



## The Sunday Sheet *for* Easter 7 Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June 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

Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne.  
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him  
who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King  
through all eternity.

Crown him the virgin's Son,  
the God incarnate born,  
whose arm those crimson trophies won  
which now His brow adorn;  
fruit of the mystic rose,  
as of that rose the stem;  
the root whence mercy ever flows,  
the Babe of Bethlehem.

Crown him the Lord of love,  
behold his hands and side,  
those wounds, yet visible above,  
in beauty glorified.  
No angel in the sky  
can fully bear that sight,

but downward bends his burning eye  
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace,  
whose power a sceptre sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
and all be prayer and praise.  
his reign shall know no end,  
and round his pierced feet  
fair flowers of paradise extend  
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,  
the Potentate of time,  
Creator of the rolling spheres,  
ineffably sublime.  
all hail, Redeemer, hail!  
For thou has died for me;  
thy praise and glory shall not fail  
throughout eternity.

*Matthew Bridges 1800-1894*  
*Tune: Diademata*

✠ 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*

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:  
Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:  
Christ, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:  
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:

O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:  
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us  
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,  
who is alive and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please Sit*

## Acts 16. 16-34

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>16</sup> One day as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a female slave who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup> While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." <sup>18</sup> She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. <sup>19</sup> But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized

Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. <sup>20</sup> When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men, these Jews, are disturbing our city <sup>21</sup> and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us, being Romans, to adopt or observe." <sup>22</sup> The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. <sup>23</sup> After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. <sup>24</sup> Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

<sup>25</sup> About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup> Suddenly there was an earthquake so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. <sup>27</sup> When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup> But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." <sup>29</sup> The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup> Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" <sup>31</sup> They answered, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." <sup>32</sup> They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup> At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. <sup>34</sup> He brought them up into the house and set food before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

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

## **The Gospel**

*Please Stand*

*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 17. 20-26**

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed:

<sup>20</sup> "I ask not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup> that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.<sup>22</sup> The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, <sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. <sup>24</sup> Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

<sup>25</sup> "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you, and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup> I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them and I in them."

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*

Jesus says, Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.  
If you love me, rejoice because I am going to the Father.

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

Alleluia, sing to Jesus!  
his the sceptre, his the throne;  
Alleluia, his the triumph,  
his the victory alone:  
hark, the songs of peaceful Sion  
thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of every nation  
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia, not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia, he is near us,  
faith believes, nor questions how:  
though the cloud from sight received him,  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise,  
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia, bread of angels,  
thou on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia, here the sinful  
flee to thee from day to day:  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia, King eternal,  
thee the Lord of lords we own;  
Alleluia, born of Mary,  
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:  
thou within the veil hast entered,  
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;  
thou on earth both Priest and Victim  
in the eucharistic feast.

*William Chatterton Dix 1837-1898*  
*Tune: Hyfrydol*

## **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, by your Holy Spirit,  
hold the Church in unity and keep it faithful to your word,  
so that, breaking bread together,  
we may be one with Christ in faith and love and service,  
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.**

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.

Who after his resurrection  
showed himself to his apostles  
and in their sight ascended into glory  
to prepare a place for us,  
that where he is, we might also be.

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**

My Jesus, my Saviour, Lord, there is none like you;  
all of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love.  
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength,  
let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship you.  
Shout to the Lord all the earth let us sing  
power and majesty, praise to the King:  
mountains bow down and the seas will roar  
at the sound of your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of your hands,  
for ever I'll love you, for ever I'll stand;  
nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

*Darlene Zschech b.1965*

*Silence is kept*

## **The Sending Out**

*Please Stand*

## **Post Communion Prayer**

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

Eternal Giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Blessing

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

Christ our exalted King pour on you his abundant gifts that you may serve him and reign with him in glory. 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

Christ triumphant, ever reigning,  
Saviour, Master, King,  
Lord of heav'n, our lives sustaining,  
hear us as we sing:  
*Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name.*

Word incarnate, truth revealing,  
Son of Man on earth!  
Pow'r and majesty concealing  
by your humble birth:

Suff'ring servant, scorned, ill-treated,  
victim crucified!  
Death is through the cross defeated,  
sinners justified:

Priestly King, enthroned for ever  
high in heav'n above!  
Sin and death and hell shall never  
stifle hymns of love:

So, our hearts and voices raising  
through the ages long,  
ceaselessly upon you gazing,  
this shall be our song:

*Michael Seward b.1932  
Tune: Guiting Power*

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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.

**Anniversary of Ordination.** On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June, Rex celebrates 30 years as a priest and Nigel celebrates 30 years since ordination as a Deacon. There will be a special celebration of the Eucharist at 7pm at the Cathedral that day and a drinks reception following the service to which all are invited. The preacher at the service will be Fr Richard Harper, one time Sub-Warden of St Michael's College, Llandaff where Rex & Nigel trained for ordination.

## The Week Ahead

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday – Blandina & her Companions

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

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday – The Martyrs of Uganda

9am Morning Prayer  
5pm Evening Prayer  
6pm Holy Eucharist

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

9am Morning Prayer  
10.30am Holy Eucharist  
5pm Evening Prayer  
7.30pm Organ Recital by Christopher Enston (St Asaph Cathedral)

### 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday – Boniface

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

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

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

### 7<sup>th</sup> Saturday – Eve of Pentecost

9am Morning Prayer  
5pm Evening Prayer

### 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday – The Day of PENTECOST

9.30am The Parish Eucharist  
11am The Cathedral Eucharist  
3.30pm Confirmation Service

## Today's Readings

### Acts 16. 16-34

Paul and Timothy find that their message and acts of spiritual power get them into trouble in Macedonia, and they end up in jail. But God intervenes to free them, leading to the dramatic conversion of the jailer and his household.

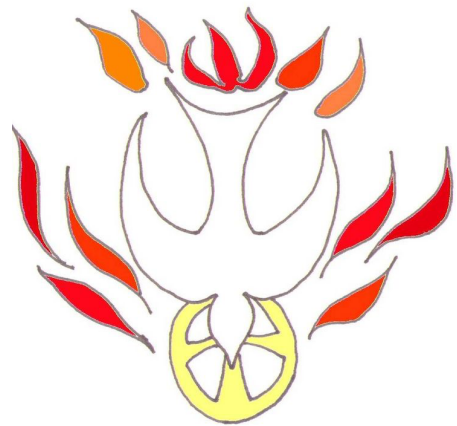
### Psalm 97

### Revelation 22. 12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John receives a vision of the end times when the new city of Jerusalem will come down from heaven and God will dwell with his people.

### John 17. 20-26

Jesus breaks away for a moment from the needs of his disciples as they prepare for life and work without him. He prays for those who will believe through them, and his prayer is for unity, love and faithfulness.



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