Criccieth. Contact Dave if interested – email: [davebradley80@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:davebradley80@hotmail.co.uk) Tel: 07876732922

## The Week Ahead

### 7<sup>th</sup> Monday – Brynach, Abbot

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Eucharist

5pm Evening Prayer

### 8<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – Griffith Jones

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Baby & Toddler Group *at the  
Parish Church*

5pm Evening Prayer

6pm Holy Eucharist

### 9<sup>th</sup> Wednesday – Dietrich Bonhoeffer

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Schools Service *at the Parish  
Church*

10.30am Holy Eucharist

6.15pm Sung Evening Prayer

### 10<sup>th</sup> Thursday – Lent Weekday

9am Morning Prayer

10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish  
Church*

10.45am Prayer Group *at the Parish  
Church*

5pm Evening Prayer

### 11<sup>th</sup> Friday – George Augustus Selwyn

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Offeren (Welsh Eucharist)

6pm Choral Evensong

### 12<sup>th</sup> Saturday – Lent Weekday

9am Morning Prayer

5pm Evening Prayer

## 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday – PALM SUNDAY

9.30am Blessing of Palms & the Parish  
Eucharist

11am Blessing of Palms, Procession and  
the Cathedral Eucharist

1.45pm Palm Sunday Procession from  
St Mary's Cefn

3.30pm Choral Evensong

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## **Today's Readings**

### **Isaiah 43. 16-21**

Isaiah refers back to the first saving act of God when God brought the Israelites out of Egypt into the Promised Land, and reveals that God has now promised to do something new and amazing for his people.

### **Psalms 126**

### **Philippians 3. 4b-14**

Paul states his Jewish credentials, but counts them as so much dross against his goal of striving to know Christ and the power of his resurrection.

### **John 12. 1-8**

Mary of Bethany anoints Jesus' feet with expensive perfume and wipes them with her hair, much to the discomfort of Judas Iscariot.

