



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

# Sung Eucharist

The fourth Sunday of Epiphany



“On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee.”

# Welcome to St Mary's



## **Please sanitise your hands**

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



## **Masks welcome**

If you feel more comfortable wearing a face covering, please do so. If you've forgotten a face covering and would like one, please speak to a member of our team.



## **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.



## **Communion is your choice**

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



## **Handshakes optional**

When we offer each other a sign of peace you're welcome to share a handshake, but remember that some people may not be comfortable with this and will instead simply nod or wave.

## Follow the instructions of our stewards

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

## 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 its doors open, continue its work in the community, and maintain its buildings and outdoor spaces.

If you would like to donate to support us you can give during the service as giving plates are passed around. Alternatively, you can place your offering in the plate by the door as you leave, or tap your contactless card or device.

You can also donate online by card or directly from your bank by scanning this QR Code with your camera or by visiting [wkrk.uk/donate](https://wkrk.uk/donate).



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

## **Other services this week**

### **Said Eucharist**

Wednesday 1 February at 10.00 am

### **Compline by Candlelight**

Wednesday 1 February at 8.30 pm

## **Notices and events**

### **Candlemas: Make a Lantern**

**Next Sunday 29 January at 4.00 pm**

**St Mary's Church Whitkirk Community Centre**

Get ready for our Candlemas procession by coming along to our Community Centre and making your own lantern. We've got everything you need, and it won't cost you a penny.

### **Candlemas Lantern Walk**

**Thursday 2 February at 6.30 pm**

**Whitkirk Primary School**

Join this joyful, candlelit procession as we make our way from Whitkirk Primary School across the fields of Temple Newsam to St Mary's Church, accompanied by the Gawthorpe Brass Band. After our Candlemas service, head to our Community Centre for hot food and a warm drink, all on us.

# **Thank God It's Friday**

**Friday 3 February 2023 at 6.00 pm**

**St Mary's Church Whitkirk Community Centre**

Unwind at the end of the week with us – drop in to grab a drink, play some games, order a takeaway, or even just to chat.

## **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.*

**Christ is the King, O friends rejoice!  
Brothers and sisters with one voice  
Make all men know he is your choice:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**The first apostles round them drew  
Thousands of faithful men and true,  
Sharing a faith for ever new:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Then magnify the Lord and raise  
Anthems of joy and holy praise  
For Christ's brave saints of ancient days:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**O Christian women, Christian men,  
All the world over, seek again  
The way disciples followed then:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Christ through all ages is the same;  
Place the same hope in his great name,  
With the same faith his word proclaim:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Let Love's unconquerable might  
God's people everywhere unite  
In service to the Lord of light:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*Words: George Kennedy Allen Bell (1883-1958)*

*Music: melody from Melchior Vulpius' 'Gesangbuch' (1609)*

*harmony by Henry George Ley (1887-1962)*

*Hymn Tune: VULPIUS (GELOBT SEI GOTT)*

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.**

## **Words of Welcome**



# Invitation to Confession

The grace of God has dawned upon the world  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.  
Let us confess our sins.

*cf Titus 2.11-14*

*Silence is kept.*

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,  
in what we have thought,  
in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We have wounded your love,  
and marred your image in us.  
We are sorry and ashamed,  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and lead us out from darkness  
to walk as children of light.  
Amen.**

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'.*

God our creator,  
who in the beginning  
commanded the light to shine out of darkness:  
we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ  
may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief,  
shine into the hearts of all your people,  
and reveal the knowledge of your glory  
in the face of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Word

*Please sit.*

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in

the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

*1 Corinthians 1.18-end*

This is the word of the Lord.

### **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as the gradual hymn is sung. During the hymn a procession will make its way to the centre of the nave from where the Gospel for the day is read. To symbolise our desire to turn to Christ in our daily lives, at the end of the hymn we remain standing and turn to face the place where the Gospel is proclaimed.*

**At Cana's wedding, long ago,  
They knew his presence by this sign,  
A virtue none but Christ could show,  
To turn their water into wine:  
And still on us his blessing be  
As in the days of Galilee.**

**What if the way be far to go  
And life at times a weary load?  
Yet may our hearts within us glow  
As theirs on that Emmaus road:  
The risen Christ become our guest,  
With him to walk, in him to rest.**

**O Lord of all our life below,  
O risen Lord of realms above,  
Eternal joy be theirs to know,  
United in the bond of love:  
One in the faith, with one accord,  
One with each other and the Lord.**

*Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926)*

*Music: Henri Frederick Hemy (1818-1888)*

*Hymn Tune: STELLA*

## **Gospel Reading**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to me and to you? My hour has not yet come." His

mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet. So they took it.

When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.”

Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

*John 2.1-11*

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 kneel or sit to pray.*

*The response to the bidding:*

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**

Christ is our peace.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.

The old has passed away: behold, everything has become new.

*2 Corinthians 5.17*

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*This is usually a handshake shared with those near 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.*

*You can place cash or giving envelopes in the collection plates as they are passed around. If you would prefer, or if you miss the plate, you can also give by scanning this QR code, or by tapping your contactless card or device on the giving plate by the door as you leave.*

**Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise,  
Manifested by the star  
To the sages from afar;  
Branch of royal David's stem,  
In thy birth at Bethlehem;  
Anthems be to thee addressed:  
God in man, made manifest.**

**Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
Prophet, priest and King supreme,  
And at Cana wedding-guest,  
In the Godhead manifest,  
Manifest in pow'r divine,  
Changing water into wine;  
Anthems be to thee addressed:  
God in man, made manifest.**



**Manifest in making whole,  
Palsied limbs and fainting soul,  
Manifest in valiant fight,  
Quelling all the devil's might,  
Manifest in gracious will,  
Ever bringing good from ill;  
Anthems be to thee addressed:  
God in man, made manifest.**

**Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,  
Mirrored in thy holy word;  
May we imitate thee now,  
And be pure, as pure art thou;  
That we like to thee may be  
At thy great Epiphany,  
And may praise thee, ever blest,  
God in man, made manifest.**

*Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)*

*Music: Charles Steggall (1826-1905)*

*Hymn Tune: SAINT EDMUND*

## **Taking of the Bread and Wine**

Gracious God,  
accept the offering of your Church,  
the hearts of your people  
joined in praise and thanksgiving,  
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

**Amen.**

# The Eucharistic Prayer (E)

*Please kneel or 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.**

All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty creator, ever-living God,  
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord:  
for at this time we celebrate your glory  
made present in our midst.  
In the coming of the magi  
the King of all the world was revealed to the nations.  
In the waters of baptism  
Jesus was revealed as the Christ,  
the Saviour sent to redeem us.  
In the water made wine  
the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.  
Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.  
Therefore with all the angels of heaven  
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name  
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

**Holy, 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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with Blessed Mary

St Brigid of Kildare, Anskar, Charles I, Gilbert of Sempringham  
and all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving 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**

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed 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 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.*

**Lover of the vineyard  
and host of the wedding feast:  
in flame our longing  
to drink of your delights;  
when life runs dry,  
call us to your table  
that we might be  
transformed,  
intoxicated,  
wholly yours;  
through Jesus Christ, the vinedresser.  
Amen.**

## **Choir Anthem**

### **‘O taste and see’**

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:  
Blest is the man that trusteth in him.  
O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:  
Blest is the man that trusteth in him.  
Blest is the man that trusteth in him.  
Blest is the man that trusteth in him.  
The man that trusteth in him.

*Words: Psalm 34, verse 8  
Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

*The following communion hymns may be sung, as time allows. Please remain seated.*

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all life thou givest, to both great and small;  
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
And wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.**

**Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
All laud we would render, O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.**

*Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908) based on Timothy 1.17*

*Music: Welsh traditional hymn melody (1839)*

*Hymn Tune: SAINT DENIO*

**Come to a wedding,  
Come to a blessing,  
Come on a day  
When happiness sings!  
Come rain or sun,  
Come winter or summer,  
Celebrate love  
And all that it brings.**

**Love is the gift,  
And love is the giver,  
Love is the gold that  
Makes the day shine;  
Love forgets self  
To care for the other,  
Love changes life  
From water to wine.**

*Words: Shirley Erena Murray (1931-2020)*

*Music: Gaelic traditional melody*

*Hymn Tune: BUNESSAN*

**Just as I am, without one plea  
But that thy blood was shed for me,  
And that thou bidst me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need, in thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:  
Because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, thy love unknown  
Has broken ev'ry barrier down,  
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, of that free love  
The breadth, length, depth and height to prove,  
Here for a season, then above,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

*Words: Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871)  
Music: Arthur Henry Brown (1830-1926)  
Hymn Tune: SAFFRON WALDEN*

# The Post Communion Prayer

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

Generous Lord,  
in word and eucharist  
we have proclaimed the mystery of your love:  
help us so to live out our days  
that we may be signs of your wonders in the world;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**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.**

*A hymn is sung.*

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art,  
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,  
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord,  
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son,  
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.**

**Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,  
Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might,  
Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tow'r,  
O raise thou me heav'nward, great Pow'r of my pow'r.**

**Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Be thou mine inheritance now and always,  
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart,  
O Sov'reign of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,  
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won,  
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.**

*Words: Irish (c. 8<sup>th</sup> century)*

*Translated by Mary Byrne (1880-1931) and Eleanor Hull (1860-1935)*

*Music: Irish traditional melody*

*Hymn Tune: SLANE*

# The Dismissal

## The Blessing

Christ our Lord,  
to whom kings bowed down in worship and offered gifts,  
reveal to you his glory  
and pour upon you the riches of his grace;  
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

We have beheld his glory,  
glory as of the only Son of the Father,  
full of grace and truth.

*John 1.14*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**









## **Our regular services**

Sung Eucharist:	Every Sunday at 10.00 am
Said Eucharist:	Every Wednesday at 10.00 am
Choral Evensong:	First Sunday of the month at 6.00 pm
Compline:	First Wednesday of the month at 8.30 pm

## **Contact us**



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