

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

# Sung Eucharist

# The third Sunday of Lent



# Welcome to St Mary's

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# Accessible for everyone

We aim to be accessible for everyone. For more information on accessibility at St Mary's please see wkrk.uk/access or ask any member of our team.

# Our stewards are here to help

Please follow all instructions from our stewards, especially during communion. If you need extra help during a service, or if you would need help to leave the building in an emergency, please let us know.

# 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 OR Code.









## This service is streamed

We record and live-stream many of our services. If you'd prefer not to appear on camera, please let any member of our team know. You can find more information on streaming, privacy and your rights on our website at **wkrk.uk/sp** or by scanning this QR Code.



# Organization 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.

# iii Children welcome

We love having children at our services and we want them – and their families – to love being here. If your children need to move around or make noise during the service, please don't feel uncomfortable. We are glad to hear and see them: they are the future of the church!

Toys and activities are available in our temporary Tots' Corner at the front of the church by the font, and children are welcome to make use of these either in this area or in their pew. This area is not supervised; children must be supervised by a responsible adult at all times.

# 🕈 Safeguarding

Our Parish Safeguarding team can be contacted at any time. You can talk to Rev'd Claire or to Janet Blenkinsop, our Parish Safeguarding Officer, you can email



**safeguarding@whitkirkchurch.org.uk**, or you can find more information and contact details at **wkrk.uk/safe**.

# **Upcoming services**

Said Eucharist Wednesday 26 March at 10.00 am

Sacred Space Thursday 27 March at 6.00 pm

Sung Eucharist for Mothering Sunday Sunday 30 March at 10.00 am

# Holy Week 2025: The People of the Passion

As we pass through Holy Week this year, we will be watching the story of Jesus's last days unfold through the eyes of some of the people who witnessed some or all of the momentous events of that week. At our main services throughout the week, we will hear the imagined voices those who are largely silent in the Bible's telling of the story of the Passion: the 'extras', the 'bit-part players', those who watch from the sidelines. What does the story of the last week of Jesus's life look like from their perspective?

#### Palm Sunday (13 April): The donkey-keeper

10.00 am Sung Eucharist. Gather at the vicarage from 9.30 am to process to the church with Blue and Cassie – the donkeys from Home Farm at Temple Newsam – or meet us at the church for a 10.00 am start.

### Holy Monday (14 April): Mary of Bethany

10.00 am Said Eucharist

7.30 pm Stations of the Cross

#### Holy Tuesday (15 April): Philip and Andrew

10.00 am Said Eucharist

7.30 pm Contemplative Eucharist

Holy Wednesday (16 April): Judas, The high priest's slave, Pilate's wife, Barabbas, the soldier, the women of Jerusalem, Simon of Cyrene, the centurion

- 10.00 am Said Eucharist
- 7.30 pm Tenebrae

#### Maundy Thursday: Peter

7.30 pm Eucharist with foot-washing and watch

#### Good Friday: Joseph of Arimathea

2.00 pm Liturgy of Good Friday

### Holy Saturday

10.00 am Remembering Jesus

#### Easter Sunday: Mary Magdalene

- 6.00 am Easter Vigil (gather in front of the vicarage)
- 10.00 am Sung Eucharist for Easter

# **Notices and events**

# North-West corner refurbishment

The work on the North-West corner is proceeding well and the first phase is still on track to be completed before Easter. Our contractors will keep disturbance to services to a minimum; Wednesday morning and Sunday services will run as usual and we will be able to continue to hold funerals and other occasional services. Daily Prayer will also continue at 8.30 am and 5.30 pm Tuesday to Saturday. If you want to have a more detailed overview of the work planned do have a look at the relevant page on our website at wkrk.uk/nwc.

# The Leeds South & East Food Bank: What's Needed?

The Leeds South & East Food Bank continues to be in urgent need of donations of food to help feed those in most need. In particular at the moment they are asking for **tinned potatoes**, **tinned fruit**, **UHT milk**, **tinned vegetables** and **biscuits**.

If you are able, you can donate by picking one of these items up in your weekly shop and dropping it in the box at the back of the church. You can find other ways to help, including donating money or your time, on their website at wkrk.uk/fbd, or see the poster and leaflets available in the Community Centre about their Lent '40p for 40 days' appeal. If you need the help of a foodbank yourself, see wkrk.uk/fbh.

# Parish electoral roll revision

The Church Representation Rules require a new parish electoral roll to be made every six years. This means that all names currently on the electoral roll will be removed, and you will need to re-apply for inclusion.

You can do this either by using one of the paper forms available at the back of the church, or online using the form on our website at **wkrk.uk/erf**. The deadline for applications to be on the new electoral roll is **Sunday 27 April 2025**.

For more information on the process please see our website at whitkirkchurch.org.uk/electoral-roll, or ask one of our Churchwardens.

### Tots' Corner has moved!

To allow building work to take place in the south-west corner of church, we have temporarily moved Tots' Corner to the area near the font. Please feel free to sit in this area or to collect toys and activities from there to take back to your pew. This area is not covered by our streaming cameras, and does not appear on the live-stream. Please do not worry if your child makes a noise or needs to move around in that area. We rejoice at children's presence in church and we love it when they remind us that they are with us.

### **Experience Easter**

We are delighted that children from Year 5 at both Colton and Whitkirk Primary Schools will be joining us this week for 'Experience Easter', an interactive walk through the last days of Jesus's life. Thank you to everyone who has agreed to help with this. Please bear with us: in preparation for these sessions, various 'props' will appear around the church. They will be cleared away before next weekend.

### Lent Talks 2025: The Very Reverend Simon Cowling, "Begotten not made"

#### This Wednesday 26 March at 7.00 pm St Mary's Church, Whitkirk

The third of our 2025 Lent talks focussing on aspects of the Creed, offering an opportunity to think more deeply about the words that we repeat each week, which encapsulate what it means to be a Christian.

All the talks will take place in the church at 7.00 pm and will be followed by a service of Compline, which will end at about 8.15 pm.

This evening's talk is led by the Very Reverend Simon Cowling, Dean of Wakefield.

# Join us after the service for refreshments

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

# The Gathering

Our worship begins at the sound of the bell, please stand as the sacred ministers enter in silence.

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

#### Amen.

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

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# A Psalm of Penitence

The choir sings psalm 130.

Out of the deep have I called unto thee O Lord : Lord hear my voice.

O let thine ears consider well : the voice of my complaint.

If thou Lord wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss : O Lord who may abide it?

For there is mercy with thee : therefore shalt thou be feared.

I look for the Lord, my soul doth wait for him : in his word is my trust.

My soul fleeth unto the Lord : before the morning watch, I say before the morning watch.

O Israel trust in the Lord : for with the Lord there is mercy and with him is plenteous redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel : from all his sins.

# **Prayers of Penitence**

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled against him, let us then renounce our wilfulness and ask his mercy by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

#### 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.

A setting of the 'Kyrie' is sung.

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

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

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

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.** 

# The Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray for grace to keep Lent faithfully'.

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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 first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptised into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the serpents. And do not complain as some of them did and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

I Corinthians 10.1-13

This is the word of the Lord.

#### Thanks be to God.

Please stand as the gradual hymn is sung. 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.

Be still, my soul: the Lord is at your side; bear patiently the cross of grief and pain; leave to your God to order and provide; in ev'ry change he faithful will remain. Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly friend, through thorny ways, leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake to guide the future as he has the past. your hope, your confidence let nothing shake, all now mysterious shall be clear at last. Be still, my soul: the tempests still obey his voice, who ruled them once on Galilee.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on when we shall be for ever with the Lord, when disappointment, grief and fear are gone, sorrow forgotten, love's pure joy restored. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past, all safe and blessèd we shall meet at last.

> Words: Katharina Von Schlegal (1697-1768) translated by Jane Laurie Borthwick (1813-1897) alt. Music: Jean Sibelius (1865-1957) Hymn Tune: FINLANDIA

### **Gospel Reading**

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice. Harden not your hearts.

cf Psalm 95.3,8

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

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

There were some present who told lesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them-do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until

I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."

Luke 13.1-9

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

# Praise to you, O Christ.

# The 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 following response is used.

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

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace.

Romans 5.1,2

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 card reader by the door as you leave.

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

# Taking of the Bread and Wine

God of our journey, as we walk with you on your path of obedience, sustain us on our way and lead us to your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Amen.

## The Eucharistic Prayer (F)

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.

You are worthy of our thanks and praise, Lord God of truth, for by the breath of your mouth you have spoken your word, and all things have come into being.

You fashioned us in your image and placed us in the garden of your delight. Though we chose the path of rebellion you would not abandon your own. Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace. You gave your people the law and taught us by your prophets to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace.

As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth, we echo the song of the angels in heaven, evermore praising you and singing:

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 God, you are the most holy one, enthroned in splendour and light, yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ you reveal the power of your love made perfect in our human weakness.

#### Sung: Amen. Lord, we believe.

Embracing our humanity, Jesus showed us the way of salvation; loving us to the end, he gave himself to death for us; dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of sin, that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

Sung: Amen. Lord, we believe.

On the night he gave up himself for us all he 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.

#### Sung: Amen. Lord, we believe.

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.

#### Sung: Amen. Lord, we believe.

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross, we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb, we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high and we long for his coming in glory.

#### Sung: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption, Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; form us into the likeness of Christ and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Sung: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Look with favour on your people and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts. Bless the earth, heal the sick, let the oppressed go free and fill your Church with power from on high.

#### Sung: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth to feast with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints at the table in your kingdom, where the new creation is brought to perfection in 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.

#### Sung: Amen, amen, amen.

Silence is kept.

## The Lord's Prayer

Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

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').

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.

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Anthem

Sung by the Choir.

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives. To decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk in an upright heart, before thee this day and evermore.

Richard Farrant (c. 1530-1580)

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

Firmly I believe and truly God is Three, and God is One, and I next acknowledge duly manhood taken by the Son.

And I trust and hope most fully in that Manhood crucified; and each thought and deed unruly do to death, as he has died.

Simply to his grace and wholly light and life and strength belong, and I love supremely, solely, him the holy, him the strong.

And I hold in veneration, for the love of him alone, holy Church as his creation, and her teachings as his own.

Adoration ay be given, with and through th'angelic host, to the God of earth and heaven, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

> Words: John Henry Newman (1801-1890) Music: Warwickshire ballad arranged and harmonised by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) Hymn Tune: SHIPSTON

Be thou my guardian and my guide, and hear me when I call; let not my slipp'ry footsteps slide, and hold me lest I fall.

The world, the flesh, and Satan dwell around the path I tread; O save me from the snares of hell, thou quick'ner of the dead.

And if I tempted am to sin, and outward things are strong, do thou, O Lord, keep watch within, and save my soul from wrong.

Still let me ever watch and pray, and feel that I am frail; that if the tempter cross my way, yet he may not prevail.

> Words: Isaac Williams (1802-1865) Music: Melody by Isaac Smith (1734-1805) Hymn Tune: ABRIDGE

# The Post Communion Prayer

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

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

God of our pilgrimage, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### A hymn is sung.

All my hope on God is founded; he doth still my trust renew. Me through change and chance he guideth, only good and only true. God unknown, he alone calls my heart to be his own.

Pride of man and earthly glory, sword and crown betray his trust; what with care and toil he buildeth, tow'r and temple, fall to dust but God's pow'r, hour by hour, is my temple and my tow'r.

God's great goodness aye endureth, deep his wisdom, passing thought: splendour, light and life attend him, beauty springeth out of naught. Evermore from his store new-born worlds rise and adore. Daily doth th'Almighty giver bounteous gifts on us bestow; his desire our soul delighteth, pleasure leads us where we go. Love doth stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his command.

Still from man to God eternal sacrifice of praise be done, high above all praises praising for the gift of Christ his Son. Christ doth call one and all: ye who follow shall not fall.

> Words: Robert Bridges (1844-1930) based on the German of Joachim Neander (1650-1680) Music: Herbert Howells (1892-1983) Hymn Tune: MICHAEL

# The Dismissal

## The **Blessing**

God, who from the death of sin raised you to new life in Christ, keep you from falling and set you in the presence of his glory; 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:	First Wednesday of the month at 8.30 pm
Sacred Space:	Last Thursday of the month at 6.00 pm
Daily Prayers:	Tuesday to Saturday at 8.30am and 5.30pm

### Contact us

If you'd like to get in touch you can call us on **0113 264 5790**, send an email to **hello@whitkirkchurch.org.uk**, or find more details on our website at **whitkirkchurch.org.uk/contact**.

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