



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

Sung Eucharist

The fifth Sunday of Lent



'Lazarus, come out!'

John 11.43

Welcome to St Mary's

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Hearing loop available

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

Follow the instructions of our stewards

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



Please sanitise your hands

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



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.



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.



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.

Music

During this season of Lent the Kyrie, Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei are sung to a music setting written by the Scottish composer Sir James Macmillan (b. 1959).

Other services this week

Compline by Candlelight

Tuesday 28 March at 8.40 pm

Said Eucharist

Wednesday 29 March at 10.00 am

Notices and events

Daily Prayers for the Coronation of King Charles III

As The King and Queen Consort prepare to solemnise the promises and commitments they make to the nations and people they represent, the Church will begin 28 days of prayer and spiritual preparation alongside them – praying with and for The King from Easter Sunday to the Coronation on 6 May with the final week, from Sunday 30 April, to be a national week of dedicated prayer to uphold and strengthen His Majesty The King and all the Royal Family.

Copies of the prayer booklet to be used during the 28 days are available at the back of the church. A donation of £1 is invited to cover the cost.

“Hello” from Father John Gribben

Hello Whitkirk,

I am looking forward to being with you for Holy Week. Matthew suggested that you might like a few introductory remarks, so here goes. I was born and grew up in Belfast. After three years at Divinity College in Dublin and another two at King's College, London I was ordained for a parish just outside Belfast. It was called Dunmurry and I had four happy years there before coming to Mirfield to test my vocation to monastic life. That was in January 1979 and I have been here ever since. Twenty of those years were spent teaching in the College and during that time I have been on several visits to Whitkirk to listen to student sermons.

I have now spent more than half my life at Mirfield. It isn't always easy but I have always loved my calling and the community. I used to teach doctrine and Church History but now I am more interested in study. I enjoy (as an amateur) the history of art and in the recent past I've taken to reading on scientific subjects. I try to apply these things to my meditation and in preaching. On a lighter note I'm fond of Cinema and old comics. Oh yes – I also do a bit of running. See you all on Palm Sunday.

– John Gribben CR

Lent 2023: Praying the Passion

Tuesday 28 March 2023 at 7.30 pm

St Mary's Church, Whitkirk

On Tuesday Matthew will lead the last of our Lent meetings with a talk entitled 'Praying the Passion.' The talk will begin with exploring something of the purpose of liturgy, before moving to consider the liturgies of Holy Week.

The hope is that the talk will help deepen the experience of the liturgies in the most important week of the Church year. It starts at 7.30 pm and will last an hour, followed by Sung Compline at 8.40 pm.

Sung Eucharist for Palm Sunday

Sunday 2 April 2023 at 10.00 am

St Mary's Church, Whitkirk

We begin Holy Week with the blessing of palms, a procession to the church from the Community Centre, and a dramatic reading of the Passion.

Stations of the Cross: An exhibition and introduction

Monday 3 April 2023 at 6.30 pm

St Mary's Church Whitkirk Community Centre

Artist Stephen Walker introduces his exhibition of paintings of the Stations of the Cross, on display through Holy Week.

Maundy Thursday

Thursday 6 April 2023 at 7.30 pm

St Mary's Church, Whitkirk

Maundy Thursday marks the Last Supper, and through the washing of feet we remind ourselves of the commandment to "love one another".

Good Friday Activity Morning

Friday 7 April 2023 at 10.00 am

St Mary's Church Whitkirk Community Centre

Good food, good fun, Good Friday. Learn about the meaning of Holy Week with activities such as building an Easter Garden, and enjoy a tasty hot cross bun.

Sung Eucharist for Easter Day

Sunday 9 April 2023 at 10.00 am

St Mary's Church, Whitkirk

Join us in song, prayer, reading and communion as we celebrate the resurrection of Christ on Easter morning.

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 and the introit hymn is sung.

**Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name!**

**Come, Christians, follow where our Saviour trod,
O'er death victorious, Christ the Son of God: ...**

**Led on their way by his triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in joyful praise combine: ...**

**Each new disciple of the Crucified
Is called to bear the seal of him who died: ...**

**O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As thou hast promised, draw us unto thee: ...**

**So let the world proclaim with one accord
The praises of our ever-living Lord. ...**

*Words: George William Kitchin (1827-1912)
and Michael Robert Newbolt (1874-1956) alt.*

Music: Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947)

Hymn Tune: CRUCIFER

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

Prayers of Penitence

Christ himself carried up our sins in his body to the tree,
so that, free from sins,
we might live for righteousness;
by his wounds we have been healed.

/ Peter 2.24

Let us confess our sins.

Silence is kept.

Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess we have failed you as did your first disciples.
We ask for your mercy and your help.
When we take our ease
rather than watch with you:

Lord, forgive us.

Christ, have mercy.

When we bestow a kiss of peace
yet nurse enmity in our hearts:

Lord, forgive us.

Christ, have mercy.

When we strike at those who hurt us
rather than stretch out our hands to bless:

Lord, forgive us.

Christ, have mercy.

When we deny that we know you
for fear of the world and its scorn:

Lord, forgive us.

Christ, have mercy.

A setting of the 'Kyrie' is sung.

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

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

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

The president says:

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray'.

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
through 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 letter of Paul to the Romans.

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone

who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Romans 8.6-11

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what thou dost love,
And do what thou wouldst do.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure:
Until with thee I have one will
To do and to endure.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Till I am wholly thine,
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with thy fire divine.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
So shall I never die,
But live with thee the perfect life
Of thine eternity.**

*Words: Edwin Hatch (1835-1889)
Music: Charles Lockhart (1745-1815)
Hymn Tune: CARLISLE*

Gospel Reading

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death,
even death on a cross.
Therefore God has highly exalted him
and given him the name that is above every name.

Philippians 2.8,9

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

A certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to

death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them."

After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."

Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house

consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you

sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

John 11.1-45

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Please sit after the preacher leads us in prayer.

The themes for our sermon series during Lent are based on the invitation to an observance of a Holy Lent which introduced the liturgy on Ash Wednesday. They are self-examination and repentance, prayer, fasting and self-denial, and reading and meditating on God’s Holy Word.

This week the theme is reading and meditating on God’s holy word.

Affirmation of Faith

Please stand with the president.

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

cf Philippians 2.6-11

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.

He has reconciled us to God

in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

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.



Hymn

**It is a thing most wonderful,
Almost too wonderful to be,
That God's own Son should come from heav'n,
And die to save a child like me.**

**And yet I know that it is true:
He chose a poor and humble lot,
And wept, and toiled, and mourned, and died
For love of those who loved him not.**

**But even could I see him die,
I could but see a little part
Of that great love, which, like a fire,
Is always burning in his heart.**

**It is most wonderful to know
His love for me so free and sure;
But 'tis more wonderful to see
My love for him so faint and poor.**

**And yet I want to love thee, Lord;
O light the flame within my heart,
And I will love thee more and more,
Until I see thee as thou art.**

Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897)

Music: English traditional melody

arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Hymn Tune: HERONGATE

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Jesus, true vine and bread of life,
ever giving yourself that the world might live,
let us share your death and passion:
make us perfect in your love.

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

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.

It is indeed right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near
the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty.

The power of the life-giving cross
reveals the judgement that has come upon the world
and the triumph of Christ crucified.

He is the victim who dies no more,
the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever,
our advocate in heaven to plead our cause,
exalting us there to join with angels and archangels,
for ever praising you and singing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessèd is he, O blessèd is he

who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, 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 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.

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,
**we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**

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

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.**

Invitation to Communion

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink

in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

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').

*To the words "The Body/Blood of Christ" the communicant replies "**Amen**".*

For those at home it might be helpful to use this prayer during the distribution.

**God of compassion,
you call us out of the bindings of death
on this, our resurrection day:
make us ready to surrender
the fear in which we hide
to step into your future
alive and unashamed;
through Jesus Christ, the life of the world.
Amen.**

Choir Anthem

'O Saviour of the world'

O Saviour of the world,
who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us:
Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.
Amen.

*Words: The Collect for the Visitation of the Sick
Music: John Goss (1800-1880)*

The following Communion Hymns may be sung during the distribution as time allows. Please remain seated.

**All ye who seek a comfort sure
In trouble and distress,
Whatever sorrow vex the mind,
Or guilt the soul oppress.**

**Jesus, who gave himself for you
Upon the cross to die,
Opens to you his sacred heart;
O, to that heart draw nigh.**

**Ye hear how kindly he invites;
Ye hear his words so blest:
'All ye that labour, come to me,
And I will give you rest.'**

**O Jesus, joy of saints on high,
Thou hope of sinners here,
Attracted by those loving words
To thee I lift my prayer.**

**Wash thou my wounds in that dear blood
Which forth from thee doth flow;
New grace, new hope inspire, a new
And better heart bestow.**

Words: 18th century, Latin

translated by Edward Caswall (1814-1878)

Music: adapted from a melody in 'Tochter Sion' Cologne 1741

Hymn Tune: SAINT BERNARD

**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

**In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
In the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid;
Lift up your voices: the Lord is near,
Lift up your voices: the Lord is near.**

Words: Taizé Community

Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

The Post Communion Prayer

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

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

Amen.

**Faithful God,
may we who share this banquet and follow you
glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
our salvation, life and hope,
who reigns as Lord now and for ever.
Amen.**

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, th'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, th'eternal name.**

**Suffring servant, scorned, ill-treated,
Victim crucified!
Death is through the cross defeated,
Sinners justified:
Yours the glory and the crown,
The high renown, th'eternal name.**

**Priestly King, enthroned for ever
High in heav'n above!
Sin and death and hell shall never
Stifle hymns of love:
Yours the glory and the crown,
The high renown, th'eternal name.**

**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, th'eternal name.**

Words: Michael Seward (1932-2015)

Music: John Barnard (b. 1948)

Hymn Tune: GUITING POWER

The Dismissal

The Blessing

Christ crucified draw you to himself,
to find in him a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sins forgiven;
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

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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:	Next on Tuesday 28 March at 8.40 pm

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