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*receiving the mark of the Holy Spirit*

*anointing* *an outpouring of the Holy Spirit*

**Confirmation Service**

**Sunday 23rd July 2023**

**10.00am**

## **Please pray for Lewis Bloor to be confirmed this morning**

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 candidate 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**

**Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:**

*All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

**Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek  
to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness  
and as symbol of God's grace,  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus.**

*All are welcome, all are welcome, .....*

**Let us build a house where love is found,  
in water, wine and wheat.  
A banquet hall on holy ground,  
where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space,  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us;**

*All are welcome, all are welcome, .....*

**Let us build a house where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger bear  
the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger**

*All are welcome, all are welcome, ...*

**Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter.**

*All are welcome, all are welcome, ....*

## **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 we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**All Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **Bible Reading** - Romans 8.12-25

*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.**

*So here I am to worship,....*

## **Gospel Reading** *please remain standing.*

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

**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**

*The candidate stands. The Bishop asks the candidate*

**Bishop** Have you been baptised in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit?

**Candidate** **I have.**

**Bishop** Are you ready with your own mouth and from your own heart to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ?

**Candidate** **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 candidate**

#### **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:

**Candidate** Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?  
**I reject them.**

**Bishop** Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?  
**Candidate** **I renounce them.**

**Bishop** Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?  
**Candidate** **I repent of them.**

**Bishop** Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?  
**Candidate** **I turn to Christ.**

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

**All Praise God who made heaven and earth,  
who keeps his promise for ever.**

**All Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
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 this candidate 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 candidate signs himself 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 candidate returns to his places as we sing*

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



**Confirmation** *please be seated, except the candidate who remains 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 him:  
                 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 candidate is presented to the Bishop.*

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

Bishop      Lewis, 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 the newly confirmed*

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

*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.

**All** The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**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

***Bless the Lord O my soul; O my soul  
worship his holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul;  
I'll worship your holy name***

The sun comes up  
it's a new day dawning,  
It's time to sing your song again.  
Whatever may pass,  
and whatever lies before me,  
let me be singing  
when the evening comes.

***Bless the Lord O my soul; O my soul .....***

You're rich in love  
and you're slow to anger,  
your name is great  
and your heart is kind.  
For all your goodness,  
I will keep on singing;  
Ten thousand reasons  
for my heart to find

***Bless the Lord O my soul; O my soul ....***

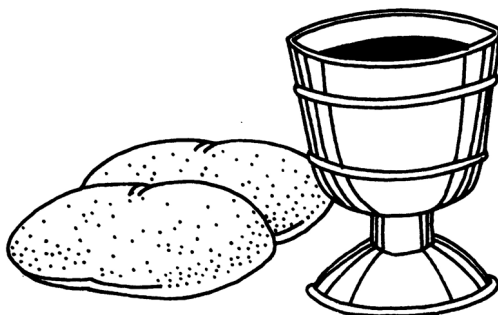
**And on that day,  
when my strength is failing,  
the end draws near  
and my time has come;  
still my soul will  
Sing your praise unending  
ten thousand years  
and then forevermore!**

*Bless the Lord O my soul; O my soul .....*

## **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 of the Great Thanksgiving, the prayer of the whole 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*

**Holy Spirit, living breath of God,  
breathe new life into my willing soul.  
Let the presence of the risen Lord,  
come renew my heart and make me whole.  
Cause your word to come alive in me;  
Give me faith for what I cannot see,  
give me passion for your purity;  
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.**

**Holy Spirit, come abide within,  
may your joy be seen in all I do.  
Love enough to cover every sin,  
in each thought and deed and attitude.  
Kindness to the greatest and the least,  
gentleness that sows the path of peace.  
Turn my strivings into works of grace;  
Breath of God show Christ in all I do.**

**Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,  
giving life to all that God has made,  
show your power once again on earth,  
cause your church to hunger for your ways.  
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise;  
lead us on the road of sacrifice,  
that in unity the face of Christ  
may be clear for all the world to see.**

**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**

**All**            Go in the light and peace of Christ.  
                  **Thanks be to God.**

## **NOTICES**

**FIFTH SUNDAY**—Next Sunday, 30th July is a fifth Sunday so there will be a joint Holy Communion Service at St James's Church at 10.00am.

**DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A PIRATE?** - Ahoy me hearties! The choir of St John's Church will be giving a Sea/Pirate themed concert on Saturday 16th September in St John's Hall and we are looking for children Y2 and above who enjoy singing and would like to take part and be pirates! We will be rehearsing every Thursday in August and September up to the concert date for 1 hour from 6pm to 7pm in The Cranmer Room, St John's Hall. Sessions are led by the DBS checked Director of Music and a chaperone. For more information parents can contact me on 07761260155 or just come along. Helen Austwick

**A STRAWBERRY TEA** - is going to be held at St James' Church on Saturday 29th July, 2.30pm – 4.00pm when there will be an opportunity to give thanks for the newly tiled tower at the church at 3.00pm, with a display showing the work undertaken. Everyone is most welcome to come and we look forward to sharing an enjoyable afternoon.

**WEDNESDAY COFFEE** - Every Wednesday we offer coffee at St James's from 10am to 12 noon. We will run all summer long without a break so I look forward to seeing you in July and August.

**CRAFT THROUGH WORSHIP** will be at St James' Church tonight at 6pm. This month we are going to be looking at the words 'Resting and Restoring'. Sometimes the summer becomes so hot or humid that we have to do what we must and then we need to give in, finding space in the shade and time to rest during the day. Do the words mean the same as relaxation and what can we learn about them which feeds in to living our lives through the whole year, not just in the summer? 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. Please email Ruth on [ruthjyeoman@hotmail.com](mailto:ruthjyeoman@hotmail.com) if you would like to know more.

### **CHURCHES TOGETHER MORNING AND NIGHT**

**PRAYER**—It is really important that as Christians in Baildon we find time to pray with our brothers and sisters of different denominations. We meet every Wednesday morning at 9.00am for Morning Prayer. The zoom link is:- Meeting ID: 883 7936 3034 Passcode: 633150. We are also on Monday evening on zoom for Night Prayer at 9.00pm –link Meeting ID: 820 0598 6154, Passcode: 644780. If you want to more about these please speak to Canon Sandra or Rev Ruth.

**SUMMER LUNCHBOX SCHEME** will run for 6 weeks from 24 July to 30 August. Please we need your help. We have money to provide a weekly lunchbox for children who attend local primary schools, whose families struggle during the summer holidays. We need volunteers who could help at St Hugh's on Mondays with shopping, making up parcels and on Wednesdays when families come to collect them. Just offering to buy 10 loaves of bread and deliver them to St Hugh's every Monday would be a great help (we can reimburse you). Please contact Sarah - tel: 07421 328187.

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