



ST MARGARET'S ILKLEY



High Mass
on the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 3 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 368 *Guide me, O thou great Redeemer*

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
Hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven,
Feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's Destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.

*Welsh, William Williams,
translated by Peter Williams and others*

John Hughes

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



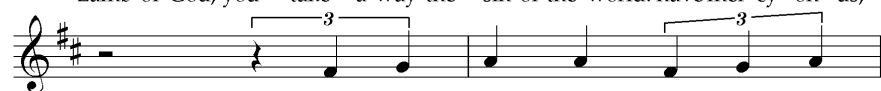
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



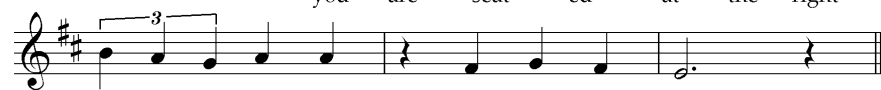
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



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,



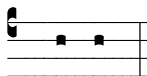
with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, † in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

COLLECT

Priest Let us pray.

Silence is kept

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen 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 7. 55 - end

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Standing before the high priest and the council, Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

Reader For the word of the Lord:

All thanks be to God.

Stand

HYMN 464 *Thou art the Way: by thee alone*

Thou art the Way: by thee alone
From sin and death we flee;
And he who would the Father seek
Must seek him, Lord, by thee.

Thou art the Truth: thy word alone
True wisdom can impart;
Thou only canst inform the mind
And purify the heart.

Thou art the Life: the rending tomb
Proclaims thy conquering arm;
And those who put their trust in thee
Nor death nor hell shall harm.

Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life:
Grant us that Way to know,
That Truth to keep, that Life to win,
Whose joys eternal flow.

George Washington Doane

Raphael Courteville

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

GOSPEL READING

John 14. 1 - 14

Choir Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.



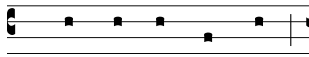
All Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



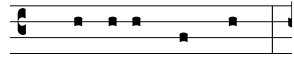
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Choir I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord. No one comes to the Father except through me.

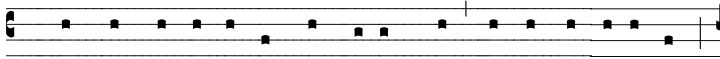
All **Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.**



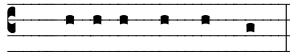
Deacon The Lord be with you.



All And also with you.



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



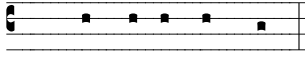
All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'



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.***

Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

Crown him the Virgin's Son,
The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won
Which now his brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic Rose,
As of that Rose the Stem;
The Root whence mercy ever flows,
The Babe of Bethlehem.

Crown him the Lord of love!
Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds yet visible above
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those he came to save.
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died, eternal life to bring,
And lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
Whose power a sceptre sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
Absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end,
And round his pierced feet
Fair flowers of Paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime.
Glassed in a sea of light,
Where everlasting waves
Reflect his throne—the Infinite!
Who lives—and loves—and saves.

Matthew Bridges

George Elvey

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.

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 *George Oldroyd: Mass of the Quiet Hour*

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

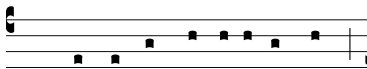
Kneel

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

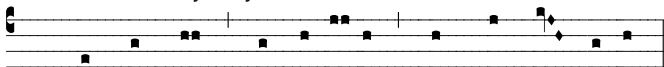
Priest Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. †

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

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.



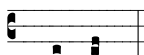
Deacon Great is the mystery of faith.



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.

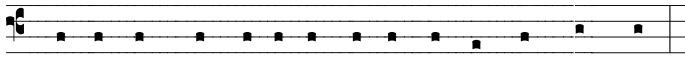
Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.



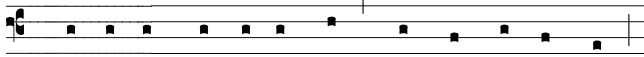
All Amen.

Silence is kept

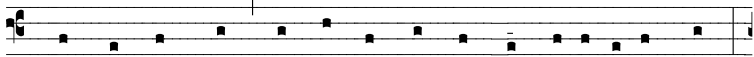
LORD'S PRAYER



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



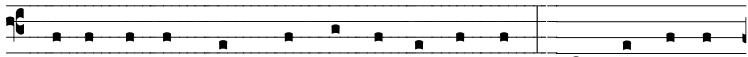
All Our Father, who art in heav'n, hallowed be thy name;



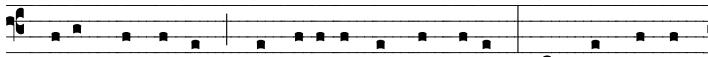
thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heav'n.



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

George Oldroyd: Mass of the Quiet Hour

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 *Bow down thine ear, O Lord*

Bow down thine ear, O Lord, and hear me, for I am poor and in misery. Be merciful to me, O Lord, for I do put my trust in thee. For thou, O Lord, art good and gracious, of great and tender mercy to all that call upon thee in truth.

Psalm 86. 1, 3, 5 *Anton Arensky, edited and adapted by A M Henderson*

Remain seated for the hymn

HYMN (tune 311) *We pray thee, heavenly Father*

We pray thee, heavenly Father,
 To hear us in thy love,
And pour upon thy children
 The unction from above;
That so in love abiding,
 From all defilement free,
We may in pureness offer
 Our Eucharist to thee.

Be thou our guide and helper,
O Jesus Christ, we pray;
So may we well approach thee,
If thou wilt be the Way:
Thou, very Truth, hast promised
To help us in our strife,
Food of the weary pilgrim,
Eternal source of Life.

And thou, creator Spirit,
Look on us, we are thine;
Renew in us thy graces,
Upon our darkness shine;
That, with thy benediction
Upon our souls outpoured,
We may receive in gladness
The body of the Lord.

O Trinity of Persons,
O Unity most high,
On thee alone relying
Thy servants would draw nigh:
Unworthy in our weakness,
On thee our hope is stayed,
And blessed by thy forgiveness
We will not be afraid.

V S Stuckey Coles

Later form of melody by W Lloyd

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Priest Let us pray.

Stand

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

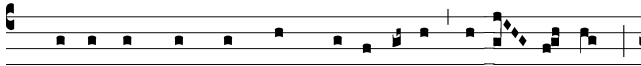
All Amen.

BLESSING

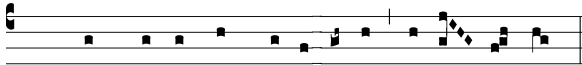
Priest Alleluia. Christ is risen.
All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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 (tune 112) *Paschal Feast!*

Paschal Feast! Upon the cross
Jesus gave himself to save us.

Sin's sad leaven throw away:
Break the bread of life he gave us.

Alleluia!

Risen again, our living Lord
Death's dominion now has shattered.

Now we share his risen life,
Hell's dread powers for ever scattered.

Alleluia!

Christ is risen from the grave,
All who sleep in death awaking.

First fruit of the harvest field:
Now our Easter dawn is breaking.

Alleluia!

As through man death comes to all,
So has man unlocked death's prison.
As in Adam all are dead,
So in Christ shall all be risen.
Alleluia!

Edwin Le Grice, based on the Easter Anthems

Henry John Gauntlett

ORGAN *Spring Song*

Alfred Hollins

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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