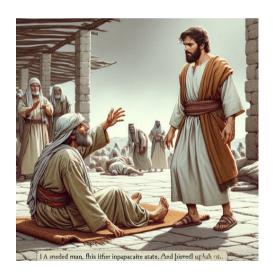


Where all find a welcome and are nurtured in their journey with Christ.

# **Sung Eucharist**

# The sixth Sunday of Easter



# Welcome to St Mary's



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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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# **(+)** 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 Tots' Corner are near the main door, 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 always supervised by a responsible adult.

# 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.



### Other services this week

#### Said Eucharist

Wednesday 28 May at 10.00 am

#### **Sacred Space**

Thursday 29 May at 6.00 pm

#### Sung Eucharist for Ascension Day

Thursday 29 May at 7.30 pm

#### Sung Eucharist for the seventh Sunday of Easter

Sunday I June at 10.00 am

#### **Choral Evensong**

Sunday I June at 6.00 pm

### **Notices and events**

# 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. If you need the help of a foodbank yourself, see wkrk.uk/fbh.

#### **Tots' Corner**

You will see that Tots' Corner has now returned to its usual position, near the main door of the church. We have loved having our children nearer the front of church, but we recognise that it may be easier for parents to be nearer the back and the door. Please, though, do not ever feel that you need to go out if your child is making a noise or needs to move around - we love having them in church. If your child would like to come and see what is happening up at the front at any time, please just let them come: they can gather round the altar during the Eucharistic Prayer if they would like to see what we are doing. They are very welcome (but do bear in mind that the area around the altar will be visible on the livestream).

#### **Confirmations**

Bishop Arun will be visiting Whitkirk to carry out confirmations on 19 October. If you would like to be confirmed at that service, have a word with Rev'd Claire

## Thank you

Following our APCM on Tuesday and the election of a new PCC, I would like to thank all those who have served the church as Churchwardens, PCC members, or in any other role, during the last year. Special thanks are due to Adam Kelly and Joan Williams, who have stepped down from the PCC, for all their service. Thanks, too, to Nick Jackson, whose term of office on the PCC has come to an end, but who has agreed to be co-opted back on as Data Protection Officer. I welcome Amy Lyons and Carl Murphy as new PCC members and thank them for their willingness to serve.

— Claire

# **Parcevall Hall and Poetry Retreat**

Parcevall Hall is the Diocese of Leeds' retreat house, set in beautiful countryside in the Dales. There are some leaflets available at the back of church with details of Quiet Days and Retreats available: do take one if you'd like to. On Friday 4 July, Claire will be attending (and celebrating the Eucharist at) a Poetry Retreat, led by the acclaimed local poet, Hannah Stone. The day does not require you to be an expert poetry-writer and no-one will be forced to share anything that they have written. It is 'pay as you can' and open to all. If anyone would like to go, Claire could offer a lift to up to three people from the congregation: just contact her to ask for more information.

### **Open Church**

# This Saturday 31 May at 2.00 pm St Mary's Church, Whitkirk

Don't forget that St Mary's is open every Saturday afternoon until the end of September for anyone to come in and look around. This may be an easy way for you to invite friends and neighbours who are not churchgoers to come in and find out more, so please do spread the word and encourage people to pop in.

#### **Concert Season: Svitoch Ukrainian Choir**

### Saturday 7 June at 6.00 pm St Mary's Church, Whitkirk

Our 2025 concert season continues as we welcome the Svitoch Ukrainian Choir. The choir brings together talented singers from the Ukrainian diaspora in the UK and refugees who have escaped the ongoing conflict in Ukraine. Its members include conservatoire-trained and seasoned performers, some of whom have previously sung in prestigious venues across Europe and America.

Tickets are £10, available on the door. All proceeds go to support charities in Ukraine.

# 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, during which the introit hymn is sung.

God is love: let heav'n adore him;
God is love: let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him,
and exalt him with one voice.
He who laid the earth's foundation,
he who spread the heav'ns above,
he who breathes through all creation,
he is love, eternal Love.

God is love: and he enfoldeth all the world in one embrace; with unfailing grasp he holdeth ev'ry child of ev'ry race.

And when human hearts are breaking under sorrow's iron rod, then they find that self-same aching deep within the heart of God.

God is love: and though with blindness sin afflicts the human soul,
God's eternal loving-kindness guides and heals and makes us whole. sin and death and hell shall never o'er us final triumph gain;
God is love, so love for ever o'er the universe must reign.

Words: Timothy Rees (1874-1939) alt.
Music: Richard Huw Pritchard (1811-1887)
arranged by Ralph Vaugan Williams (1872-1958)
Hymn Tune: HYFRYDOL

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

Choir Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to his people on earth.

All Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to his people on earth.

Choir Lord God, heav'nly King,

almighty God and Father.

All Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to his people on earth.

Choir We worship you, we give you thanks,

we praise for your glory.

All Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to his people on earth.

Choir 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,

All have mercy on us.

Choir You are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer,

All receive our prayer.

Choir For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord.

All Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to his people on earth.

Choir You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

All Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to his people on earth.

Amen, amen, amen.

### The Collect

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

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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.

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptised, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

Acts 16.9-15

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.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

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

Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine, until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die, but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

Words: Edwin Hatch (1835-1889) Music: Charles Lockhart (1745-1815)

Hymn Tune: CARLISLE

# **Gospel Reading**

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

After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralysed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, 'Do you want to be made well?' The sick man answered him, 'Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.' Jesus said to him, 'Stand up, take your mat and walk.' At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

John 5.1-9

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 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

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

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.

Light's abode, celestial Salem, vision whence true peace doth spring, brighter than the heart can fancy, mansion of the highest King;

O how glorious are the praises which of thee the prophets sing!

There for ever and for ever alleluia is outpoured; for unending, for unbroken, is the feast-day of the Lord; all is pure, and all is holy that within thy walls is stored.

There no cloud or passing vapour dims the brightness of the air; endless noon-day, glorious noon-day, from the Sun of suns is there; there no night brings rest from labour, for unknown are toil and care.

O how glorious and resplendent, fragile body, shalt thou be, when endued with so much beauty, full of health, and strong, and free, full of vigour, full of pleasure that shall last eternally.

Now with gladness, now with courage, bear the burden on thee laid, that hereafter these thy labours may with endless gifts be paid: and in everlasting glory thou with brightness be arrayed.

Laud and honour to the Father, laud and honour to the Son, laud and honour to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One, consubstantial, co-eternal, while unending ages run.

Words: ascribed to Thomas à Kempis (c. 1379-1471) translated by John Mason Neale (1818-1866) Music: Henry Smart (1813-1879) Hymn Tune: REGENT SQUARE

## 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.

Choir Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

All holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

Choir heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest,

All hosanna in the highest.

Choir Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest,

All hosanna in the highest,

Choir 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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.

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 the Blessed Virgin 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, 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.

Choir Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us,

All have mercy on us.

Choir Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us,

All have mercy on us.

Choir Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

grant us peace,

All 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.

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

#### **Anthem**

Sung by the Choir.

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; e'en the Spirit, e'en the Spirit, the Spirit, the Spirit of truth. And ye know him, for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.

Words: St. John 14 vv. 15-18 Music: Philip Wilby (b. 1949) The following communion hymns may be sung during the distribution as time allows. Please remain seated.

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son, precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son, and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names, precious Lamb of God, Messiah, O for sinners slain.

Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son, and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

When I stand in glory,
I will see his face,
and there I'll serve my King for ever,
in that holy place.

Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son, and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

Words (based on Scripture) & Music: Melody Green (b. 1946) Music arrangement: Christopher Tambling (1964-2015)

City of God, how broad and far outspread thy walls sublime!
Thy free and loyal people are of ev'ry age and clime.

One holy Church, one mighty throng, one steadfast, high intent; one working band, one harvest-song, one King omnipotent.

How purely hath thy speech come down from earth's primaeval youth! How grandly hath thine empire grown, of freedom, love and truth!

How gleam thy watch-fires through the night with never-fainting ray!

How rise thy tow'rs, serene and bright, to meet the dawning day!

In vain the surge's angry shock, in vain the drifting sands; unharmed upon th'eternal Rock th'eternal city stands.

Words: Samuel Johnson (1822-1882) alt.

Music: melody adapted from Thomas Haweis (1734-1820)

Hymn Tune: RICHMOND

# **The Post Communion Prayer**

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

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him 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.

O Jesus, I have promised, to serve thee to the end; be thou for ever near me, my Master and my friend:
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side, nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still, above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
O speak and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised, to all who follow thee, that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be; and, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end:
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.

O let me see thy foot-marks, and in them plant mine own; my hope to follow duly is in thy strength alone:
O guide me, call me, draw me, uphold me to the end; and then in heav'n receive me, my Saviour and my friend.

Words: John Ernest Bode (1816-1874)

Music: William Harold Ferguson (1874-1950)

Hymn Tune: WOLVERCOTE

# 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

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

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