



ST MARGARET'S ILKLEY



High Mass
on the Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 10 May 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 355 *Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round*

Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round
Of circling planets singing on their way;
Guide to the nations from the night profound
Into the glory of the perfect day;
Rule in our hearts, that we may ever be
Guided and strengthened and upheld by thee.

We are of thee, the children of thy love,
The brothers of thy well-belovèd Son;
Descend, O Holy Spirit, like a dove,
Into our hearts, that we may be as one:
As one with thee, to whom we ever tend;
As one with him, our Brother and our Friend.

We would be one in hatred of all wrong,
One in our love of all things sweet and fair,
One with the joy that breaketh into song,
One with the grief that trembleth into prayer,
One in the power that makes the children free
To follow truth, and thus to follow thee.

O clothe us with thy heavenly armour, Lord,
Thy trusty shield, thy sword of love divine;
Our inspiration be thy constant word;
We ask no victories that are not thine:
Give or withhold, let pain or pleasure be;
Enough to know that we are serving thee.

John Chadwick

Orlando Gibbons

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

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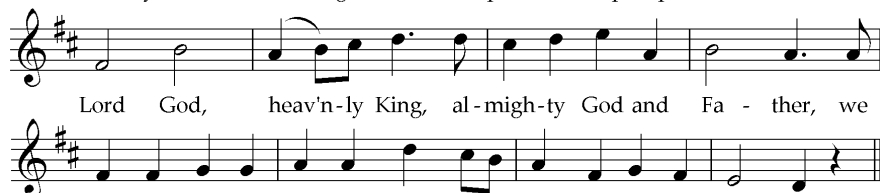


Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est.

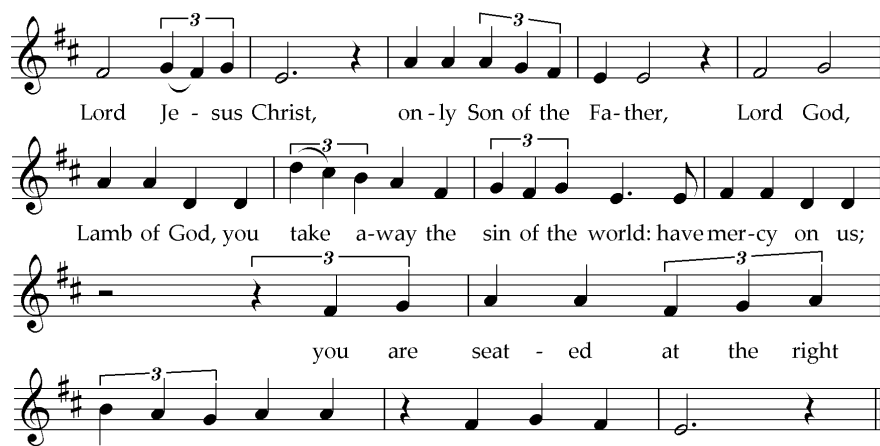
Verses:



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

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

Sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 17. 22 - 31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the

world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.”

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

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

Stand

HYMN (tune 48) *Father, Lord of earth and heaven*

Father, Lord of earth and heaven,
King to whom all gifts belong,
Give your greatest gift, your Spirit,
God the holy, God the strong.

Son of God, enthroned in glory,
Send your promised gift of grace;
Make your Church your holy temple,
God the Spirit’s dwelling-place.

Spirit, come in peace descending
As at Jordan, heavenly dove;
Seal your Church as God’s anointed,
Set our hearts on fire with love.

Stay among us, God the Father,
Stay among us, God the Son,
Stay among us, Holy Spirit:
Dwell within us, make us one.

James Quinn SJ

Adapted from a melody in C F Witt's
Harmonia Sacra Gotha 1715

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

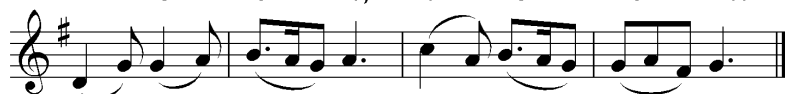
GOSPEL READING

John 14. 15 - 21

Choir Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.



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



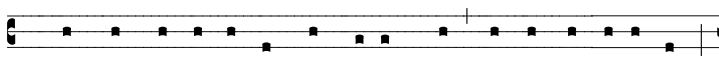
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Choir If anyone loves me they will keep my word, says the Lord,
and my Father will love them, and we will come to them.

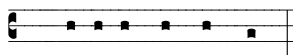
All Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.



Deacon The Lord be with you. All And also with you.



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



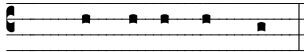
All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'



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

ORGAN REFLECTION

Stand

CREED

Priest We believe in one God,
All **the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is,
 seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;**

through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
*was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.*
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the † resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Priest Let us pray to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has raised him from the dead and seated him at his right
hand in the heavenly places.

Kneel

One of these responses, or other suitable responses, may be used:

I:	II:	III:
Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.	Lord, hear us: Lord, graciously hear us.	Let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.

The prayers may conclude with the Angelic Salutation ('Hail Mary'):

All **Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou amongst women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners
now and at the hour of our death.**

At the end:

Priest Heavenly Father, you sent your Holy Spirit upon your
Messiah at the river Jordan, and upon the disciples in the
upper room: in your mercy, fill us with your Spirit.

All **Hear our prayer,
and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy for ever.
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.

Alleluia. The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

All **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 271 *Alleluia, sing to Jesus*

Alleluia, sing to Jesus,
 His the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluia, his the triumph,
 His the victory alone:
Hark the songs of peaceful Sion
 Thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus, out of every nation,
 Hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia, not as orphans
 Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia, he is near us,
 Faith believes, nor questions how;
Though the cloud from sight received him
 When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise,
 'I am with you evermore'?

Alleluia, Bread of Angels,
 Thou on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia, here the sinful
 Flee to thee from day to day;
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
 Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless
 Sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia, King eternal,
 Thee the Lord of lords we own;
 Alleluia, born of Mary,
 Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
 Thou within the veil hast entered,
 Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
 Thou on earth both Priest and Victim
 In the Eucharistic Feast.

W. Chatterton Dix

Melody by Richard Huw Pritchard

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

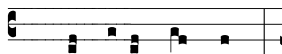
Priest Creator of all, you wash away our sins, you give us new birth by the Spirit, and redeem us in the blood of Christ. As we celebrate the resurrection, renew your gift of life within us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

All **Amen.**

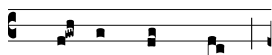
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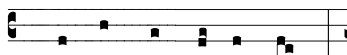
Priest The Lord be with you.



All **And also with you.**



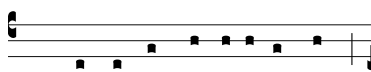
Priest Lift up your hearts.



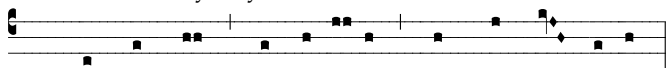
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. †

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.



Deacon Great is the mystery of faith.



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

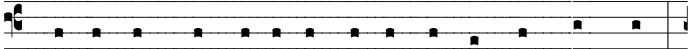
Priest Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

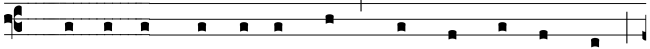
All Amen.

Silence is kept

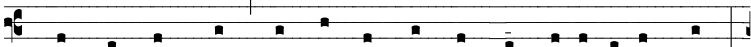
LORD'S PRAYER




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



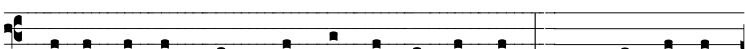
All Our Father, who art in heav'n, hallowed be thy name;



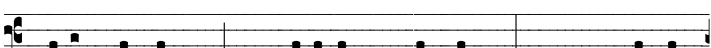
thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heav'n.




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

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart: Missa Brevis in C

Choir *Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us 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 *O Lord, the maker of all thing*

O Lord, the maker of all thing,
We pray thee now in this evening
Us to defend through thy mercy
From all deceit of our enemy.

Let neither us deluded be,
Good Lord, with dream or fantasy;
Our hearts waking in thee thou keep
That we in sin fall not on sleep.

O Father, through thy blessed Son,
Grant us this our petition,
To whom, with the Holy Ghost always,
In heaven and earth be laud and praise. Amen.

*Anonymous paraphrase of Te lucis ante terminum,
the Office Hymn at Compline*

William Mundy

Remain seated for the hymn

HYMN (tune 450) *Holy Spirit, truth divine*

Holy Spirit, truth divine,
Dawn upon this soul of mine;
Voice of God, and inward light,
Wake my spirit, clear my sight.

Holy Spirit, love divine,
Glow within this heart of mine;
Kindle every high desire;
Perish self in thy pure fire.

Holy Spirit, power divine,
Fill and nerve this will of mine;
By thee may I strongly live,
Bravely bear and nobly strive.

Holy Spirit, law divine,
Reign within this soul of mine;
Be my law, and I shall be
Firmly bound, for ever free.

Holy Spirit, peace divine,
Still this restless heart of mine;
Speak to calm this tossing sea,
Stayed in thy tranquillity.

Holy Spirit, joy divine,
Gladden thou this heart of mine;
In the desert ways I sing,
Spring, O well, for ever spring!

Samuel Longfellow

*Medieval French melody in the Beauvais MS,
British Museum (Egerton 2615)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Priest Let us pray.

Stand

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

All Amen.

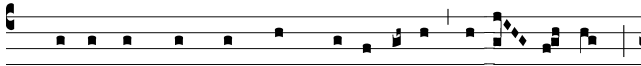
BLESSING

Priest Alleluia. Christ is risen.

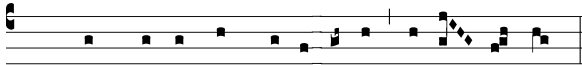
All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the victory, give you joy and peace in your faith; 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 486 *We have a gospel to proclaim*

We have a gospel to proclaim,
Good news for all throughout the earth,
The gospel of a Saviour's name:
We sing his glory, tell his worth.

Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,
Not in a royal house or hall,
But in a stable dark and dim:
The Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of his death at Calvary,
Hated by those he came to save,
In lonely suffering on the cross:
For all he loved, his life he gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn,
Empty the tomb, for he was free:
He broke the power of death and hell
That we might share his victory.

Tell of his reign at God's right hand,
By all creation glorified:
He sends his Spirit on his Church,
To live for him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel message we proclaim;
We sing his glory, tell his worth.

Edward Burns

William Gardiner in Sacred Melodies 1815

ORGAN *Benedictus*

Max Reger

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*

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