

Where all find a welcome and are nurtured in their journey with Christ.

## **Sung Eucharist**

The seventh Sunday of Easter



## Welcome to St Mary's

## Please sanitise your hands

Please clean your hands using the provided hand sanitiser when entering and leaving the building.

## Communion is your choice

Communion is available as both bread and wine, however if you wish to only receive the bread please do so and then return to your place. Receiving only the bread is still considered to be full communion by the Church of England.

### **←** Keeping your distance

If you want to keep some extra space between yourself and others, we recommend sitting in our physically distanced pews at the north side of the building.

### Follow the instructions of our stewards

Please follow all instructions from our stewards, especially during communion.

## **M** Hearing loop available

Our building is fitted with an inductive loop system which can be picked up by setting hearing aids to the "T" position.

## Support our work

St Mary's is a charity which receives no funding from the government and is entirely dependent on donations and fees to keep operating.

If you would like to donate to support our work you can place your offering in the plate by the door as you leave, or tap your contactless card or device on the reader. You can also donate online at **whitkirkchurch.org.uk/donate** using either a bank card or directly from your bank account.

If you'd like to give in some other way, find out more about planned giving, or read about how we use donations then please see our donations page or ask a member of our team.

#### **Notices and events**

#### **Christian Aid Week**

Christian Aid Week is over for 2022, but there is still time to donate towards St Mary's target. Last year we raised £1,340 so this year we have set a goal of £1,500. Please give generously to this worthy cause.

Giving envelopes are available at the back of the church which you can return next week. You can also donate online through St Mary's own Christian Aid e-Envelope at wkrk.uk/ca.

#### Cake Sale

## Today after this service St Mary's Church Whitkirk Community Centre

Help us raise funds for prizes for our Summer Fair raffle, by picking up some mouthwatering cakes to enjoy.

## Platinum Jubilee Tea Party

#### Next Sunday 5 June at 12.30 pm St Mary's Church Whitkirk Community Centre

Come join us and celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a proper tea party in our Community Centre!

There's food and fun for all the family, with the street party essentials of sandwiches, cakes, cream scones, jelly, ice cream and strawberries. We've got hot and cold drinks, and the bar's open if you fancy something more celebratory.

# A Service of Thanksgiving in celebration of HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

#### Next Sunday 5 June at 4.00 pm St Mary's Church, Whitkirk

Join us for a special service to mark the Queen's 70 years on the throne.

#### Faithbook: "Who is this man?"

## Thursday 9 June at 7.30 pm The Brown Cow

On Thursday nights in June we'll be meeting and having a chat about what it means to be a Christian.

Each week begins with a short talk and then time for questions and discussion. We begin Faithbook this year with the question "who is this man?"

#### Join us after the service for refreshments

You are warmly invited to join us after the service for refreshments in our Community Centre.

## The Gathering

Our worship begins at the sound of the bell, please stand as the sacred ministers enter, during which the introit hymn is sung.

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 ev'ry 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, heav'n 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.

Words: W. Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

Music: R. H. Pritchard (1811-1887)

arr. R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Hymn Tune: HYFRYDOL

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

## The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you and also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

## **Words of Welcome**

## **Prayers of Penitence**

In baptism we died with Christ, so that as Christ was raised from the dead, we might walk in newness of life.

Let us receive new life in him as we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

cf Romans 6.4

Silence is kept.

Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.

The president says:

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

#### Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

#### The Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words '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, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

#### Amen.

Please sit.

## The Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' 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

lesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are lews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. 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. 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. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down

trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptised without delay. 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.

Acts 16 16-34

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as the gradual hymn is sung. At the end of the hymn we remain standing and turn to face the place where the Gospel is proclaimed.

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord...

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

Words: D. L. Schutte (b. 1947) based on Isaiah 6 Music: D. L. Schutte (b. 1947)

## **Gospel Reading**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: 'Holy Father, I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, 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. The glory that you have given me I

have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, 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. 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. Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. 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.'

John 17.20-end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

#### Sermon

Please sit after the preacher leads us in prayer.

#### The Nicene Creed

Please stand with the president.

Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

## **Prayers of Intercession**

Following an invitation to pray from the intercessor we sit and the response to the bidding is:

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Then at the end.

Merciful Father,

Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, Our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Please stand with the president.

#### The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

John 20.19,20

The peace of the Lord be always with you and also with you.

#### **Preparation of the Table**

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

A hymn is sung. During this hymn a collection, our financial offering in support of the work of the Church both at St. Mary's and across our diocese, is taken.

Angel-voices ever singing
Round thy throne of light,
Angel-harps for ever ringing,
Rest not day nor night;
Thousands only live to bless thee
And confess thee
Lord of might.

Thou who art beyond the farthest
Mortal eye can scan,
Can it be that thou regardest
Songs of sinful man?
Can we know that thou art near us,
And wilt hear us?
Yea, we can.

For we know that thou rejoicest
O'er each work of thine;
Thou didst ears and hands and voices
For thy praise design;
Craftsman's art and music's measure
For thy pleasure
All combine.

In thy house, great God, we offer
Of thine own to thee;
And for thine acceptance proffer
All unworthily
Hearts and minds and hands and voices
In our choicest
Psalmody.

Honour, glory, might and merit
Thine shall ever be,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Blessèd Trinity.
Of the best which thou hast given
Earth and heaven
Render thee.

F. Pott (1832-1909)

Music: E. G. Monk (1819-1900)

Verse 5 arrangement: N. Rawsthorne (1929-2019)

Hymn Tune: ANGEL VOICES

### Taking of the Bread and Wine

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.
In your 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

Please sit.

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

#### We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

#### It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works. For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal. And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

Holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: 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 and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of Blessed Mary, St. Justin, St. Petric and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

Amen. (Sung)

Silence is kept.

### The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.

#### **Breaking of the Bread**

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

The **Agnus Dei** is sung as the bread is broken for distribution.

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

#### **Invitation to Communion**

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

#### Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The president and people receive communion. All baptised Christians are welcome to receive the sacrament. Please follow the guidance offered by the stewards.

If you are not baptised, or would prefer to not receive then do still come forward for a blessing bringing this book with you so the president knows your intention.

The sacrament is available in both kinds, however if you wish to only receive the bread please do so and then return to your place. Receiving in one kind is still considered to be full communion by the Church of England. Please do not dip bread in the wine (sometimes called 'intincting'). For those at home it might be helpful to use this prayer during the distribution.

Abide with us Lord, throughout this day.

Abide with us in our journeying, and in our homes.

Abide with us in our seeking and in our longings.

Abide with us now and to eternity,

Jesus, risen Lord,

who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit in glory for ever. Amen.

#### **Choir Anthem**

#### 'God is gone up'

God is gone up with a merry noise, and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet. Thou art gone up on high, Thou hast led captivity captive and received gifts for men.

O sing praises unto our God,
O sing praises unto our King.
He hath led captivity captive and received gifts for men.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

God is gone up on high.

Words: from Psalm 47, verses 5-6 and Psalm 68, verse 18) Music: A. J. B. Hutchings (1906-1989) One or two Communion Hymns may be sung during the distribution as time allows. Please remain seated.

Jesus shall reign where'er the su

Does his successive journeys run,

His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,

Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of ev'ry tongue

Dwell on his love with sweetest song,

And infant voices shall proclaim

Their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns: The pris'ner leaps to lose his chains; The weary find eternal rest, And all the sons of want are blest.

Let ev'ry creature rise and bring Peculiar honours to our King; Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the long Amen.

Words: I Watts (1674-1748)

Music: melody from T. Williams's 'Psalmodia Evangelica' (1789)

Hymn Tune: TRURO

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One, is here;
Come, bow before him now,
With reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found,
We stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire,
With splendour he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight,
Our radiant King of Light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord Is moving in this place,
He comes to cleanse and heal,
To minister his grace.
No work too hard for him,
In faith receive from him;
Be still, for the power of the Lord Is moving in this place.

Words: D. Evans (b. 1957)

Music: D. Evans (b. 1957) arr. N. Warren (b. 1934)

### **The Post Communion Prayer**

Please stand with the president who introduces a time of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray'.

Eternal God, 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.

Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Please stand as a hymn is sung.

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:

Yours the glory and the crown, The high renown, the eternal name.

Suff'ring servant, scorned, ill-treated, Victim crucified!

Death is through the cross defeated, Sinners justified:

Yours the glory...

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

Yours the glory...

So, our hearts and voices raising Through the ages long, Ceaselessly upon you gazing, This shall be our song:

Yours the glory and the crown, The high renown, the eternal name.

Words: M. Saward (1932-2015)

Music: J. Barnard (b. 1948)

Hymn Tune: GUITING POWER

#### The Dismissal

### The Blessing

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.

#### The Dismissal

With the power that raised Jesus from the dead at work within you, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, alleluia.

#### Our regular services

Sung Eucharist: Every Sunday at 10.00 am

Said Eucharist: Every Wednesday at 10.00 am

Choral Evensong: Ist Sunday of the month at 6.00 pm

#### Contact us

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