



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

Sung Eucharist

Palm Sunday



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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

**Sanctuary for Holy Week
with anointing for healing and wholeness**

Monday 30 March at 7.30 pm

Said Eucharist

Tuesday 31 March at 10.00 am

Tenebrae

Tuesday 31 March at 7.30 pm

Said Eucharist

Wednesday 1 April at 10.00 am

Stations of the Cross followed by Compline

Wednesday 1 April at 7.30 pm

**Sung Eucharist for Maundy Thursday
with foot washing and watch**

Thursday 2 April at 7.30 pm

The Liturgy of Good Friday

Friday 3 April at 2.00 pm

Easter Vigil

Sunday 5 April at 6.00 am

Sung Eucharist for Easter Day with Holy Baptism

Sunday 5 April at 10.00 am

Festal Evensong for Easter Day

Sunday 5 April at 6.00 pm

Notices and events

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

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.

Spreading the Word

We have prepared some leaflets advertising our Holy Week and Easter services and we'd love you to help us spread the word to neighbours and/or friends who are not (yet) churchgoers. If you have not already taken some to share with friends and neighbours in the local area, please do take a few today. They are available at the back of church.

Thank you!

A huge thank you to Vikki Oxley from Temple Newsam Home Farm and to Cassie and Blue the donkeys for being with us today (weather-permitting!). It is a joy to have you with us. Thank you, too, to members of Whitkirk Arts Guild for the dramatised reading of the Passion Gospel today.

Renewal of the prayer list

Praying for those who are sick and in long-term care, or in any other kind of need, is central to our mission and it happens daily at Morning and Evening Prayer, and also at our Sunday Eucharists. In order to ensure that the prayer list remains up-to-date and manageable, however, we decided last summer that it would be renewed twice a year. This will happen on the first Sunday of September and on Easter Sunday. A list is now available at the back of church for you to add the names (first names only, please, for data protection reasons) of anyone for whom you would like us to pray for. It is of course fine to add names at any time by contacting Claire or leaving a prayer on one of the cards that are always available at the back of the church, but please do also remember to ask for names to be removed if the person is recovering or a moment of crisis has passed. As well as those remembered by name, we always also pray for any others who are in need of our prayers, so please be assured that no-one will be left out. God knows our needs and the needs of those who are on our hearts, even when we do not articulate them in so many words. There is no need to renew the list of those whose year's mind we remember (unless you would like a new name to be added): this will continue as usual.

Holy Week and Easter

Please note the following dates for our Holy Week and Easter services and activities this year. We'd love you to join us for as many of these activities as possible. Our theme for Holy Week and Easter this year is 'Places of the Passion'. We will be exploring the different places visited by Jesus during the last week of his life. How do they help us better to understand this story that is so central to our faith?

- Palm Sunday (29 March): 2.00 pm-5.00 pm, church open for quiet reflection ahead of Holy Week - Stations of the Lord's Prayer. Come and reflect on this prayer that we all know so well.

- Monday (30 March): 7.30 pm, Sanctuary for Holy Week - a contemplative Eucharist with anointing for healing and wholeness. The house of Mary and Martha at Bethany.
- Tuesday (31 March): 10.00 am, Said Eucharist
- Tuesday (31 March): 7.30 pm, Tenebrae - we move from light into darkness as we reflect on the events of Holy Week via the places visited. The Temple court; in the Temple; an upper room; Gethsamane; the courtyard; the judgement seat; the potter's field; Golgotha, the tomb.
- Wednesday (1 April): 10.00 am, Said Eucharist
- Wednesday (1st April): 7.30 pm, Stations of the Cross, followed by Compline
- Maundy Thursday (2 April): 7.30 pm, Eucharist with foot-washing and watch (till 10pm). Around the table.
- Good Friday (3 April): 2.00 pm, Liturgy of Good Friday. A garden.
- Holy Saturday (4 April): 10.00 am, Remembering Jesus - a short said service of prayer, reflection, and remembrance. Back in the upper room.
- Easter Sunday (5 April): 6.00 am, Easter Vigil. The empty tomb.
- Easter Sunday (5 April): 10.00 am, Sung Eucharist for Easter Sunday
- Easter Sunday (5 April): 2.30 pm-3.30 pm, Easter Egg Hunt - free fun for children and families with prizes for all
- Easter Sunday (5 April): 6.00 pm, Festal Evensong for Easter
- Low Sunday (12 April): 4.00 pm, Messy Easter (meet in the Community Centre for snacks, stories, songs and crafts)

Open Church and Summer Concert series

Our beautiful church will be open to the public every Saturday afternoon, 2.00pm-4.00pm throughout the summer from Easter through to the end of September. Please do tell your friends and neighbours about this and encourage them to come and have a look around *their* church. We are launching this season's Open Church afternoons on 11th April with a free concert by the Smeaton String Quartet. Free concerts will continue on the second Saturday of the month... watch this space for more details.

Daily Prayer in the week after Easter

Rev'd Claire will be away during the week after Easter, so there will be no Morning or Evening Prayer between 6 and 13 April. We will resume as usual on Tuesday 14 April with Morning Prayer at 8.30am and Evening Prayer at 5.30pm every day except Sunday and Monday. If you would like to participate in the daily prayer of the Church of England but are unable to be in church at these times, why not visit wkrk.uk/cedp where you can read or listen to the prayers and readings for the day, and where you can also find instructions for how to download the free Daily Prayer app. Our Midweek Eucharist (Wednesday, 10.00am) and Sanctuary (Thursday, 6.30pm) will take place as usual during this week.

Stations of the Lord's Prayer

Today at 2.00 pm
St Mary's Church, Whitkirk

Throughout Lent we have been exploring the Lord's Prayer, that prayer that we all know so well, which most of us learned parrot-fashion as children, and asking what insights we might gain by considering its words in more depth. We should be deeply grateful to our speakers - Brunel James, Jude Smith, Andy Muckle, Philip Hobday, and Linda Boon - for their insights and wisdom. This afternoon, there will be a chance for you to round off the deep thinking that our speakers have inspired by spending some time simply contemplating what the prayer means to you as you reflect on its words ahead of Holy Week. A 'Lord's Prayer Trail' will be set up in church for you to follow in your own time. Drop in for five minutes or stay for an hour... it's entirely up to you. Why not enter this holiest of weeks by spending some time in church praying as Jesus taught us?

Churches Together in East Leeds: Good Friday Walk of Witness

This Friday 3 April at 10.20 am
St Mary's Church, Whitkirk

We will be taking part in the Churches Together in East Leeds Walk of Witness on Good Friday morning. There is a service at Crossgates Methodist Church at 11.00am. In order to arrive on time, we will be gathering at the lychgate from about 10.20am and will set off no later than 10.30am. We will walk down Knightsway rather than Hollyshaw Lane (because the pavements are wider) in case anyone would like to join us en route. We will walk to the church in silence, carrying a wooden cross. You may also, of course, join us at the church if you are not able to walk with us.

Church Cleaning

This Saturday 4 April at 10.00 am

Thank you to everyone who helped to give the Community Centre a much-needed spring clean last weekend. If anyone is free on Holy Saturday to help spruce up the church itself ahead of Easter Sunday we'd be so grateful for your help. Come at 10.00am for a short service of prayer and remembrance, after which dusters and polish will be available for anyone willing and able to stay for a short while to help with our preparations. Thank you so much.

Trip to Lincoln

Thursday 21 May

You are invited to join us for a trip to Lincoln. Full details to follow, including costs, but we will be leaving Whitkirk in the morning by coach to travel to Lincoln. The cost of the trip will include entry to the cathedral with a guided tour and a free organ recital by the cathedral's organ scholar, Yipeng Xu. There is a cafe in the cathedral and many cafes and restaurants nearby, or you can bring a packed lunch. There will be some free time to explore the city or the nearby castle. The cost is likely to be in the region of £25-£30 per person, but please do speak to Claire if the cost is prohibitive for you, as we may be able to help. For now we are just taking names in order to have an idea of potential numbers, but we will be asking you to confirm your attendance (and to pay!) after Easter.

Quiet Day: Blessing

Saturday 23 May at 9.30 am

St Mary's Church Whitkirk Community Centre

'The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.' You are invited to this Quiet Day, led by Rev'd Claire on behalf of Churches Together in East Leeds, which will explore the notion of blessing, taking the so-called 'Aaronic blessing' as a starting-point. Allowing participants space to reflect and explore, it will encourage them to recognise the blessings that God pours out upon them and, simultaneously, to recognise themselves as bearers of that blessing to others and to the world. There is no charge for attendance. Please bring your own lunch. Tea and coffee provided. RSVP to blessingquietday@gmail.com to give us an idea of numbers.

Join us after the service for refreshments

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

The Procession

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

**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: Traditional

Music: Traditional arranged by Colin Hand (1929-2015)

Hymn Tune: SING HOSANNA

Please repeat the song as necessary until all have gathered in the churchyard.

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:

**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!

The Palm Gospel

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, 'Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their

cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

Matthew 21.1-11

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.

We move into the church in silence. Once inside, the choir will take up the following hymn, and you are invited to join in as you come into church and take your seats.

***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*

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

Please sit.

Places of the Passion: The streets of Jerusalem

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit.

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The servant of the Lord said:

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to
listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has
opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn
backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and
my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not
hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God
helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I
shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is
near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up
together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront
me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare
me guilty?

Isaiah 50.4-9a

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Please stand as the gradual 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 Passion Gospel

For your comfort, please sit 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 Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, 'What will you give me if I betray him to you?' They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, 'Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?' He said, 'Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, "The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples."' So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said, 'Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.' And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, 'Surely not I, Lord?' He answered, 'The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.' Judas, who betrayed him, said, 'Surely not I, Rabbi?' He replied, 'You have said so.'

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, 'Take, eat; this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the

vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.'

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, 'You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, "I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered." But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.' Peter said to him, 'Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.' Jesus said to him, 'Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.' Peter said to him, 'Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.' And so said all the disciples.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I go over there and pray.' He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, 'I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.' And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.' Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, 'So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you

may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.' Again he went away for the second time and prayed, 'My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.'

Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, 'Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.'

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, 'The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.' At once he came up to Jesus and said, 'Greetings, Rabbi!' and kissed him. Jesus said to him, 'Friend, do what you are here to do.' Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, 'Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once

send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?' At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, 'Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.' Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said, 'This fellow said, "I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days."' The high priest stood up and said, 'Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?' But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, 'I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.' Jesus said to him, 'You have said so. But I tell you, From now on you will

see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.'

Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, 'He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?' They answered:

He deserves death.

Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying, 'Prophesy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?'

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, 'You also were with Jesus the Galilean.' But he denied it before all of them, saying, 'I do not know what you are talking about.' When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, 'This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.' Again he denied it with an oath, 'I do not know the man.' After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter:

Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.

Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, 'I do not know the man!' At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: 'Before

the cock crows, you will deny me three times.’ And he went out and wept bitterly.

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said, ‘I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.’ But they said:

What is that to us? See to it yourself.

Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, ‘It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money.’ After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter’s field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, ‘And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter’s field, as the Lord commanded me.’

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus said, 'You say so.' But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, 'Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?' But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?' For he realised that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgement seat, his wife sent word to him, 'Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.' Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' And they said:

Barabbas.

Pilate said to them, 'Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?' All of them said:

Let him be crucified!

Then he asked, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more:

Let him be crucified!

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, 'I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.' Then the people as a whole answered:

His blood be on us and on our children!

So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying:

Hail, King of the Jews!

They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.' Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.' In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, "I am God's Son."' The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said:

This man is calling for Elijah.

At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said:

Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.

Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!' Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of

James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, 'Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, "After three days I will rise again." Therefore command that the tomb be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, "He has been raised from the dead", and the last deception would be worse than the first.' Pilate said to them, 'You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.' So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

Matthew 26.14-end of 27

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.*

Motet

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.

**What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!**

**What a privilege to carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!**

O what peace we often forfeit,

O what needless pain we bear,

**all because we do not carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!**

Have we trials and temptations?

Is there trouble anywhere?

**We should never be discouraged,
take it to the Lord in prayer!**

**Can we find a friend so faithful,
who will all our sorrows share?**

**Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness,
take it to the Lord in prayer!**

**Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Jesus only is our refuge,
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee,
thou wilt find a solace there.**

Words: Joseph Medlicott-Scriven (1819-1886)

Music: Charles Crozat Converse (1832-1918)

Hymn Tune: WHAT A FRIEND (CONVERSE)

**Lord, teach us how to pray aright
with rev'rence and with fear;
though fallen sinners in thy sight,
we may, we must, draw near.**

**Our spirits fail through lack of prayer;
O grant us pow'r to pray;
and, when to meet thee we prepare,
Lord, meet us by the way.**

**God of all grace, we bring to thee
a broken, contrite heart;
give what thine eye delights to see,
truth in the inward part.**

**Faith in the only sacrifice
that can for sin atone,
to cast our hopes, to fix our eyes,
on Christ, on Christ alone.**

**Patience to watch and wait and weep,
though mercy long delay;
courage our fainting souls to keep,
and trust in thee always.**

**Give these, and then thy will be done;
thus, strengthened with all might,
we, through thy Spirit and thy Son,
shall pray, and pray aright.**

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854) alt.

Music: Edward John Hopkins (1818-1901)

Hymn Tune: SAINT HUGH

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.

**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 Dismissal

The Blessing

May the Father,
who so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
bring you by faith to his eternal life.

Amen.

May Christ,
who accepted the cup of sacrifice
in obedience to the Father's will,
keep you steadfast as you walk with him the way of his cross.

Amen.

May the Spirit,
who strengthens us to suffer with Christ
that we may share his glory,
set your minds on life and peace.

Amen.

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
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
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