

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

# **Sung Eucharist**

# The fourth Sunday of Easter



# Welcome to St Mary's



# **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 on 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.



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.

# 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.

# Digital order of service available

If you prefer, you can follow our order of service on your own phone or tablet. Just visit wkrk.uk/oos on your browser or scan this QR Code.



# 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.

# **Upcoming services**

#### Said Eucharist

Wednesday 24 April at 10.00 am

### Sung Eucharist for the fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 28 April at 10.00 am

#### **Memorial Service**

Sunday 28 April at 4.00 pm

# A prayer for vacancy

Heavenly Father, Good Shepherd of all, during this time of vacancy at St Mary's we ask that you comfort those who worry, strengthen those who carry the weight of responsibility, support and guide the PCC, inspire a priest with your calling to this ministry, and stay near us as we continue to worship you together in this place.

Amen.

### **Notices**

### **Revision of Electoral Roll**

The Parish Electoral Roll at St Mary's is due to be revised, beginning on Sunday 5 May, and ending on Monday 20 May 2024.

After the revision, a copy of the Roll will be published on the Church website at whitkirkchurch.org.uk/electoral-roll for at least 14 days, and a copy of the Roll will be available for inspection on a reasonable request being made to the PCC.

Application Forms for enrolment and more information can be found on the Church website at whitkirkchurch.org.uk/electoral-roll, or via the Church's Electoral Roll Officer.

# Join us after the service for refreshments

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

Open Church Concert Series 2024



With a 2.15 start each concert will last 45min. The church will remain open until 4pm.

### MAY 4TH

Aaran Fleet (Organ)

### **JUNE 1ST**

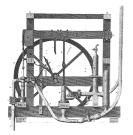
Heather Woodhead & Alison Battye (Voice, Guitar, Flute)

### JULY 6TH

**Smeaton String Quartet** 

### **AUGUST 3RD**

Giles Taylor (Organ)



# St Mary's Celebrates Smeaton



300 years since the birth of John Smeaton

June 7th, 8th, 9th

A weekend of talks, videos, park walk and church services.

Watch out for full programme

Visit the website for details whitkirkchurch.org.uk/smeaton

# 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 made the sure foundation; And the precious corner-stone, Who, the two walls underlying, Bound in each, binds both in one, Holy Sion's help for ever, And her confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call thee, Come, O Lord of hosts, today; With thy wonted loving-kindness, Hear thy people as they pray; And thy fullest benediction Shed within its walls for ay.

Laud and honour to the Father,
Laud and honour to the Son,
Laud and honour to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One,
One in love, and One in splendour,
While unending ages run.

Words: Latin c. 7th century translated by John Mason Neale (1818-1866) Music: Henry Purcell (1659-1695) Hymn Tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY 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**

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

cf I Corinthians 5.7,8

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'.

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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.

Please sit.

# The Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and

elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

"the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone."

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

Acts 4.5-12

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.

The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his And he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living waters flow My ransomed soul he leadeth, And where the verdant pastures grow With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love he sought me, And on his shoulder gently laid, And home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill With thee, dear Lord, beside me; Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight, Thy unction grace bestoweth: And O what transport of delight From thy pure chalice floweth. And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house for ever.

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877) based on Psalm 23

Music: John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

Hymn Tune: DOMINUS REGIT ME

# **Gospel Reading**

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

### Glory to you, O Lord.

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down

of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

John 10.11-18

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. 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

The peace of the eternal Father be about you.

The peace of the risen Lord be within you.

The peace of the Holy Spirit be upon you.

David Adam - Traces of Glory

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 on 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.



There's a wideness in God's mercy, Like the wideness of the sea: There's a kindness in his justice, Which is more than liberty. There is no place where earth's sorrows Are more felt than up in heav'n; There is no place where earth's failings Have such kindly judgement giv'n.

For the love of God is broader
Than the measure of man's mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.
But we make his love too narrow
By false limits of our own;
And we magnify his strictness
With a zeal he will not own.

There is plentiful redemption
In the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members
In the sorrows of the Head.
There is grace enough for thousands
Of new worlds as great as this;
There is room for fresh creations
In that upper home of bliss.

If our love were but more simple We should take him at his word; And our lives would be all gladness In the joy of Christ our Lord.

> Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863) Music: Maurice Bevan (1921-2006)

Hymn Tune: CORVEDALE

# Taking of the Bread and Wine

Risen Lord Jesus Christ, we believe you, and all we have heard is true. When you break bread may we recognise you as the fire that burns within us, that we may bring light to your world.

Amen.

# The Eucharistic Prayer (B)

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, 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, 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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

#### Christ has died:

#### Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

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, 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

Rejoicing in God's new creation, 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.

# **Giving of 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').

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 the new fire,
and feasting at daybreak:
come to us
in the dullness of routine
and the pain of betrayal;
call to us
in the way of the cross
and the joy of resurrection;
through Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.
Amen.

#### **Choir Anthem**

#### 'A new commandment'

A new commandment I give unto you: That you love one another as I have loved you. By this shall all men know that you are my disciples If you have love, if you have love, for one another.

> Words: John 13.34-35 Music: Richard James Shephard (1949-2021)

The following communion hymns may be sung during the distribution as time allows. Please remain seated.

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want, He makes me lie in pastures green. He leads me by the still, still waters, His goodness restores my soul.

And I will trust in you alone.

And I will trust in you alone,

For your endless mercy follows me,

Your goodness will lead me home.

He guides my ways in righteousness, And he anoints my head with oil, And my cup, it overflows with joy, I feast on his pure delights.

And I will trust in you alone.

And I will trust in you alone,

For your endless mercy follows me,

Your goodness will lead me home.

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For you are with me, and your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.

And I will trust in you alone.
And I will trust in you alone,
For your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.

Words: Psalm 23 Music: Stuart Townend (b. 1963)

Faithful Shepherd, feed me In the pastures green; Faithful Shepherd, lead me Where thy steps are seen.

Hold me fast, and guide me In the narrow way; So, with thee beside me, I shall never stray.

Daily bring me nearer To the heav'nly shore; May my faith grow clearer, May I love thee more.

Hallow ev'ry pleasure, Ev'ry gift and pain; Be thyself my treasure, Though none else I gain. Day by day prepare me As thou seest best, Then let angels bear me To thy promised rest.

Words: Thomas Benson Pollock (1836-1696)

Music: Friedrich Silcher (1789-1860)

Hymn Tune: PASTOR PASTORUM

# **The Post Communion Prayer**

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

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread; open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

#### 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.

I will sing the wondrous story
Of the Christ who died for me,
How he left the realms of glory
For the cross on Calvary.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
Of the Christ who died for me –
Sing it with his saints in glory,
Gathered by the crystal sea.

I was lost but Jesus found me,
Found the sheep that went astray,
Raised me up and gently led me
Back into the narrow way.
Days of darkness still may meet me,
Sorrow's path I oft may tread;
But his presence still is with me,
By his guiding hand I'm led.

He will keep me till the river
Rolls its waters at my feet:
Then he'll bear me safely over,
Made by grace for glory meet.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
Of the Christ who died for me –
Sing it with his saints in glory,
Gathered by the crystal sea.

Words: Francis Harold Rawley (1854-1952) Music: Rowland Huw Pritchard (1811-1887) arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Hymn Tune: HYFRYDOL

# The Dismissal

# The Blessing

God the Father,
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you by his life-giving Spirit
to walk with him in the paths of righteousness and peace;
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: First Sunday of the month at 6.00 pm

Next on Sunday 5 May

Compline: Next on Wednesday 5 June at 8.30 pm

#### Contact us

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