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Sung Eucharist

Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist



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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 24 September at 10.00 am

Sacred Space

Thursday 25 September at 6.00 pm

Pilgrims in the Park

Saturday 27 September at 2.00 pm at Temple Newsam Park

Sung Eucharist for the fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 28 September at 10.00 am

Notices and events

This morning's service

Our children and young people will be helping us to lead today's service. As the new school year begins, we pray for them, for their friends and families, and for the schools in this parish, and ask God's blessing upon them. A huge thank you to them and to their parents and carers for their enthusiastic participation in our worship today.

Heritage Weekend: Thank You!

A huge thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the Heritage Weekend last weekend, including the Temple Newsam service. Every aspect of the weekend was beautifully planned and executed and everyone who visited the church received a warm welcome. Thank you all so much.

The Leeds South & East Food Bank: What's Needed in September

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 **UHT milk**, **biscuits**, **custard**, **cooking sauces** and **tinned or packet mashed potatoes**.

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.

Christmas Cakes

We are looking ahead to our Christmas Fair on 29 November where, as usual, there will be a Christmas Cake stall. We are looking for donations of the following ingredients so that the baking can commence: mixed dried fruit, ground almonds, medium/large eggs, self-raising flour, dark brown sugar, marzipan and icing. There will be a box at the back of church for your donations from next week. Thank you for your generosity.

Coffee Morning

This Friday 26 September at 9.00 am St Mary's Church Whitkirk Community Centre

Come and join us for a coffee morning! £3 for bottomless refreshments, and tasty cakes on sale – perfect for a Friday morning break.

Open Church

This Saturday 27 September 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. Refreshments will be available.

Pilgrims in the Park

This Saturday 27 September at 2.00 pm The Lodge Car Park, Temple Newsam

We are so blessed to have the beautiful setting of Temple Newsam on our doorstep. This is a chance to make the most of it together, while giving thanks to God for the wonders of the natural world and for each other. Meet at the lodge car park at 2.00 pm. We will begin with a very short reading, reflection and prayer, and then we will head off for a walk (at a gentle pace) to talk and reflect together, ending at the cafe for post-pilgrimage refreshments. If walking is a challenge, why not catch up with us at the cafe and join us for a cuppa and a catch-up?

Harvest lunch

Sunday 5 October St Mary's Church Whitkirk Community Centre

Our Harvest Festival will be taking place this year on Sunday 5 October and will be followed, as usual, by our Harvest Lunch. More details to follow soon, but keep the date free for a wonderful feast with friends as we give thanks for all that God provides for us.

Songs of Praise: Whitkirk's Top Ten Hymns

Sunday 5 October at 6.00 pm St Mary's Church, Whitkirk

On the same day as the Harvest Lunch, we will be holding a Songs of Praise service in lieu of our usual Choral Evensong. There will be a chance to vote for your favourite hymn and to see if it makes the Top Ten which we will sing on the day. Voting slips are available in the church today and you will also be able to vote via our Facebook page. One vote per person only, please!

We will also be looking for a few volunteers to say *why* they chose a particular hymn. If you would be willing to do this on the day, please tick the box on the voting form.

Parish Pilgrimage to Ripon Cathedral

Saturday I November

Another date for your diary. On I November we will be holding a parish pilgrimage to Ripon Cathedral. The theme of the day is 'Treasures Untold', and this will involve a coach to Ripon, refreshments on arrival, a guided pilgrimage, some quiet time for reflection, and a sung Eucharist to conclude. There will also be some free time to explore Ripon afterwards.

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: William Penfro Rowlands (1860-1937)

Hymn Tune: BLAENWERN

Welcome in the name of Christ. God's grace, mercy and peace be with you and also with you.

Words of Welcome

Invitation to Confession

As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of God's love, revealed in Word and Sacrament, let us call to mind our sins.

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.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

The Collect

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

O Almighty God, whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax collector to be an apostle and evangelist: give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain and the possessive love of riches that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ, 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 St Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

God has been kind enough to trust us with this work. This is why we never give up. We don't do shameful things that must be kept secret. And we don't try to fool anyone or twist God's message around. God is our witness that we speak only the truth, so others will be sure we can be trusted. If there is anything hidden about our message, it is hidden only to someone who is lost.

The god who rules this world has blinded the minds of unbelievers. They cannot see the light, which is the good news about our glorious Christ, who shows what God is like. We are not preaching about ourselves. Our message is that Jesus Christ is Lord. He also sent us to be your servants. The Scriptures say, "God commanded light to shine in the dark." Now God is shining in our hearts to let you know that his glory is seen in Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 4 1-6

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as the gradual hymn is sung. During the hymn a procession will make its way to the centre of the nave from where the Gospel for the day is read. To symbolise our desire to turn to Christ in our daily lives, at the end of the hymn we remain standing and turn to face the place where the Gospel is proclaimed.

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know, and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you, and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind, and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare, will you let me answer prayer in you, and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free, and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you, and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide

if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside,
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound
in you, and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you, and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you, and you in me.

Words: John Lamberton Bell (b. 1949) and Graham Maule (1958-2019) Music: Scottish traditional melody Hymn Tune: KELVINGROVE

Gospel Reading

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

As Jesus was leaving, he saw a tax collector named Matthew sitting at the place for paying taxes. Jesus said to him, "Follow me." Matthew got up and went with him.

Later, Jesus and his disciples were having dinner at Matthew's house. Many tax collectors and other sinners were also there. Some Pharisees asked Jesus' disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and other sinners?"

Jesus heard them and answered, "Healthy people don't need a doctor, but sick people do. Go and learn what the Scriptures mean when they say, 'Instead of offering sacrifices to me, I want you to be merciful to others.' I didn't come to invite good people to be my followers. I came to invite sinners."

Matthew 9.9-13

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.

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

We are the body of Christ.

In the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.

Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.

cf I Corinthians 12.13; Romans 14.19

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.

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in his justice, which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heav'n; there is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgement giv'n.

For the love of God is broader than the measure of man's mind; and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

But we make his love too narrow by false limits of our own; and we magnify his strictness with a zeal he will not own.

There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed; there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.

There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this; there is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss.

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

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

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Wise and gracious God, you spread a table before us; nourish your people with the word of life and the bread of heaven.

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Please kneel or sit.

The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Children Why is it right to give thanks and praise?

Listen and we will hear.

Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory. You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish. You give us happy times and things to celebrate. In these we taste your kingdom, a feast for all your children. You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and sing your praise:

All sing:

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.

We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live.
Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

Children

Why do we share this bread and wine?

Listen, and we will hear.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread.
He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Children

How do we follow Jesus Christ? Listen, and we will hear.

Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.

All Amen.

Silence is kept.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

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

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

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.

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for all the benefits you have won for us, for all the pains and insults you have borne for us. Most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly and follow you more nearly day by day.

Amen.

Anthem

Sung by the Choir.

King of glory, King of peace,
I will love thee;
and, that love may never cease,
I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
thou hast heard me;
thou didst note my working breast,
thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art, I will sing thee, and the cream of all my heart I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me, and alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee; in my heart, though not in heav'n, I can raise thee.

Small it is, in this poor sort to enrol thee:
e'en eternity's too short to extol thee.

Words: George Herbert (1593-1633) Music: Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625-1673) harmonised by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) arranged by William Henry Harris (1883-1973)

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

Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God, the secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord, who left the heav'ns our life and peace to bring, to dwell in lowliness with men, their pattern and their King.

Still to the lowly soul he doth himself impart, and for his dwelling and his throne chooseth the pure in heart. Lord, we thy presence seek; may ours this blessing be; give us a pure and lowly heart, a temple meet for thee.

> Words: John Keble (1792-1866) and others Music: from 'Harmonischer Liederschatz' (1738) adapted by William Henry Havergal (1793-1870) Hvmn Tune: FRANCONIA

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King; take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect, and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. Take my will, and make it thine: it shall be no longer mine; take my heart: it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Words: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879)
Music: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791) adapted

Hymn Tune: NOTTINGHAM

The Post Communion Prayer

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

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

A hymn is sung.

At the name of Jesus ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess him king of glory now; 'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord, who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

At his voice creation sprang at once to sight, all the angel faces, all the hosts of light, thrones and dominations, stars upon their way, all the heav'nly orders, in their great array.

Humbled for a season, to receive a name from the lips of sinners unto whom he came, faithfully he bore it spotless to the last, brought it back victorious when from death he passed.

Bore it up triumphant with its human light, through all ranks of creatures, to the central height, to the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast; filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.

In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue all that is not holy, all that is not true: he is God the Saviour, he is Christ the Lord, ever to be worshipped, trusted, and adored.

Words: Caroline Maria Noel (1817-1877) Music: Michael Brierley (b. 1932) Hymn Tune: CAMBERWELL

The Dismissal

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; 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 peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.



JESUS CALLS MATTHEW WORD SEARCH

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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

Sanctuary: Second Thursday of the month at 6.30 pm

Sacred Space: Last Thursday of the month at 6.00 pm

Pilgrims in the Park: Last Saturday of the month at 2.00 pm

at Temple Newsam Park

Daily Prayers: Tuesday to Saturday at 8.30am and 5.30pm

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