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## Services for next week—5th March 2023

**8.30am—St John's Holy Communion**

**9.30am—St Hugh's Service of the Word**

**10.00am—St John's Family Service**

## Hymn

God is Love, let heav'n adore him;  
God is Love: let earth rejoice;  
let creation sing before him,  
and exalt him with one voice.  
He who laid the earth's foundation,  
he who spread the heav'ns above,  
he who breathes through all creation,  
he is Love, eternal Love.

God is Love; and love enfoldeth  
all the world in one embrace  
with unfailing grasp he holdeth  
every child of every race.  
And when human hearts are breaking  
under sorrow's iron rod,  
then we find that selfsame aching  
deep within the heart of God.

God is Love; and though with blindness  
sin afflicts all souls of all,  
God's eternal loving kindness  
holds and guides us when we fall.  
Sin and death and hell shall never  
o'er us final triumph gain;  
God is Love, so Love for ever  
o'er the universe must reign.

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

**All Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus  
Christ be with you.

**All and also with you.**

## **Prayer of Preparation**

**All** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **The Collect**

### **Reading—Romans 4:1-5:13-17**

*At the end of the reading please respond*

For the gift of your holy word

**All** Thanks be to God.

## **Hymn**

**The Lord is my light, my light and salvation:  
in God I trust, in God I trust.**

## **Gospel Reading**

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.  
Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.  
**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**All** Glory to you, O Lord.

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All** Praise to you, O Christ.

## **The Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

To the words ‘Lord hear us’ would you please respond ‘**Lord graciously hear us**’ At end of the prayers we say together

Merciful Father,

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

## **Prayers of Penitence**

Gracious and glorious Lord, we come, as did Nicodemus, with questions on our hearts and in our lives. We come hoping someone can help us find answers and healing. But we are also hardened with doubts about self, others, and even you.

**All Lord, we are such stubborn people. We want to know all the answers. We find it hard to place our trust even in your Son. When Jesus proclaims that we can have a new life, we want to know how this is possible. How can we get rid of the old burdens and difficulties and start over again? Wouldn't it be just like climbing back into the womb to make a fresh start? How we have misunderstood what Jesus has said. New life is possible. We can place our trust in God's healing care. Forgive us, and help us, gracious Lord. For we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

*Pause for silent reflection*

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.**

The children join us from their worship, notices are given.

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## The Peace

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All and also with you.**

Let us share a sign of peace with one another.

*Hymn during which a collection will be taken for the work of this Parish. At the end of the service the contactless giving machine will be available at the back of church should you prefer to make a donation in this way.*

**By faith, we see the hand of God  
in the light of creation's grand design;  
in the lives of those who prove his faithfulness,  
who walk by faith and not by sight.**

**By faith, our fathers roamed the earth  
with the pow'r of his promise in their hearts:  
of a holy city built by God's own hand  
a place where peace and justice reign.**

*We will stand as children of the promise,  
we will fix our eyes on him our soul's reward.  
Till the race is finished and the work is done,  
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

**By faith, the prophets saw a day  
when the longed-for Messiah would appear  
with the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death,  
and rise triumphant from the grave.**

**By faith, the church was called to go  
in the power of the Spirit to the lost  
to deliver captives and to preach good news  
in ev'ry corner of the earth.**

*We will stand as children of the promise .....*

**By faith, this mountain shall be moved,  
and the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail,  
for we know in Christ all things are possible  
for all who call upon his name.**

*We will stand as children of the promise,  
we will fix our eyes on him our soul's reward.  
Till the race is finished and the work is done  
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

## The Eucharistic 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.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to 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.**

## Breaking of the Bread

*The president breaks the consecrated 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.**

## 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..**

## **Prayer after Communion**

*The Post-Communion prayer is said*

**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.**

The children share their work.

## **Hymn**

**O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
be thou forever near me,  
my Master and my friend;  
I shall not fear the battle  
if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if thou wilt be my guide.**

**O let me hear thee speaking  
in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will.  
O speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
thou guardian of my soul.**

**O Jesus, thou hast promised  
to all who follow thee,  
that where thou art in glory  
there shall thy servant be.  
and, Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow,  
my Master and my Friend.**

**O let me see thy foot-marks,  
and in them plant mine own:  
my hope to follow duly  
is in thy strength alone:  
O guide me, call me, draw me,  
uphold me to the end;  
and then in heaven receive me,  
my Saviour and my Friend.**

## **The Blessing and Dismissal**

Go in the peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## **NOTICES**

**CONVERSATIONS IN LENT**—The Christian faith is not just what happens on Sunday. When we gather to worship often there is not much time to talk about living our faith in our daily lives. Our world is complex and we face a range of personal and ethical decisions in a culture of many and varied views. Lent is a season when we are encouraged to make time to deepen our faith which has a lot to contribute to society today. We have called our time together this year 'Conversations in Lent'. There will be input on a particular ethical issue each week with time to talk and to reflect together as seek to grow in faith and find resources for daily living. We hope that you will come along to St James' Church on Tuesday evenings in Lent at 7.30 - 9.15pm. The topics and dates are below:-

**February 28<sup>th</sup> – ‘Homelessness - Living on the Edge’** led by Canon Sandra Benham

**March 7<sup>th</sup> – Sexuality and gender** led by Bishop of Bradford, Rt Rev Toby Howarth

**March 14<sup>th</sup> – Dying Matters** led by Carolyn and Nic Gomersal

**March 21<sup>st</sup> – Inter-faith issues** led by Rev Jenny Ramsden, Diocesan Inter-faith Advisor

**March 28<sup>th</sup> - 'Living in community; an enabled world?’ Reflections on faith and disability** led by Rev Ruth Yeoman

**LENT LUNCHESES**—We will be holding Lent Lunches starting at 12.30am. The dates and venues are:

Monday 27th February at the Methodist Church

Tuesday 7th March at St John’s Church

Thursday 16th March—Moravian Church

Thursday 23rd March—St James’s Church (led by the Church School)

Friday 31st March—St Aidan’s Church

**LENT APPEAL**—This year our Lent Appeal is for UNICEF using their Jar of Grace Appeal. As you leave Church today you will be given a label, I invite you to put this label on a jam-jar and at each meal say the prayer on the label and then make a donation to the work of the UNICEF as you give thanks for everything that we have. These will be collected on Easter Day.

**ALTERNATIVE BOOK CLUB** – On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm we will be meeting in S James' Lounge to look at Chapter 4 of the book 'And yet – Finding Joy in Lament' by Rachael Newham. Everyone is welcome. If you plan to attend for the first time you will need a copy of the book. If you would like support to purchase a copy, please have a word with Canon Sandra or Revd Ruth.

**THE CROSS OF CHRIST**— This is a very moving service and it will be held at St John's Church on Sunday 2nd April (Palm Sunday) at 4pm. The choir have been practicing very hard for this service and they will be supported by others. Please do come and support our choir as we move from Palm Sunday into Holy Week.

**FAIR TRADE FORTNIGHT**—There will be a fair trade information stall in the Co-op during FairTrade Fortnight (Feb 27- Mar 12).

**KNEELERS AT ST JOHN'S**— We are in the process of offering kneelers from St John's if anyone would like one. There is an opportunity over refreshments in the Church Hall to have a look at the kneelers we hold at St John's and see if there is one that you would like to take home. These will be available until Sunday 5th March and then the remainder will be donated to another church. If you would like to make a donation, any money given will be used to improve St John's Church historically ie re-gilding the lettering in the porch area.

**THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** is a huge wave of prayer which circles the earth: beginning at dawn in Tonga, and ending at dusk in Samoa – 38 hours later! It is amazing to be part of something so huge, so important and so special. This year the Service has been prepared by the Christians of TAIWAN. You will be aware that China is harassing Taiwan, claiming the country as its sovereign territory. So the Taiwanese people need our constant prayers. It is always inspiring to hear about how Christians in other countries have overcome great challenges, and their reliance on God has strengthened their faith. Our Service is on FRIDAY, 3rd MARCH, at the Methodist Church, at 7pm – PLEASE COME!



**WARM WEDNESDAYS** - St Hugh's is a Warm Space every Wednesday 9am to 2pm. We have toasted teacakes, crumpets and warm drinks from 9am and homemade soup and cakes for lunch from 12 noon. We have the daily newspapers and our little library available. Warm Spaces are designed to offer companionship, food and drink, and heated seated areas in these times of difficulty. Everybody is welcome and food and refreshments is offered free or on a Pay-As-You-Feel basis. We offer this in association with Bradford Council who have provided a grant for this service.

**CRAFT THROUGH WORSHIP** will be at St James' Church tonight at 6pm. This month we are going to be looking at the word 'Slowing' as Lent begins. 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 19 February. Please email Ruth on [ruthjyeoman@hotmail.com](mailto:ruthjyeoman@hotmail.com) if you would like to receive the reflection and pick up resources for crafting.

**WINTER CHARITIES: SHELTER, CENTREPOINT, CRISIS** – These are our charities over the winter. They all focus on working with those who are homeless. Donations towards their work will be split equally among the three charities. For more information visit <https://england.shelter.org.uk/>, <https://centrepoint.org.uk/>, <https://www.crisis.org.uk/>  
**DONATE** by BACS into the parish account using the reference HOMELESS, or text **WINTERCHARITY** to **70085** to donate £10. Texts will cost the donation amount plus one standard network rate message, and you'll be opting into hearing more from us. If you would like to donate but don't wish to hear more from us, please text WINTERCHARITYNOINFO instead.





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