



# ST MARGARET'S ILKLEY



High Mass  
*on the Fourth Sunday of Easter*

*Sunday 26 April 2026, 10.45 am*

## WELCOME

You are very welcome to St Margaret's today. If it is your first time with us, please introduce yourself to the clergy and welcomers. Please see the separate pew sheet for the church diary and notices of upcoming services and events.

Please note that our service is broadcast on our YouTube channel, but only those in the first few rows at the front will occasionally be visible. The administration of holy communion is not broadcast. Please speak to one of the welcomers if you have any questions.

**Eastertide.** The Great Fifty Days of Eastertide form a single festival period in which the tone of joy created at the Easter Liturgy is sustained through the following seven weeks, and the Church celebrates the gloriously risen Christ.

Early Christians gave the name Pentecost to this whole fifty-day span of rejoicing. It is sometimes also called 'Great Sunday.' The Paschal Candle, lit from the new fire during the Easter Liturgy, stands prominently in church for all the Eastertide services. The 'alleluia' appears frequently in liturgical speech and song, and white or gold vestments and decorations emphasize the joy and brightness of the season.

On the fortieth day there has from the late fourth century been a particular celebration of Christ's Ascension. He commissions his disciples to continue his work, he promises the gift of the Holy Spirit, and then he is no longer among them in the flesh.

The arrival of the promised gift of the Holy Spirit ten days later on the day of Pentecost ('fiftieth day'), often referred to as the 'birthday of the Church,' completes and crowns the Easter Festival.

# THE GATHERING

*Stand at the sound of the bell, and turn to face the font*

## GREETING

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

All            **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

All            **And also with you.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All            **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*The priest welcomes the congregation and introduces the liturgy*

## ACT OF PENITENCE

*On the Sundays of Easter, the prayers of penitence are replaced by the sprinkling with water blessed at the Easter Liturgy, as a symbol of our baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ*

Priest        God our Father, your gift of water brings life and freshness to the earth; in baptism it is a sign of the washing away of our sins and the gift of life eternal.

And so we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith with all who have been baptized in your name. Cleanse us from our sins, keep us faithful to our baptismal promises, and renew the living spring of your life within us; through Christ our risen Lord.

All            **Amen.**

*The procession moves through the church and the priest sprinkles the people with the blessed water as we sing the hymn*

**HYMN**      105 (i)    *Christ the Lord is risen again!*

*Christus ist erstanden*

Christ the Lord is risen again!  
Christ hath broken every chain!  
Hark, the angels shout for joy,  
Singing evermore on high,  
    *Alleluia!*

He who gave for us his life,  
Who for us endured the strife,  
Is our Paschal Lamb to-day!  
We too sing for joy, and say

He who bore all pain and loss  
Comfortless upon the Cross,  
Lives in glory now on high,  
Pleads for us, and hears our cry.

He whose path no records tell,  
Who descended into hell;  
Who the strong man armed hath bound,  
Now in highest heaven is crowned.

Now he bids us tell abroad  
How the lost may be restored,  
How the penitent forgiven,  
How we too may enter heaven.

Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed,  
Christ, to-day thy people feed;  
Take our sins and guilt away,  
That we all may sing for ay,

*German, Michael Weisse,  
translated by Catherine Winkworth*

*Medieval French melody,  
harmony by Ralph Vaughan Williams*

## ABSOLUTION

Priest        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.

All            Amen.

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS


*David Thorne: Mass of St Thomas*

*Refrain:*



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est.


*Verses:*




Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al-migh-ty God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we\_ praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right

hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,

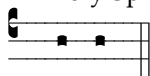
with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, † in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther.

**COLLECT**

Priest Let us pray.

*Silence is kept*

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.



All Amen.

*Sit*

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING

Acts 2. 42 - end

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Many were baptized and were added to the community. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Reader      For the word of the Lord:  
All            **thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**HYMN**      457 (i)    *The King of love my Shepherd is*

*Psalm 23*

The King of love my Shepherd is,  
Whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
And he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow  
My ransomed soul he leadeth,  
And where the verdant pastures grow  
With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
But yet in love he sought me,  
And on his shoulder gently laid,  
And home, rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
With thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
Thy unction grace bestoweth:  
And O what transport of delight  
From thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
Within thy house for ever.

*H W Baker*

*Traditional Irish melody*

*Turn to face the Book of the Gospels as it is carried in procession*

## GOSPEL READING

**John 10. 1 - 10**

Choir Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.



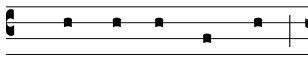
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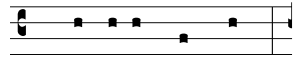
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Choir I am the good shepherd, says the Lord. I know my sheep  
and my own know me.

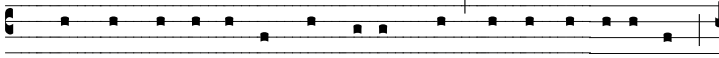
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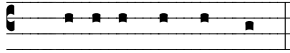
Deacon      The Lord be with you.



**All**      And also with you.



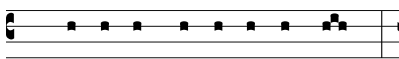
Deacon    † Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St John.



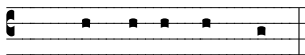
**All**      Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again, Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.'



Deacon      This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**All**      Praise to you, O Christ.

*Turn back as an organ fanfare is played*

*Sit after the prayer*

## HOMILY

*Some of our junior singers sing for us as we reflect on the words of the homily*

*Stand*

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Priest Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

**All We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

**All We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

**All We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**All This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Priest Let us pray.

*Kneel*

*This response is used:*

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy:

**All hear our prayer.**

*At the end:*

Priest        Merciful Father,  
**All            accept these prayers  
                 for the sake of your Son,  
                 our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
                 Amen.**

*Stand*

## **THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

### **PEACE**

Priest        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.

**All            Alleluia. The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.  
                 And also with you. Alleluia.**

Deacon       Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace with their neighbours*

*During the hymn the altar is prepared and a collection is taken*

- *Cash may be given via the bags circulated during the hymn*
- *To donate digitally, please use the card reader by the entrance to church, or scan the QR code at the end of this order of service with your phone*
- *Please consider making a regular donation to support the work of our church. **Thank you for your gift.***

**HYMN**      106    *Come, ye faithful, raise the strain*

Αἴσωμεν, πάντεζ λαοί

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain  
    Of triumphant gladness;  
God hath brought his Israel  
    Into joy from sadness;  
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke  
    Jacob's sons and daughters;  
Led them with unmoistened foot  
    Through the Red Sea waters.

'Tis the spring of souls to-day;  
    Christ hath burst his prison,  
And from three days' sleep in death  
    As a sun hath risen;  
All the winter of our sins,  
    Long and dark, is flying  
From his light, to whom we give  
    Laud and praise undying.

Now the queen of seasons, bright  
    With the day of splendour,  
With the royal feast of feasts,  
    Comes its joy to render;  
Comes to glad Jerusalem,  
    Who with true affection  
Welcomes in unwearied strains  
    Jesu's Resurrection.

Neither might the gates of death,  
    Nor the tomb's dark portal,  
Nor the watchers, nor the seal,  
    Hold thee as a mortal;  
But today amidst thine own  
    Thou didst stand, bestowing  
That thy peace which evermore  
    Passeth human knowing.

*Greek, St John of Damascus,  
translated by J M Neale*

*Traditional melody as set in Leisentritt's  
Catholicum Hymnologium Germanicum*

## TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Priest Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good,  
and the good of all his holy Church.**

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

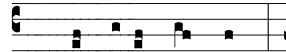
Priest Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. In your loving care you spread before us the table of life and give us the cup of salvation to drink. Keep us always in the fold of our Saviour and our Shepherd, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

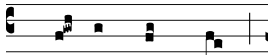
## EUCCHARISTIC PREFACE



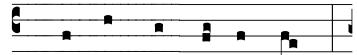
Priest The Lord be with you.



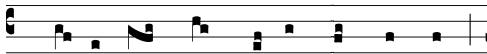
All **And also with you.**



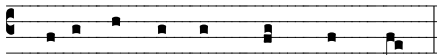
Priest Lift up your hearts.



All **We lift them to the Lord.**



Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Priest 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 gates 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:

## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

*Herbert Sumsion in F*

Choir        Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.  
† Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*Kneel*

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER E

Priest        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.



Deacon Great is the mystery of faith.



All Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

Priest 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, St Margaret, and all the saints, to feast at your table in heaven.

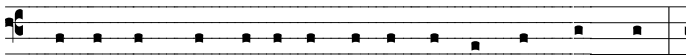
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.



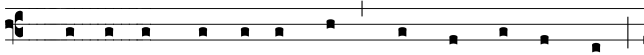
All Amen.

*Silence is kept*

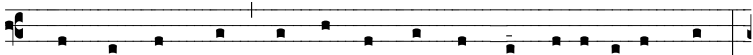
### LORD'S PRAYER



Priest Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:



All Our Father, who art in heav'n, hallowed be thy name;



thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heav'n.



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.

**AGNUS DEI**

*Herbert Sumsion in F*

Choir O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Priest † Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*The priest and people receive communion*

- *If you are not a member of the Church of England, but normally receive communion in your own church, you are welcome to do so here*
- *If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please bring this booklet with you and hold it in your hands*
- *If you are currently unconfirmed in your faith and would like to enter more deeply into your relationship with God, please speak to the priest about the sacrament of confirmation after the service*

*The choir sings during the administration of communion*

**MOTET**     *Ave verum corpus*

*Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, who suffered for our redemption on the cross, and from whose wounded side there poured true blood: be our salvation in the crisis of death. O merciful Jesus, O holy Jesus, O sweet Jesus, Son of Mary.*

*Pope Innocent VI*

*Edward Elgar*

*Remain seated for the hymn*

**HYMN**     *To God be the glory, great things he has done!*

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves. The first two staves are labeled 'Verses' and the last two are labeled 'Refrain'. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a clear cadence at the end of each line.

To God be the glory, great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin  
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!*

*Let the earth hear his voice!*

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!*

*Let the people rejoice!*

*O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
And give him the glory! Great things he has done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!  
To every believer the promise of God!  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus forgiveness receives.

*Verses*

*Refrain*

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,  
 And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
 But purer and higher and greater will be  
 Our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!*

*Let the earth hear his voice!*

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!*

*Let the people rejoice!*

*O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,*

*And give him the glory! Great things he has done!*

*Frances Jane van Alstyne*

*George Washington Doane*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Priest      Let us pray.

*Stand*

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All      Amen.**

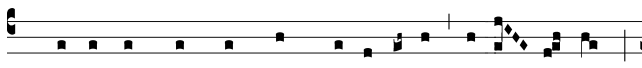
## BLESSING

Priest Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do his will; and the blessing of God almighty, † the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**



Deacon Go in the peace of Christ. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.



All **Thanks be to God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.**

**HYMN** 124 *Ye choirs of new Jerusalem*

*Chorus novæ Jerusalem*

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,  
Your sweetest notes employ,  
The Paschal victory to hymn  
In strains of holy joy.

How Judah's Lion burst his chains,  
And crushed the serpent's head;  
And brought with him, from death's domains,  
The long-imprisoned dead.

From hell's devouring jaws the prey  
Alone our Leader bore;  
His ransomed hosts pursue their way  
Where he hath gone before.

Triumphant in his glory now  
His sceptre ruleth all,  
Earth, heaven, and hell before him bow,  
And at his footstool fall.

While joyful thus his praise we sing,  
His mercy we implore,  
Into his palace bright to bring  
And keep us evermore.

All glory to the Father be,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,  
While endless ages run. Alleluia! Amen.

*Latin, St Fulbert of Chartres, translated by Robert Campbell*      *H J Gauntlett*

**ORGAN**      *Prelude on St Columba*      *Kenneth Leighton*

*Please stay for refreshments in the Parish Hall*

*Please take this booklet home with you as an  
aid for prayer and reflection through the week*

### UPCOMING FAMILY SERVICES

**Sunday 3 May - Breakfast Praise from 9.00 am**

**Sunday 10 May - Family Mass at 9.15 am**

**Sunday 17 May - Family Mass at 9.15 am**

**Sunday 24 May - all together at 10.45 am**

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