



The Sunday Sheet *for* Easter 7: Sunday after the Ascension Sunday 17th May 2026

*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

Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it,
for by his power each tree and flower was planned and made.
Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it;
sun, moon and stars in heaven cry: "Jesus is Lord!"

*Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
Praise him with Alleluias, for Jesus is Lord.*

Jesus is Lord! Yet from his throne eternal
in flesh he came to die in pain on Calvary's tree.
Jesus is Lord! From him all life proceeding,
yet gave his life a ransom thus setting us free.

Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty conqueror,
from death he rose and all his foes shall own his name.
Jesus is Lord! God send the Holy Spirit
to show by works of power that Jesus is Lord.

*David John Mansell b.1936
Tune: Jesus is Lord*

✠ 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 lose touch with what is really important.
Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

When we play a part in other people's pain.
Christ, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**

When love is the last thing we think of.
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:

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 1. 6-14

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the apostles had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' ⁷He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting

themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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. 1-11

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶ 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we 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

As we stand together in God's presence, let us pray that we will bring glory to his name.

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

Hail the day that sees him rise, *Alleluia!*
to his throne above the skies, *Alleluia!*
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, *Alleluia!*
Enters now the highest heaven, *Alleluia!*

Lo, the heaven its Lord receives,
yet he loves the earth he leaves;
though returning to his throne,
still he calls mankind his own.

See, he lifts his hands above;
see, he shews the prints of love;
hark, his gracious lips bestow
blessings on his Church below.

Lord, though parted from our sight,
far above the starry height,
grant our hearts may thither rise,
seeking thee above the skies.

*Charles Wesley 1707-1788,
Thomas Cotterill 1779-1823 & others
Tune: Llanfair*

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 is he, 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

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.

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

Majesty, worship his majesty;
unto Jesus be glory, honour and praise.

Majesty, kingdom authority
flow from his throne unto his own:
his anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus;
magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King.

Majesty, worship his majesty,
Jesus who died, now glorified,
King of all kings.

Sing through twice!

Notices

Refreshments. Please do join us for refreshments after the service if you can.

Safeguarding. Children, young people and vulnerable adults are an important part of the community of the Church in Wales and St Asaph Parish Church. They are respected and cherished for their own sake. The Parish Church is committed to take seriously its responsibilities to protect children, young children and vulnerable adults and safeguard their welfare. The Parish Church adopts the Church in Wales Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy and upholds its Code of Good Practice.

For more information, visit:

www.churchinwales.org.uk/safeguarding

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.

Afternoon Teas take place at the Parish Church at 2pm on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. The next dates are:

Thursday 21st May

Thursday 4th June

All welcome!

Curate. Elin Douglas-Jones, who is to be ordained Deacon at the end of June at the Cathedral, will be joining us in the Elwy Mission Area to serve her curacy. Please do pray for Elin as she prepares for ordination and please support her with your presence at the cathedral on the afternoon on Sunday 28th June.

Mothers Union. The next meeting is on Wednesday 20th May at 2pm. The Speaker will be Hannah Daniels our Diocesan Youth Worker. All Welcome!

St Mary's Cefn has a celebration of the Eucharist in the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. The next services are as follows:

31st May at 6pm

7th June at 9.30am

Email List. A weekly information email is sent out to all in the Mission Area who are on the list. If you do not receive this email but would like to please email:

hello@stasaphcathedral.wales to be added to the list.

Jubilate Choir is run by Ian Higginson, who has given organ recitals at the Cathedral and accompanied the Choir

on their tour to Finland in 2025. Jubilate will be giving concert at the Cathedral on Saturday 6th June at 7pm and also singing with the Cathedral choir on Sunday morning 7th June, and singing Evensong in the afternoon. Do come along if you can.

Thank you to all those who have supported the forthcoming Cathedral Choir tour to Italy. Your help is much appreciated. Please do support them with your prayers as they prepare for the trip leaving on Saturday 23rd May.

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

18th Monday – Easter Weekday

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

19th Tuesday – Dunstan, Bishop

9am Morning Prayer
9.30am Toddler Group *at the Parish Church*
5pm Evening Prayer
6pm Holy Eucharist

20th Wednesday – Easter Weekday

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

21st Thursday – Easter Weekday

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

22nd Friday – Easter Weekday

9am Morning Prayer
9.30am Offeren (Welsh Eucharist)
5pm Evening Prayer

23rd Saturday – Easter Weekday

9am Morning Prayer
5pm Evening Prayer

24th Sunday – The Day of PENTECOST

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

Today's Readings

Acts 1. 6-14

The risen Jesus instructs his disciples, and reminds them again that they will receive the Holy Spirit to enable them to carry out their God-given task. Then Jesus is taken up into heaven, and angels send the disciples along their way.

Psalm 68. 1-10

1 Peter 4. 12-14; 5. 6-11

Peter encourages struggling Christians. He tells them to think of themselves as sharing in Christ's suffering, and offers words of comfort, strength and hope.

John 17. 1-11

Having talked at length to his disciples about what life will be like when he's gone, Jesus commits them to God in prayer. But this is no ordinary prayer, it sums up the changes that are about to take place in the divine-human relationship.



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