



The Sunday Sheet *for* Easter 5 Sunday 18th May 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

*A new commandment I give unto you:
that you love one another as I have loved you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.*

By this shall all know that you are my disciples
if you have love one for another.

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if you have love one for another.

You are my friends if you do what I command you.
Without my help you can do nothing.
You are my friends if you do what I command you.
Without my help you can do nothing.

I am the true vine, my Father is the gard'ner.
Abide in me: I will be with you.
I am the true vine, my Father is the gard'ner.
Abide in me: I will be with you.

True love is patient, not arrogant or boastful;
love bears all things, love is eternal.
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✠ 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 have missed an act of love that was clearly meant for us to do:
Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

When we have loved, but only on our terms:
Christ, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**

When we have driven others away with acts of unkindness or hate:
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.

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.
Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.

Mike Anderson

The Collect

Let us pray:

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

Please Sit

Acts 11. 1-18

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The apostles and the other believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ²When Peter went to Jerusalem, those who were in favour of circumcising Gentiles criticized him, saying, ³“You were a guest in the home of uncircumcised Gentiles, and you even ate with them!” ⁴So Peter gave them a complete account of what had happened from the very beginning: ⁵“While I was praying in the city of Joppa, I had a vision. I saw something coming down that looked like a large sheet being lowered by its four corners from heaven, and it stopped next to me. ⁶I looked closely inside and saw domesticated and wild animals, reptiles, and wild birds. ⁷Then I heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat!’ ⁸But I said, ‘Certainly not, Lord! No ritually unclean or defiled food has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹The voice spoke again from heaven, ‘Do not consider anything unclean that God has declared clean.’ ¹⁰This happened three times, and finally the whole thing was drawn back up into heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea arrived at the house where I was ^[a] staying. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them without hesitation. These six fellow believers from Joppa accompanied me to Caesarea, and we all went into the house of Cornelius. ¹³He told us how he had seen an angel standing in his house, who said to him, ‘Send someone to Joppa for a man whose full name is Simon Peter. ¹⁴He will

‘speak words to you by which you and all your family will be saved.’ ¹⁵ And when I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came down on them just as on us at the beginning. ¹⁶ Then I remembered what the Lord had said: ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷ It is clear that God gave those Gentiles the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ; who was I, then, to try to stop God!”

¹⁸ When they heard this, they stopped their criticism and praised God, saying, “Then God has given to the Gentiles also the opportunity to repent and live!”

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 13. 31-35

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

After Judas had left the supper, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man's glory is revealed; now God's glory is revealed through him. ³² And if God's glory is revealed through him, then God will reveal the glory of the Son of Man in himself, and he will do so at once. ³³ My children, I shall not be with you very much longer. You will look for me; but I tell you now what I told the Jewish authorities, ‘You cannot go where I am going.’ ³⁴ And now I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ If you have love for one another, then everyone will know that you are my disciples.”

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 asked that we love one another as he loved us. As we greet one another, let us face the wonder and the challenge of this new commandment.

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

See what a morning, gloriously bright
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
Folded the grave-clothes
Tomb filled with light,
As the angels announce Christ is risen!
See God's salvation plan, wrought in love,
Borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man, for He lives,
Christ is risen from the dead!

See Mary weeping: 'Where is He laid?
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name:
It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years,
Speaking life, stirring hope,
Bringing peace to us,
Will sound till He appears,
For He lives, Christ is risen from the dead!

One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
Through the Spirit
Who clothes faith with certainty,
Honour and blessing, glory and praise
To the King crowned
With power and authority!
And we are raised with Him,
Death is dead, love has won
Christ has conquered;
And we shall reign with Him,
For He lives, Christ is risen from the dead!

*Stuart Townend b.1963
& Keith Getty b.1974*

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

Gracious God,
you show us your way and give us your divine life:
may everything we do be directed by the knowledge of your truth;
we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our 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

Silent, surrendered, calm and still,
open to the word of God.
Heart humbled to his will,
offered is the servant of God.

Come, Holy Spirit, bring us light,
teach us, heal us, give us life.
Come, Lord, O let our hearts
flow with love and all that is true.

*v.1 Pamela Hayes
v.2 Margaret Rizza b.1929*

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 God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
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

Love is his word, love is his way,
feasting with all, fasting alone,
living and dying, rising again,
love, only love, is his way.

*Richer than gold is the love of my Lord:
better than splendour and wealth.*

Love is his way, love is his mark,
sharing his last Passover feast,
Christ at the table, host to the twelve,
love, only love, is his mark.

Love is his mark, love is his sign,
bread for our strength, wine for our joy,
"This is my body, this is my blood."
Love, only love, is his sign.

Love is his sign, love is his news,
"Do this", he said, "lest you forget
all my deep sorrow, all my dear blood."
Love, only love, is his news.

Love is his news, love is his name,
we are his own, chosen and called,
family, brethren, cousins and kin.
Love, only love, is his name.

Love is his name, love is his law,
hear his command, all who are his,
"Love one another, I have loved you."
Love, only love, is his law.

Love is his law, love is his word:
love of the Lord, Father and Word,
love of the Spirit, God ever one,
love, only love, is his word.

*Richer than gold is the love of my Lord:
better than splendour and wealth.*

*Luke Connaughton 1917-1979
Tune: Cresswell*

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Notices

Christian Aid. Envelopes are available today to make donations. Please return them as soon as possible.

Funeral. The funeral of the late Mona Hughes will take place at the Parish Church tomorrow, 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

19th Monday – Dunstan

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

20th Tuesday – Easter Weekday

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

21st Wednesday – Easter Weekday

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

22nd Thursday – Easter Weekday

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

23rd Friday – Easter Weekday

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

24th Saturday – Charles Wesley & John Wesley

9am Morning Prayer
5pm Evening Prayer

25th Sunday – Easter 6: Rogation

Sunday
9.30am The Parish Eucharist
11am The Cathedral Eucharist
3.30pm Choral Evensong
Services Sung by the Border Singers

Today's Readings

Acts 11. 1-18

Peter explains to the Christians in Judea how the Gentiles have come to be baptised as believers. Peter argues that as God has baptised them with the Holy Spirit, then they cannot be denied the baptism of water.

Psalm 148. 1-6

Revelation 21. 1-6

God's revelation to John gives us sublime visions of the Heavenly Jerusalem, where God will dwell among his people and all mourning and crying and pain will come to an end.

John 13. 31-35

Judas the betrayer has just left the Passover table, and Jesus faces his imminent death. He prepares the disciples for his absence by entrusting them with a New Commandment – to love one another as he has loved them.



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