



The Sunday Sheet *for* Easter 4 Sunday 26th April 2026

*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 alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching every place and time.

In every insult, rift and war,
where colour, scorn or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.

Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love and praise.

*Brian Wren b.1936
Tune: Truro*

✠ 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 the things we do show we have strayed from your path:

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

When the things we say do not reflect your word:

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

When, by our thoughts, we disgrace you:

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 2. 42-47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³ Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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. 1-10

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the Pharisees:

‘Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.’ ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷ So again Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

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 risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, Peace be with you!
They were overjoyed on seeing the Lord.

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

At the Lamb's high feast we sing
praise to our victorious King,
who hath washed us in the tide
flowing from his pierced side;
praise we him, whose love divine
gives his sacred blood for wine,
gives his body for the feast,
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

Where the paschal blood is poured,
death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
through the wave that drowns the foe.

Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
paschal victim, paschal bread;
with sincerity and love
eat we manna from above.

Mighty victim from the sky,
hell's fierce powers beneath thee lie;
thou hast conquered in the fight,
thou hast brought us life and light.
Now no more can death appal,
now no more the grave enthrall:
thou hast opened Paradise,
and in thee thy saints shall rise.

Easter triumph, Easter joy,
sin alone can this destroy;
from sin's power do thou set free
souls new-born, O Lord, in thee.
Hymns of glory and of praise,
risen Lord, to thee we raise;
holy Father, praise to thee,
with the Spirit, ever be.

*17th C form of Ad cenam Agni provide
Tr. by Robert Campbell 1814-1868
Tune: Easter Hymn*

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

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

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

All heaven declares
the glory of the risen Lord;
who can compare
with the beauty of the Lord?
For ever he will be
the Lamb upon the throne;
I gladly bow the knee,
and worship him alone.

I will proclaim
the glory of the risen Lord,
who once was slain
to reconcile man to God.
For ever you will be
the Lamb upon the throne;
I gladly bow the knee,
and worship you alone.

*Noel Richards b.1955
& Tricia Richards b.1960*

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

Paschal Feast! Upon the cross
Jesus gave himself to save us.
Sin's sad leaven throw away:
break the bread of life he gave us: Alleluia!

Risen again, our living Lord
death's dominion now has shattered.
Now we share his risen life,
hell's dread powers for ever scattered. Alleluia!

Christ is risen from the grave,
all who sleep in death awaking.
First fruit of the harvest field:
now our Easter dawn is breaking. Alleluia!

As through man death comes to all,
so has man unlocked death's prison.
As in Adam all are dead,
so in Christ shall all be risen. Alleluia!

*Edwin Le Grice 1911-1992
Based on The Easter Anthems
Tune: St Albinus*

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.

Patronal Festival. The Feast of St Asaph will be kept next Saturday 2nd May with a Festival Eucharist at 11am. Do come along for this special day in the life of the Cathedral and Diocese.

Annual Vestry Meeting. This will take place after the 9.30am TODAY! Please stay for what will be a short meeting if you can.

Afternoon Teas take place at the Parish Church at 2pm on the 1st and 3rd

Thursday of the month. The next dates are:

Thursday 7th May

Thursday 21st May

All welcome!

Pentecost Confirmation. This year the Cathedral will host the Diocesan Confirmation Service on Pentecost Sunday. If you, or a member of your family, would like to be confirmed, please contact Canon Josh by Sunday 10 May. You can get in touch via email at JoshuaAskwith@cinw.org.uk or by phone on 07727 187987.

Ways of Giving to the work of the Parish Church. We are very grateful to all those who contribute financially to the life and witness of our Parish Church. There are various ways to do this:

1. The Collection plate near the entrance to the Church
2. Setting up a Standing Order. Contact Dave Bradley for the bank details
3. Gift Direct. Set up regular giving or make a one off donation. For Gift Direct you can use the QR code below. Thank you very much.



The Week Ahead

27th Monday – Easter Weekday

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

28th Tuesday – Easter Weekday

9am Morning Prayer
9.30am Toddler Group *at the Parish Church*

5pm Evening Prayer
6pm Holy Eucharist

29th Wednesday – Catherine of Siena

9am Morning Prayer
10.30am Holy Eucharist
5pm Evening Prayer

30th Thursday – Easter Weekday

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

5pm Evening Prayer

1st Friday – Philip & James, Apostles

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

2nd Saturday – Asaph (trans. from 5th)

9am Morning Prayer
11am Patronal Festival Eucharist
5pm Evening Prayer

3rd Sunday – Easter

9.30am The Parish Eucharist
11am The Cathedral Eucharist
3.30pm Choral Evensong

Contact:

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www.stasaphparishchurch.org.uk

Today's Readings

Acts 2. 42-end

After the pouring out of the Holy Spirit, the apostles and other believers lived out their Christian lives openly in the Temple and shared food in their homes.

Psalm 23

1 Peter 2. 19-end

Peter considers endurance of suffering for the sake of the Gospel and likens it to Christ's suffering on our behalf.

John 10. 1-10

After considerable conflict with the Jewish hierarchy, Jesus uses the image of a sheepfold to speak of God's people and Church.

