



THE COST OF FOLLOWING JESUS



WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY SERVICE

3rd September 2023

Welcome and notices

Hymn

**From heaven you came, helpless babe,
entered our world, your glory veiled,
not to be served but to serve
and give your life that we might live.**

***This is our God, the Servant King;
he calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.***

**There in the garden of tears
my heavy load he chose to bear;
his heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not my will, but yours,' he said.**

This is our God, the Servant King;....

**Come see his hands and his feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice,
hands that flung stars into space,
to cruel nails surrendered.**

This is our God, the Servant King;

**So let us learn how to serve
and in our lives enthrone him,
each other's needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we're serving.**

This is our God, the Servant King;

A gathering prayer

**All Lord Jesus,
as the summer holiday comes to an end,
with the new term just about to start,
we come here today with lots of different thoughts and
feelings.
Help us to see you, hear you,
and learn more about your love today. Amen.**

Are we called to the easy life?

Saying Sorry to God

Lord Jesus, you call us to follow you
and we confess that we find your call demanding.
In the face of our love for our family and the needs of our friends
and colleagues,
we find it hard to put you first.

All Forgive us, Lord Jesus

We cling to our possessions for comfort and ease; we cannot
imagine how we might manage with less.

All Forgive us, Lord Jesus.

To count the cost of following you is an intimidating (difficult?)
prospect; we would rather not do it..

We like the lives we have built and we don't want to change them.

All Forgive us, Lord Jesus

Give us the courage, Lord, to take up the cross
and be your disciples, knowing that this is the path to peace.

All Amen.

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be
our Saviour, forgive you your sins and make you holy to serve him
in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Bible Reading— Matthew 16:13-20

The cross is at the centre of everything we do!

Hymn

**O, to see the dawn of the darkest day,
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten then
nailed to a cross of wood.**

*This, the power of the cross,
Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath
we stand forgiven at the cross.*

**O, to see the pain written on your face,
bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed
crowning your bloodstained brow.**

This, the power of the cross,

**Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath
quakes as its Maker bows his head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life;
"Finished!" the vict'ry cry.**

This, the power of the cross,

**O, to see my name written in the wounds,
for through your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live,
won through your selfless love.**

*This, the power of the cross:
Son of God, slain for us.
What a love! What a cost!
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Baptism Welcome

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
N and N, by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

**All We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

Prayers—with your service sheets this morning you were given sticky notes which are for our prayers. You are invited to reflect on the challenges and cost of following Jesus and write on the sticky note perhaps asking God to help you with something you find difficult, or maybe someone you know who needs strength to follow Jesus or a situation on your hearts. You are then invited to come to the front and put your sticky note on the cross. Once finished the cross will be lifted to God in prayer.

We pray together the Lord's Prayer

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.

Hymn—there will be a plate to receive your donation for the work of this Parish as you leave church. If you are UK tax payer please consider placing your donation in the gift aid envelopes in the pews and filling out the details, this is a real help to us. The contactless giving machine is also available if you would prefer to give in this way.

Hymn

**Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?**

**Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?**

**Will you let my love be shown
will you let my love be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?**

**Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?**

**Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?**

**Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?**

**Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?**

**Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?**

**Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?**

**Will you kiss the leper clean
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?**

**Will you love the "you" you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?**

**Lord your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.**

A sending out prayer

Father God, when things are tough:

All Help us to walk with you.

When life is good:

All Help us to walk with you.

On the good days, the bad days and the average days:

All Help us to walk with you.

and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be among you, and remain with you, and with those whom you love and pray for, this day and always.

All Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ!

All Thanks be to God.

NOTICES

REFRESHMENTS - Tea/coffee/juice and biscuits will be served in the Hall after this service. Everyone is very welcome to join us.

IRENE ASQUITH - Irene's funeral is tomorrow, Monday 4th September at 11.30am at St John's Church.

RIDE AND STRIDE - This Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust (YHCT) event is organised to raise funds for the charity's work with churches of special interest across the county. St John's Church will be open Saturday 9th September from 11.00am - 3.00pm as part of the event, welcoming cyclists and others for simple refreshments along their route.

AN EVENING WITH THE REVD KATE BOTTLEY - Kate will be talking about her new book 'Have a Little Faith' at Holmfirth Parish Church on Thursday 14th September at 7.30pm For more information and tickets go to the eventbrite website <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-evening-with-the-reverend-kate-bottley-tickets-686432787947> If you are interested in going you will need to purchase a ticket (which includes a copy of the book.) Once you have a ticket if you let Sandra or Ruth know that you are going we can see whether or not there is any possibility of sharing transport.

WEDNESDAY COFFEE - A huge thank you to all who have been to coffee in August. £150 raised for breast cancer care. Do come along and join us on a Wednesday morning in St James's lounge between 10am and 12 noon. Everyone very welcome.

WEDNESDAY MIDDAY COMMUNION -. The next service will take place on Wednesday 13th September at St James's Church.

ALTERNATIVE BOOK CLUB - will meet on Tuesday 5th September at 7.30pm to start our new book by Catherine Campbell, 'God isn't finished with you yet' when we will be looking at the first chapter. Everyone is welcome. If you plan to attend you will need a copy of the book. For more information please contact Revd Ruth.

JULIAN MEETING - There will be no meeting in September. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 18th October 2.00 - 3.45pm at St James' Church. These meetings foster the teaching and practice of contemplative prayer in the Christian tradition. Prayer can be incorporated into our everyday lives and we explore encouraging ways of doing this. Everyone is welcome.

MESSY CHURCH SCARECROWS—The children from our Messy Church family will be making scarecrow children at the next session on Sunday 17th September. We would be very grateful to receive newspapers for stuffing and also any children's long sleeve tops and long trousers or leggings which are no longer needed. If you can help please bring them church before the 17th. Thanks.

ST HUGH'S SUMMER LUNCHBOX SCHEME - We have now completed the Summer Lunchbox Scheme, providing weekly breakfast and lunch supplies to families in Baildon who need help over the school summer holidays. The cost of living crisis has affected food prices and this negatively impacts families who rely on free school meal places in term time. We provided the service to 23 families with 52 children for all 6 weeks of the holidays. In total we supplied **3120 meals!** The total cost of the scheme was £2438.38 which was funded by the WISHH Partnership, the Church School's SOAR Council who ran a raffle in Lent and raised £600, The Butterfield Trust and we received donations from Burbank Market (thanks to James Farrell) and other individuals who brought us loaves of bread and boxes of cereal. Special thanks to Anthea Petts who sacrificed her summer to shopping, packing and distributing – she has worn herself out and now I am taking a holiday and leaving her to run the food bank – sorry Anthea! Also thanks to Lucy Woodhead who helped us every week. The Lunchbox scheme has finished but the food bank takes over, supporting local people who can't afford to feed themselves or their families. Please continue supporting us by leaving donations in the food bank boxes outside St John's, St James's and by the tills in Baildon Co-op. Thanks and best wishes, Sarah Baxter

The Junior & Adult Choir of the Parish of Baildon presents

Mutiny on the high seas

Music inspired by sailors, pirates & mermaids!

St John's Church Hall, Baildon

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16TH, 7:00PM

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