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Confirmation Service

Sunday 18th September 2022

10.00am

## Please pray for all those who are to be confirmed this morning

Martha Andrews Niamh O'Malley David Farrell David Hallett Debra Hallett

A collection will be taken during this service. With your order of service you were given a gift aid envelope inviting you to make a donation to our Diocesan Links. If you are UK tax payer please place your donation in the envelope, fill out the details asked for and put in the basket as it comes round (there will also be a plate as you leave church). Please be as generous as you can.

Please note no photography or videography should take place during the service. Bishop Toby will be pleased to pose with the candidates for photographs after the service.

Our service this morning will be live streamed onto Facebook.

You are all warmly invited to stay for refreshments after the service in the Church Hall.



Welcome - The Rev Canon Sandra Benham, Vicar.

## Hymn

In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song; this cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe. This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save: 'till on that cross as Jesus died, the love of God was magnified for every sin on him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain: then bursting forth in glorious day up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me, for I am his and he is mine - bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me; from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.

No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand: 'till he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

## The Greeting

Bishop Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen

Bishop There is one body and one spirit

All There is one hope to which we are called;

Bishop one Lord, one faith, one baptism, **All** one God and Father of all.

Bishop Peace be with you All and also with you.

Introduction by the Bishop

The Collect (or special prayer for today)

The Bishop introduces a period of silent prayer.

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that w may find all things restored in him, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

# The Liturgy of the Word

Bible Reading - 1 Tim 2: 1-7

At the end

Reader For the gift of your holy Word

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes, let me see.

Beauty that made this heart adore you, hope of a life spent with you.

So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that you're my God And you're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above Humbly you came to the earth you created, all for love's sake became poor.

So here I am to worship,....

And I'll never know how much it cost, to see my sin upon that cross.

And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross.

And I'll never know how much it cost, to see my sin upon that cross.

And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross.

So here I am to worship,....

Gospel Reading please remain standing.

Here the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All Glory to you O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you O Christ.

Sermon The Right Reverend Dr Toby Howarth, Bishop of Bradford

#### **Presentation of the Candidates**

All candidates stand. The Bishop asks the candidates

Bishop Have you been baptised in the name of the Father,

and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit?

Candidates I have.

Bishop Are you ready with your own mouth and from your

own heart to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ?

Candidates I am.

Bishop People of God, will you welcome these candidates

and uphold them in their life in Christ?

All With the help of God, we will.

# Testimony is given by the candidates

The Decision The Paschal Candle is lit.

Bishop In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his

marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin

and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

Candidates I reject them.

Bishop Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

Candidates I renounce them.

Bishop Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God

and neighbour?

Candidates I repent of them.

Bishop Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

Candidates I turn to Christ.

Bishop Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

Candidates I come to Christ.

Bishop May God who has given you the desire to follow Christ,

give you strength to continue in the Way.

All Amen.

The Bishop leads the candidates to the font as we sing

Vieni Spirito creatore, vieni, vieni, vieni Spirito creatore, vieni, vieni!

(translation - Come, Creator Spirit, come, come)

Everyone turns to face the font and the Bishop stands before the water of baptism and says

Praise God who made heaven and earth,

All who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, sovereign God of all, to you be glory and praise for ever.
You are our light and our salvation.
From the deep waters of death you have raised your Son to life in triumph.
Grant that all who have been born anew by water and the Spirit, may daily be renewed in your image, walk by the light of faith, and serve you in newness of life; through your anointed Son, Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit we lift our voices of praise.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

#### **Profession of Faith**

Bishop Sisters and brothers, I ask you to profess together with

these candidates the faith of the Church.

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.

The candidates sign themselves with the sign of the cross with the holy water.

Bishop Almighty God,

we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith with all who have been baptised into your name.

Keep us faithful to our baptism, and so make us ready for that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

The candidates return to their places as we sing

Vieni Spirito creatore, vieni, vieni, vieni Spirito creatore, vieni, vieni!

**Confirmation** please be seated, except the candidates who remain standing

Bishop Our help is in the name of the Lord

All who has made heaven and earth.

Bishop Blessed be the name of the Lord **All** now and forever. Amen.

The Bishop extends his hands towards those to be confirmed

Bishop Almighty and ever-living God,

you have given these your servants new birth

in baptism by water and the Spirit, and have forgiven them all their sins.

Let your Holy Spirit rest upon them: the Spirit of wisdom and understanding; the Spirit of counsel and inward strength; the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness; and let their delight be in the fear of the Lord.

All Amen.

The candidates are presented to the Bishop.

The Bishop lays his hands on the head of each candidate and also anoints them with the oil of chrism.

Bishop (N), God has called you by name and made you his own.

Confirm, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

The Bishop invites prayer for all who have been confirmed

All Defend, O Lord, these your servants with your heavenly grace, that they may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more until they come to your everlasting kingdom.

Amen.

The children join us from their worship and the notices are given.

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

#### The Peace

Bishop God has made us one in Christ.

He has set his seal upon us

and, as a pledge of what is to come,

has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace, with a handshake or other greeting.

#### **Offertory Hymn**

Longing for light, we wait in darkness Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts....

Longing for food, many are hungry.

Longing for water, many still thirst.

Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed.

Christ, be our light! ...

Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold. Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone.

Christ, be our light! ....

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come.

Christ, be our light! ....

## The Preparation of the Table

Bishop As the grain once scattered in the fields, and the grapes once

dispersed on the hillside are now reunited on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your

kingdom.

All Amen.



## The Eucharistic Prayer please remain standing

During the Eucharistic Prayer we invite you to put down your order of service and become involved in the words and actions and the Great Thanksgiving the prayer of the holy community of God's people, no longer my prayer, but our prayer.

The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

The president praises God for his mighty acts and all respond

All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

The president recalls the Last Supper

Great is the mystery of faith
All Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again.

The prayer continues and leads into the doxology, to which all respond

All Amen.

Please sit

## The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

All 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.

## The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

## The Agnus Dei

All 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.

## **Giving of Communion**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people

All Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Everyone is very welcome to receive the bread and wine whether you have been confirmed or not. This part of the service is when we come together as family to receive God's gifts and to remember his love for us. Please come forward at the direction of the Churchwardens. At the distribution of the bread and wine these words will be said

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life. The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life.

The communicant replies **Amen.** 

During the distribution of Communion the choir will sing an anthem and then please join in with the singing of the Communion hymns.

**Communion Hymns** Please remain seated

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure; until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine; until this earthly part of me, glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die, but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

Only by grace can we enter, only by grace can we stand, not by our human endeavour, but by the blood of the Lamb.

Into your presence you call us, you call us to come, into your presence you draw us, and now by your grace we come, now by your grace we come.

Lord if you mark our transgressions who would stand?
Thanks to your grace we are cleansed by the blood of the Lamb.

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In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid;
lift up your voices: the Lord is near, lift up your voices: the Lord is near.

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law; grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

All God of our pilgrimage,
you have fed us with the bread of heaven.
Refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Giving of a Lighted Candle

The newly confirmed are given a lighted candle.

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us all a place with the saints in light. You have received the light of

Christ, walk in this light all the days

of your life.

All Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.



# The Sending Out

#### The Commission

Those who are baptised are called to worship and serve God. Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

### All With the help of God, I will.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

## All With the help of God, I will.

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

## All With the help of God, I will.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbour as yourself?

## All With the help of God, I will.

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society, by prayer for the world and its leaders, by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

## All With the help of God, I will.

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, that you may be rooted and grounded in love and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

#### All Amen.

## The Blessing

The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you this day and always.

#### All Amen.

## Hymn

Christ triumphant ever reigning, Saviour, Master, King! Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining, hear us as we sing:

Yours the glory and the crown, the high renown, the eternal name.

Word incarnate, truth revealing, Son of Man on earth! power and majesty concealing by your humble birth:

Yours the glory and the crown....

Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated, victim crucified! death is through the cross defeated, sinners justified:

Yours the glory and the crown.....
Priestly King, enthroned for ever high in heaven above! sin and death and hell shall never stifle hymns of love:

Yours the glory and the crown....

So, our hearts and voices raising through the ages long, ceaselessly upon you gazing, this shall be our song:

Yours the glory and the crown, the high renown, the eternal name.

## The Dismissal

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

#### **NOTICES**

**BAILDON AT CHRISTMAS** - This event is running again this year and as a Church we would love to join in with the town's celebrations. We are holding a meeting after refreshment following our Harvest Festival on Sunday 2nd October. We really need people to help staff stalls and help in the organising of the event. Please do come along to the meeting and see what is needed.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL** - Our next Family Worship is Sunday 2nd October which is our Harvest Festival. We will be collecting food and other items at this service for our Food Bank and others in the area. There will also be an opportunity to make a donation to charity which will be for the disaster appeal in Pakistan. This appeal will be for the whole October and details will be available at the service to give via BACS into our account.

After this service will be having refreshments and we would like to offer everyone some cake, maybe with a bit of a harvest theme - apple cake, blackberry muffins. If you are able to bring some cake along on the 2nd October please could you let me know.

**READERS AT ST JOHN'S** - We are wanting to return to having people on a reader's rota for St John's. This would involve reading the first reading from the golden eagle lectern. If you would like to be included on the rota please let Canon Sandra know.

**MESSY CHURCH** - Our next Messy Church session is today at 4pm in St John's Church Hall. Everyone is welcome.

**WEDNESDAY COFFEE** – This has restarted. Please join us every Wednesday at St James's 9.30 - 12noon. Everyone is very welcome.

**ST JAMES'S** - there will be a Communion Service at James's Church on Wednesday 5th October at 12noon.

**SIDESPEOPLE AT ST JOHN'S 10AM SERVICE** - Now that we returned to worship every week, it would be great to welcome more people onto the rota as a Sidesperson. The role is not difficult, it just

involves being in Church at about 9.30am, welcoming people into Church and handing out the service sheets. If you would like to know more or to join the rota, please see Canon Sandra after this service.

**EDUCATION SUNDAY** - This year's Education Sunday service will be at St John's Church next Sunday 25th September. It will be a great time of celebrating our link with Church School and education in Baildon. We will be welcoming the school choir who will sing for us and also join with our choir. After the service I am delighted to say that the School will be providing a lunch for everyone and we thank Nathan and his team for this. Please do put the date in your diary.

CRAFT THROUGH WORSHIP will be at St James' Church on Sunday 25 September at 6pm. The theme this month is the image of God as gardener. If you have not been to Craft through Worship but enjoy crafting or making things and would like to find out more about why we are interested in connecting crafting with our spiritual journey, then do come along. Everyone is welcome. A reflection on the theme and craft resources will be available from Sunday 18 September. Please email Ruth on <a href="mailto:ruthjyeoman@hotmail.com">ruthjyeoman@hotmail.com</a> if you would like to receive the reflection and pick up resources for crafting.

AN EVENING OF MUSIC - SATURDAY 8TH OCTOBER AT 7:30PM. Please come and support our Junior and Adult Choir at St John's Church Hall for an evening of music. Tickets are £6 for adults and £3 for children and include a cheese supper during the interval. The bar will be open! To buy a ticket please see a choir member or call Sara on 07860 889766.

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