



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

Palm Sunday



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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.

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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.



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.



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.

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: Holy week

Holy Monday (14 April)

10.00 am Said Eucharist

7.30 pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Tuesday (15 April)

10.00 am Said Eucharist

7.30 pm Contemplative Eucharist

Holy Wednesday (16 April)

10.00 am Said Eucharist

7.30 pm Tenebrae

Maundy Thursday (17 April)

7.30 pm Sung Eucharist with foot-washing and watch

Good Friday (18 April)

2.00 pm Liturgy of Good Friday

Holy Saturday (19 April)

10.00 am Remembering Jesus

Easter Sunday (20 April)

6.00 am Easter Vigil (gather in front of the vicarage)

10.00 am Sung Eucharist for Easter

Notices and events

West end refurbishment

The work on the north-west and south-west corners is well underway and on track to be completed shortly after 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.

Trip to the National Memorial Arboretum

Just a reminder that if you have paid your deposit for the trip to the National Memorial Arboretum, the balance is due by 20 April at the latest. If you are able to pay the balance today, please see Joan Williams in the Community Centre after today's service.

Service and exhibition to commemorate the end of the Second World War

There will be a service to commemorate the end of the Second World War on Thursday 8 May at 7.00 pm. There will also be an exhibition of WW2 memorabilia in church over the weekend of 10–11 May. If you have anything that you'd like to contribute to the exhibition, please have a word with Marsha Thorndike.

Lent Talks 2025 and more on 'We believe...'

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our series of Lent Talks this year, marking the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea by looking at the Nicene Creed. Not only did we have some excellent speakers, but we also had a great audience every week and some very interesting, challenging, and erudite questions. If you want to continue to think more deeply about the Creeds, watch this space. We will be running a course that will allow you to probe more deeply and ask your own questions after Easter.

Future Hopes...

Today we remember how Jesus rode into Jerusalem and the crowds pinned all their hopes for the future on him. As part of our Experience Easter workshops with Whitkirk and Colton Primary Schools, the children were asked to write *their* hopes for the future on palm leaves. You can look at these 'future hopes' in church today in the Trinity Chapel. They are inspiring and hopeful. Our future is in safe hands...!

Donkeys!

A huge thank you is due to Home Farm at Temple Newsam who generously agreed to bring their donkeys, Cassie and Blue, to take part in our service today. Special thanks to Vikki, the Farm Chargehand, who has been in charge of bringing them down to us and looking after them while they are here.

Junior Choir

A final thank-you for today goes to the members of our Junior Choir who have worked very hard to learn and practice some donkey-related songs for today's service. We hope you will enjoy their singing. Junior Choir will be meeting fortnightly after Easter, culminating in a performance for a music-themed Messy Church on 13 July. Rehearsals will be on the following Tuesdays at 4pm in the Community Centre and all are welcome (up to Year 6):

Tuesday 6 May

Tuesday 20 May

Tuesday 3 June

Tuesday 17 June

Tuesday 1 July

Join us after the service for refreshments

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

The Procession

Our worship begins in front of the vicarage. At 9.45 we process to the church, singing as we go:

**There's a man riding in on a donkey,
there's a man, and they say he's king!
And the palm leaves are waving a welcome
and the voices of the people sing:**

***Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King!***

**Why a king riding in on a donkey?
Why a king wearing no fine crown?
Where the drums? Where the high-sounding cymbals
if a king is riding into town?**

***Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King!***

**Hear the voice of the King on a donkey!
Hear the joy of the news he brings!
He is Jesus, the Son of the Highest.
He is Jesus and the King of kings!**

***Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King!***

**We have a king who rides a donkey!
We have a king who rides a donkey!
We have a king who rides a donkey,
and his name is Jesus.**

***Hosanna, sing to Jesus!
Hosanna, sing to Jesus!
Hosanna, sing to Jesus,
riding on a donkey!***

**Trees are waving a royal welcome!
Trees are waving a royal welcome!
Trees are waving a royal welcome,
for the king called Jesus!**

***Hosanna, sing to Jesus!
Hosanna, sing to Jesus!
Hosanna, sing to Jesus,
riding on a donkey!***

**We have a king who cares for people!
We have a king who cares for people!
We have a king who cares for people,
and his name is Jesus!**

Hosanna, sing to Jesus!

Hosanna, sing to Jesus!

*Hosanna, sing to Jesus,
riding on a donkey!*

We gather on the north side of the church.

Commemoration of the Lord's Entry into Jerusalem

Behold your king comes to you, O Zion,
meek and lowly, sitting upon an ass.

Ride on in the cause of truth
and for the sake of justice.

Your throne is the throne of God, it endures for ever;
and the sceptre of your kingdom is a righteous sceptre.

You have loved righteousness and hated evil.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

Hosanna to the Son of David.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

The Greeting

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

and also with you.

Introduction

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection.

Today we begin Holy Week in union with the Church throughout the world, recalling how Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die, and to rise again.

Let us go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

Palms are held up and this prayer is said.

God our Saviour,
whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah
to suffer and to die;
let these palms be for us signs of his victory
and grant that we who bear them in his name
may ever hail him as our King,
and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Palms are sprinkled with holy water as this song is sung:

**Little donkey, little donkey,
on the dusty road,
got to keep on plodding onward
with your precious load.**

**People shouting, little donkey,
pay no heed to them,
carry Jesus, precious saviour,
to Jerusalem.**

**Palms wave and people sing:
Hosanna! Hosanna!
Lay cloaks down for the king:
Hosanna! Hosanna!**

**Can you feel it, little donkey?
Praise comes at a cost!
Little donkey, carry Jesus
onwards to the Cross.**

The Palm Gospel

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

When Jesus had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it."' So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

‘Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!’

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, order your disciples to stop.’ He answered, ‘I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.’

Luke 19.28-40

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.

As our procession continues into the Church the following hymn is sung.

***All glory, laud and honour,
to thee, Redeemer King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.***

**Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David’s royal Son,
who in the Lord’s name comest,
the King and blessed one.**

***All glory, laud and honour,
to thee, Redeemer King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.***

**The company of angels
are praising thee on high,
and mortal men and all things
created, make reply.**

***All glory, laud and honour,
to thee, Redeemer King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.***

**The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went:
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we present.**

***All glory, laud and honour,
to thee, Redeemer King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.***

**To thee before thy passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise.**

***All glory, laud and honour,
to thee, Redeemer King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.***

**Thou didst accept their praises,
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King.**

***All glory, laud and honour,
to thee, Redeemer King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.***

*Words: Saint Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821)
translated by John Mason Neale (1818-1866)
Music: Melchior Teschner (1584-1635)
Hymn Tune: SAINT THEODULPH*

The Collect

After the procession, when all are in their places, the president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray for a closer union with Christ in his suffering and in his glory.'

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example
of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
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.

Reflection

People of the Passion I: The donkey-keeper

Please sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit.

A reading from the letter to the Philippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2.5-11

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as the gradual hymn is sung.

**Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
give me joy in my heart, I pray.**

**Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
keep me praising till the break of day.**

Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!

Sing hosanna to the King of kings!

Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!

Sing hosanna to the King!

**Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting,
give me peace in my heart, I pray.**

**Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting,
keep me resting till the break of day.**

Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!

Sing hosanna to the King of kings!

Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!

Sing hosanna to the King!

**Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
give me love in my heart, I pray.
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
keep me serving till the break of day.**

***Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King.***

Words & Music: Traditional

Music arrangement: Colin Hand (1929-2015)

The Passion Gospel

*(For your comfort, please remain seated for the reading of the Passion Gospel.
The words printed in **bold** are said by the whole congregation together.)*

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 Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, 'I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.' Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, 'Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.' Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, 'This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!' Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

‘You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

‘Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.’ And he said to him, ‘Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!’ Jesus said, ‘I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.’

He said to them, ‘When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?’ They said, ‘No, not a thing.’ He said to them, ‘But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, “And he was counted among the lawless”; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled.’ They said, ‘Lord, look, here are two swords.’ He replied, ‘It is enough.’

He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them, ‘Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.’ Then he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and prayed, ‘Father, if you are

willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.' Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them, 'Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.'

While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him, 'Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?' When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, 'Lord, should we strike with the sword?' Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said, 'No more of this!' And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, 'Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!'

Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them.

Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, 'This man also was with him.' But he denied it, saying, 'Woman, I do not know him.' A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, 'You also are one of them.' But Peter said, 'Man, I am not!' Then about an hour later yet another kept insisting, 'Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.' But Peter said, 'Man, I do not know what you are talking about!' At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, 'Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.' And he went out and wept bitterly.

Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him, 'Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?' They kept heaping many other insults on him.

When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said, 'If you are the Messiah, tell us.' He replied, 'If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.' All of them asked, 'Are you, then, the Son of God?' He said to them, 'You say that I

am.’ Then they said, ‘What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!’

Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, ‘We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.’ Then Pilate asked him, ‘Are you the king of the Jews?’ He answered, ‘You say so.’ Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, ‘I find no basis for an accusation against this man.’ But they were insistent and said, ‘He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.’

When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, 'You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.'

Then they all shouted out together:

Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!

(This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting:

Crucify, crucify him!

A third time he said to them, 'Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.' But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, "Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed." Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us"; and to the hills, "Cover us." For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?'

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, 'Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.' Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, 'Certainly this man was innocent.' And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the

kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.

On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

Luke 22.14-23.56

This is the Passion of the Lord.

No response is made.

Silence is kept.

Prayers of Intercession

Following an invitation to pray from the intercessor we kneel or remain seated 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

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 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.



**My song is love unknown,
my Saviour's love to me,
love to the loveless shown,
that they might lovely be:
O, who am I,
that for my sake
my Lord should take
frail flesh, and die?**

**He came from his blest throne,
salvation to bestow;
but men made strange, and none
the longed-for Christ would know.
But O, my friend,
my friend indeed,
who at my need
his life did spend.**

Sometimes they strew his way,
and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day
hosannas to their King.
then 'Crucify'
is all their breath,
and for his death
they thirst and cry.

Why, what hath my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
he gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries!
Yet they at these
themselves displease,
and 'gainst him rise.

They rise, and needs will have
my dear Lord made away;
a murderer they save,
the Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful he
to suffering goes,
that he his foes
from thence might free.

**Here might I stay and sing,
no story so divine;
never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine.
This is my Friend
in whose sweet praise
I all my days
could gladly spend.**

Words: Samuel Crossman (c. 1624-1684)

Music: John Ireland (1879-1962)

Hymn Tune: LOVE UNKNOWN

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 (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.

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 pow'r 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.

Christ is the bread of life:

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory, until you come in glory.**

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 the Blessed Virgin 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

Being made one by the power of the Spirit 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 of Christ, broken for you/The Blood of Christ, shed for you" the communicant replies "**Amen**".*

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

*True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.
Amen.*

Anthem

Sung by the Choir.

Hosanna to the Son of David.
Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Words: Matthew 21.9

Music: David Halls (b. 1963)

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

**Thou didst leave thy throne and thy kingly crown
when thou camest to earth for me,
but in Bethlehem's home was there found no room
for thy holy nativity.**

***O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,
there is room in my heart for thee.***

**Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang
and proclaimed thee of royal degree,
but in lowliest birth didst thou come to earth
and in deepest humility.**

***O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,
there is room in my heart for thee.***

**Though the fox found rest, and the bird its nest
in the shade of the cedar tree,
yet the world found no bed for the Saviour's head
in the desert of Galilee.**

***O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,
there is room in my heart for thee.***

**Though thou camest, Lord, with the living word
that should set all thy people free,
yet with treachery, scorn and a crown of thorn
did they bear thee to Calvary.**

***O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,
there is room in my heart for thee.***

**When the heav'ns shall ring and the angels sing
at thy coming to victory,
let thy voice call me home, saying, 'Heav'n has room,
there is room at my side for thee.'
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,
there is room in my heart for thee.**

Words: Emily Elizabeth Steele Elliott (1836-1897) based on Luke 2:7

adapted by Michael Forster (1946-2023)

Music: Timothy Richard Matthews (1826-1910)

Hymn Tune: MARGARET

**From heav'n you came, helpless babe,
entered our world, your glory veiled;
not to be served but to serve,
and give your life that we might live.**

***This is our God, the Servant King,
he calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.***

**There in the garden of tears,
my heavy load he chose to bear;
his heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not my will but yours,' he said.**

***This is our God, the Servant King,
he calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.***

**Come see his hands and his feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice,
hands that flung stars into space
to cruel nails surrendered.**

***This is our God, the Servant King,
he calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.***

**So let us learn how to serve,
and in our lives enthrone him;
each other's needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we're serving.**

***This is our God, the Servant King,
he calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.***

*Words & Music: Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)
Music arrangement: Christopher Tambling (1964-2015)*

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 humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:
give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father.

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.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry;
thy humble beast pursues his road
with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The wingèd squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wond'ring eyes
to see th'approaching sacrifice.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
the Father on his sapphire throne
awaits his own anointed Son.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die,
bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O God, thy pow'r, and reign.**

Words: Henry Hart Milman (1791-1868)

Music: from 'Musikalisches Handbuch' (1690)

Hymn Tune: WINCHESTER NEW

The Dismissal

The Blessing

May the road rise to meet you,
may the wind be ever at your back,
may the sun shine warm upon your face,
and the rain fall soft upon your fields,
and until we meet again,
may God hold you, may God hold you,
ever in the palm of his hand.

May the road rise to meet you,
may the wind be ever at your back,
may the sun shine warm upon your face,
and the rain fall soft upon your fields,
and until we meet again,
may God hold you, may God hold you,
ever in the palm of his hand,
ever in the palm of his hand,
the palm of his hand.

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

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