



# St Mary's Garforth

## WORSHIP AT HOME

### EASTER SEASON

6th April - 7th June 2026

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Helping you pray and worship, wherever you are,  
during the season of Easter.

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If you need any assistance, call Adrienne 07540 664361

# **MORNING WORSHIP IN EASTER SEASON**

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Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**He has given us new life and hope.**

**He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*Keep a short silence, still your heart.*

**Faithful one, whose word is life:  
come with saving power  
to free our praise, inspire our prayer  
and shape our lives  
for the kingdom of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## ***Confession***

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,  
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,  
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

*Keep a short silence, as we call to mind our wrongdoing.*

**Almighty God,  
long-suffering and of great goodness:  
I confess to you,  
I confess with my whole heart  
my neglect and forgetfulness of your  
commandments,  
my wrong doing, thinking, and speaking;  
the hurts I have done to others,  
and the good I have left undone.  
O God, forgive me, for I have sinned against you;  
and raise me to newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the God of love and power  
forgive us and free us from our sins,  
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,  
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. Amen.

## ***Prayer***

*Use this or the Collect for the day*

God of glory, by the raising of your Son  
you have broken the chains of death and hell:  
fill your Church with faith and hope;  
for a new day has dawned  
and the way to life stands open  
in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## ***Listening to God, through his word.***

*On Sundays, find the bible reading(s) (see the separate booklet) or, on another day, choose a favourite reading or one from your daily devotional.*

## **Affirmation of Faith**

**Christ died for our sins  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he was buried; he was raised to life on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
afterwards he appeared to his followers,  
and to all the apostles:  
this we have received, and this we believe. Amen.**

## ***Prayers***

*We pray for others aloud or in the quiet of our hearts.*

**Lord meet us in our words or silence and hear our prayer.**

*Pray for yourself and your loved ones.*

*Pray for others in their need.*

*Pray for the church.*

*Pray for our country and its leaders.*

*Pray for the world.*

*You may wish to use some of the prayers on pages 6-7.*

Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

### ***Conclusion***

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Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**He has given us new life and hope.**

**He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

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**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Let us bless the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## VARIOUS PRAYERS FOR EASTER SEASON

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Into your hands, O Father and Lord,  
I commend my soul and body,  
my family and home,  
my colleagues, friends and neighbours,  
all people of faith and love,  
all who stand in special need.  
Lighten our lives with your holy grace  
and the knowledge of your constant presence,  
O Lord in Trinity, God everlasting.

*St Edmund of Abingdon (1175-1240) adapted*

Goodness is stronger than evil;  
love is stronger than hate;  
light is stronger than darkness;  
life is stronger than death;  
victory is ours through him who loves us. **Amen.**

*Desmond Tutu, An African Prayer Book (1995)*

Christ, you are risen from the dead.  
We are risen with you.  
May our life never deny this eternal life,  
this peace and hope and joy.  
Praise and glory to the God of life  
who is stronger than all kinds of death. Alleluia.

*A New Zealand Prayer Book*

Risen Christ,  
breaking the bonds of evil and death,  
shine on us, and on those for whom we pray,  
with your eyes of compassion and glory.  
Let your light flood the darkness in us and in our world,  
and make us bearers of your healing for people,  
your delight in this planet,  
and your outrageously generous forgiveness,  
on which we all depend,  
through Christ, our Lord and Saviour. **Amen.**

## **A PRAYER FOR ASCENSION DAY**

Blessed are you, Lord God,  
for you have raised your Son  
from the darkness of death  
to the fullness of life eternal  
and to your right hand on high.  
By his death he has destroyed death;  
by his rising to life again  
he has restored us to eternal life;  
and by his glorious ascension  
he has opened for us the way to glory.  
Blessed are you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

# NIGHT PRAYER IN EASTER SEASON

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*You may wish to light a candle and have some reflective music playing in the background.*

## ***Preparation***

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night  
and a perfect end. **Amen.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord  
who made heaven and earth.

*Pause and reflect on the day that is past.*

## ***Penitence***

**Most merciful God, we confess to you,  
before the whole company of heaven  
and one another,  
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed  
and in what we have failed to do.  
Forgive us our sins, heal us by your Spirit  
and raise us to new life in Christ. Amen.**

O God, make speed to save us.  
O Lord, make haste to help us.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

## ***Bible Readings***

*One of the psalms below or any other psalm will be said.*

### ***Psalm 104***

<sup>1</sup> Bless the Lord, O my soul.

O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!

<sup>21</sup> You appointed the moon to mark the seasons,  
and the sun knows the time for its setting.

<sup>22</sup> You make darkness that it may be night,  
in which all the beasts of the forest creep forth.

<sup>23</sup> The lions roar for their prey  
and seek their food from God.

<sup>24</sup> The sun rises and they are gone  
to lay themselves down in their dens.

<sup>25</sup> People go forth to their work  
and to their labour until the evening.

<sup>26</sup> O Lord, how manifold are your works!  
In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

<sup>27</sup> There is the sea, spread far and wide,  
and there move creatures beyond number,  
both small and great.

<sup>28</sup>There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan  
which you have made to play in the deep.

<sup>29</sup>All of these look to you  
to give them their food in due season.

<sup>30</sup>When you give it them, they gather it;  
you open your hand and they are filled with good.

<sup>31</sup>When you hide your face they are troubled;  
when you take away their breath,  
they die and return again to the dust.

<sup>32</sup>When you send forth your spirit, they are created,  
and you renew the face of the earth.

<sup>33</sup>May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;  
may the Lord rejoice in his works;

## ***Psalm 113***

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD!

Praise, O servants of the LORD;  
praise the name of the LORD.

<sup>2</sup> Blessed be the name of the LORD  
from this time on and for evermore.

<sup>3</sup> From the rising of the sun to its setting  
the name of the LORD is to be praised.

<sup>4</sup> The LORD is high above all nations,  
and his glory above the heavens.

<sup>5</sup> Who is like the LORD our God,  
who is seated on high,

<sup>6</sup> who looks far down  
on the heavens and the earth?

<sup>7</sup> He raises the poor from the dust,  
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

<sup>8</sup> to make them sit with princes,  
with the princes of his people.

<sup>9</sup> He gives the barren woman a home,  
making her the joyous mother of children.  
Praise the LORD!

**Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

### ***Scripture Reading***

The servants of the Lamb shall see the face of God,  
whose name will be on their foreheads. There will be no  
more night: they will not need the light of a lamp or the light  
of the sun, for God will be their light, and they will reign for  
ever and ever. *Revelation 22.4,5*

*Pause to reflect on the reading.*

*The following responsory may be said:*

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Alleluia, alleluia.

**Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit.

**Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

Keep me as the apple of your eye.

**Hide me under the shadow of your wings.**

## ***Gospel Canticle***

*The Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon) is said.*

**Alleluia. The Lord is risen, alleluia,  
as he promised to you. Alleluia, alleluia.**

<sup>1</sup> Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:  
your word has been fulfilled.

<sup>2</sup> My own eyes have seen the salvation  
which you have prepared in the sight of every people;

<sup>3</sup> A light to reveal you to the nations  
and the glory of your people Israel.

Luke 2.29-32

**Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**Alleluia. The Lord is risen, alleluia,  
as he promised to you. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### ***Prayers***

*Intercessions may be offered here. Silence may be kept.*

*One or more of these prayers may be said.*

Merciful God,  
we entrust to your unfailing and tender care this night  
those who are ill or in any kind of pain,  
knowing that whenever danger threatens your everlasting  
arms are there to hold us safe.  
Comfort and heal them,  
and restore them to health and strength;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord of all life and power,  
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son  
overcame the old order of sin and death  
to make all things new in him:

grant that we, being dead to sin  
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
may reign with him in glory;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be praise and honour, glory and might,  
now and in all eternity. **Amen.**

Visit this place, O Lord, we pray,  
and drive far from it the snares of the enemy;  
may your holy angels dwell with us and guard us in peace,  
and may your blessing be always upon us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### *The Lord's Prayer*

Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray  
**Our Father in heaven,**  
**hallowed be your name,**  
**your kingdom come,**  
**your will be done,**  
**on earth as in heaven.**  
**Give us today our daily bread.**  
**Forgive us our sins**  
**as we forgive those who sin against us.**  
**Lead us not into temptation**  
**but deliver us from evil.**  
**For the kingdom, the power,**  
**and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

## ***Conclusion***

In peace we will lie down and sleep;

**for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.**

Abide with us, Lord Jesus,

**for the night is at hand and the day is now past.**

As the night watch looks for the morning,

**so do we look for you, O Christ.**

May the risen Lord Jesus bless us.

May he watch over us and renew us

as he renews the whole of creation.

May our hearts and lives echo his love. **Amen.**

## **St Mary's Phone-in Services**

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To join us, follow these steps:

- Get this booklet, and get yourself comfortable!
- Just before 9.30am/8pm, dial: **0333 0164 757**  
(after which you will hear some information about WHYPay.net)
- You will then be asked for your Conference Room number - enter 26391543 then press the # key
- You will then be asked for your PIN - enter 5316 then press the # key

If the service has not started say hello!

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