



The Sunday Sheet *for* Easter 4 Sunday 11th 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

Jesus, where'er thy people meet,
there they behold thy mercy-seat;
where'er they seek thee thou art found,
and every place is hallowed ground.

For thou, within no walls confined,
inhabitest the humble mind;
such ever bring thee when they come,
and, going, take thee to their home.

Dear Shepherd of thy chosen few,
thy former mercies here renew;
here to our waiting hearts proclaim
the sweetness of thy saving name.

Here may we prove the power of prayer
to strengthen faith and sweeten care,
to teach our faint desires to rise,
and bring all heaven before our eyes.

Lord, we are few, but thou art near;
nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear:
O rend the heavens, come quickly down,
and make a thousand hearts thine own.

*William Cowper 1731-1800
Tune: Wareham*

✠ 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 wonder if God still loves and protects us:

Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

When we fear that our failings will make God reject us:

Christ, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**

When we think it's our deeds that cause God to love 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 in the highest to the God of heaven!

Peace to all your people through the earth be given:

Mighty God and Father, thanks and praise we bring,

Singing alleluias to our heavenly King.

Jesus Christ is risen, God the Father's Son:

With the Holy Spirit, you are Lord alone!

Lamb once killed for sinners, all our guilt to bear,

Show us now your mercy, now receive our prayer.

Christ the world's true Saviour, high and holy one,

Seated now and reigning from your Father's throne:

Lord and God, we praise you; highest heaven adores:

In the Father's glory, all the praise be yours!

Tune: Rachie

The Collect

Let us pray:

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please Sit

Acts 9. 36-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs.³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them, and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile, he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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 10. 22-30

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²² At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all, and no one can snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one."

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

Christ, our Good Shepherd, has made us one. Through him we are all part of the same flock and experience the peace of knowing that no one can snatch us from his hand.

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

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me;
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.

Scottish Psalter 1650 Psalm 23
Tune: Crimond

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 loving care,
you spread before us the table of life
and give us the cup of salvation to drink:
keep us always in the fold of our Saviour and our Shepherd,
your Son Jesus 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.

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

Sweet Sacrament divine,
hid in thine earthly home,
lo, round thy lowly shrine,
with suppliant hearts we come;
Jesus, to thee our voice we raise
in songs of love and heartfelt praise:
sweet Sacrament divine;
sweet Sacrament divine.

Sweet Sacrament of peace,
dear home for every heart,
where restless yearnings cease
and sorrows all depart;
there in thine ear all trustfully
we tell our tale of misery:
sweet Sacrament of peace;
sweet Sacrament of peace.

*Francis Stanfield 1835-1914
Tune: Divine Mysteries*

Silence is kept

The Sending Out

Please Stand

Post Communion Prayer

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

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided,
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Thomas O. Chisholm 1866-1960
Tune: Faithfulness

Notices

Annual Vestry Meeting will take place on Thursday 15th 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!

Christian Aid. This week is Christian Aid Week. Envelopes are available today to make donations. Please return them as soon as possible. Join us if you can for the Eucharist at 10am on 15th May as we pray for the work of Christian Aid.

Funeral. The funeral of the late Mona Hughes will take place at the Parish Church on Monday 19th May at 11am.

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.

The Week Ahead

12th Monday – Easter Weekday

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

13th Tuesday – Easter Weekday

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

14th Wednesday – Matthias, Apostle

9am Morning Prayer
9.30am Schools Service *at the Parish Church*
10.30am Holy Eucharist
12noon Society of Catholic Priests Mass
at the Parish Church
6.15pm Sung Evening Prayer

15th Thursday – Edmwnd Prys & John Davies

9am Morning Prayer
10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish Church*
10.45am Prayer Group *at the Parish Church*
5pm Evening Prayer
7pm Parish Church Annual Vestry

16th Friday – Easter Weekday

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Offeren (Welsh Eucharist)

6pm Choral Evensong

17th Saturday – Easter Weekday

9am Morning Prayer

5pm Evening Prayer

18th Sunday – Easter 5

9.30am The Parish Eucharist

11am The Cathedral Eucharist

3.30pm Choral Evensong

Today's Readings

Acts 9. 36-43

The Christian message was spreading outside Jerusalem, and Peter visited the new Christians and did God's work amongst them

Psalm 23

Revelation 7. 9-17

The apostle John has a vision of heaven. He discovers a multitude worshipping God. These are Christians now delivered from the sufferings they had endured and receiving God's blessings.

John 10. 22-30

Opinion about Jesus was divided amongst the Jews. Many began to demand that he state categorically whether he really was the Messiah they had been awaiting.



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