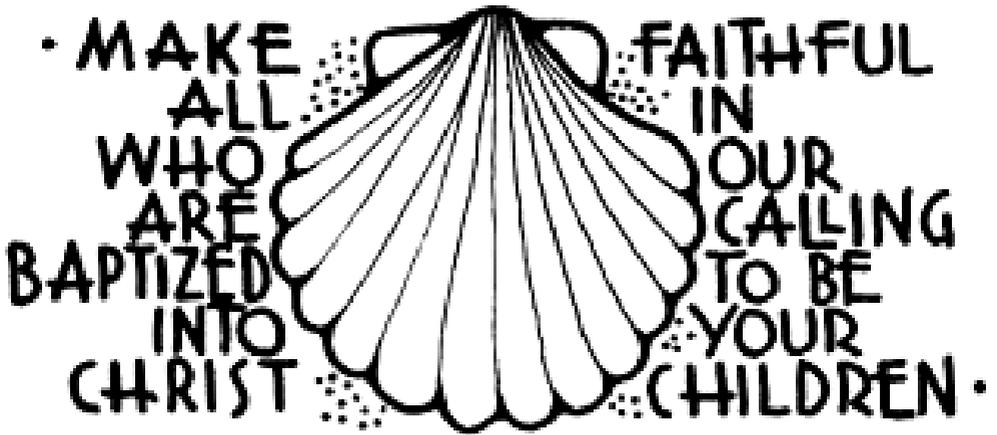




St John's Church, Baildon



**Eucharist on the Festival
of the Baptism of Christ with
Renewal of Baptism Vows**

on

Sunday 14th January 2024

Welcome

Hymn

**Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesu, Lord, to thee we raise,
manifested by the star
to the sages from afar;
branch of royal David's stem,
in thy birth at Bethlehem:
anthems be to thee address,
God in man made manifest.**

**Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme,
and at Cana, wedding-guest
in Thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in power divine,
changing water into wine.
anthems be to thee address,
God in man made manifest.**

**Manifest in making whole
palsied limbs and fainting soul;
manifest in valiant fight,
quelling all the devil's might;
manifest in gracious will,
ever bringing good from ill:
anthems be to thee address,
God in man made manifest.**

**Sun and moon shall darkened be,
stars shall fall, the heavens shall flee;
Christ will then like lightning shine,
all will see his glorious sign;
all will then the trumpet hear,
all will see the Judge appear:
thou by all wilt be confest,
God in man made manifest.**

**Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,
mirrored in thy holy word;
may we imitate thee now
and be pure as pure art thou;
that we like to thee may be
at thy great Epiphany:
and may praise thee, ever blest,
God in man made manifest.**

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

All Amen.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.

**All From the rising of the sun to its setting your name is
proclaimed in all the world.**

The Lord of glory be with you

All The Lord bless you.

This day Jesus is revealed as the Christ in the waters of baptism.

I will take you from the nations,

All and gather you from all the countries.

I will sprinkle clean water upon you,

All and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness.

A new heart I will give you,

All and put a new spirit within you.

You shall be my people,

All and I will be your God. cf Ezekiel

**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 - Acts 19:1-7

For the gift of your holy word

All Thanks be to God

Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia. This is my Son, the Beloved,
with whom I am well pleased.

All Alleluia.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Prayers of Intercession

To the words 'God of compassion' would you please respond '**hear our prayer**'.

At the end

Merciful Father

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

We remain in an attitude of prayer as we sing

Act of penitence and dedication

Taize chant

**Vieni, Spirito creatore, vieni, vieni,
Vieni, Spirito creatore, vieni, vieni.**

*(Come and pray in us, Holy Spirit, come and pray in us
Come and visit us, Holy Spirit, Spirit, come, Spirit come.)*

**Nada te turbe, nada te espante.
Quien a Dios tiene nada le falta.**

**Nada te turbe, nada te espante.
Solo Dios basta.**

*(Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten,
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten
God alone fills us.)*

God made a covenant with the people of Israel, calling them to be a holy nation, chosen to bear witness to his steadfast love by find delight in the law. The covenant was renewed in Jesus Christ our Lord, in his life, work, death and resurrection. In him all people may be set free from sin and its power, and united in love and obedience.

We meet therefore as generations have met before us, to renew the covenant and our baptism promises which bind us to God. Let us seek forgiveness for the sin by which we have denied God's claim on us.

God of mercy, hear us as we confess our sins.

For the sin that has made us slow to learn from Christ, reluctant to follow him and afraid to bear the cross: Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, forgive.

For the sin that has caused the poverty of our worship, the formality and selfishness of our prayers, our neglect of fellowship and the means of grace, and our hesitating witness for Christ: Lord have mercy.

All Lord, forgive.

For the sin that has led us to misuse your gifts, evade our responsibilities and fail to be good stewards of your creation: Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, forgive.

For the sin that has made us unwilling to overcome evil with good, tolerant of injustice, quick to condemn and selfish in sharing your love with others. Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, forgive.

Silence is kept

All Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness; according to the abundance of your compassion blot out my offences. Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin. Make in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Give me again the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your gracious spirit. Amen.

Affirmation of Baptism

Please stand.

I invite you to affirm the words of faith into which you were baptised.

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 water is poured into the font with these words

God in Christ give us water welling up for eternal life, with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

All Lord, give us this water and we shall thirst no more.

Praise to you, almighty God and Father, for you have created water to cleanse and to give life.

All Blessed be God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son, for you offered yourself on the cross, that in the blood and water flowing from your side and through your death and resurrection the Church might be born.

All Blessed be God.

Praise to you, God the Holy Spirit, for you anointed Christ at his baptism in the waters of the Jordan, so that we might all be baptised in you.

All Blessed be God.

May your holy and life-giving Spirit move upon these waters.
Restore through them the beauty of your creation, and bring those
who are baptised to new birth in the family of your Church.

All Alleluia. Amen.

‘Come,’ say the Spirit and the Bride. ‘Come forward, you who are
thirsty, receive the water of life, the free gift to all who desire it’.
May almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins, and
bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

*The children join us from their worship as people come to the Font,
remembering and renewing their baptismal promises. You may like to use the
words ‘I remember and renew today my baptism promises’.*

Notices are given.

The Peace

God has made us one 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. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you

Let us offer one another a sign of God’s peace.

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 for evermore.**

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

Preparation of the Table

Taking the Bread and Wine

Open the heavens, Lord our God, and send your transforming Spirit on us and on these gifts. May we who are baptised into Christ be ready to share his cup of suffering and strengthened to serve him for ever.

All Amen.

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 him 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

Believing the promises of God, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

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 the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

All God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

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

Before the Distribution the president says

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. Please come forward at the direction of the Churchwardens.

After the choir anthem please do join in with the singing of the hymn

**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.**

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

All Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The children share their work.

Hymn

**Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne,
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Virgin's Son,
the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won
which now his brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic Rose,
as of that Rose the Stem;
the Root whence mercy ever flows,
the Babe of Bethlehem.**

**Crown him the Lord of love,
behold his hands and side
those wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.**

**Crown him the Lord of peace
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.**

**Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres
ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.**

The Blessing and Dismissal

We have come to Christ, the living water.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

NOTICES

Services next week - 21st January 2024

8.30am - Holy Communion at St John's
9.30am - Holy Communion at St Hugh's
10.00am - Holy Communion at St John's
4.00pm - Messy Church at St John's

REFRESHMENTS - There is tea or coffee available in the Hall after this service.

MESSY CHURCH - our next Messy Church session will be on Sunday 21st January at 4.00pm. We meet in the hall and all families are welcome.

WEDNESDAY COFFEE - do join us from 10.00-12noon every Wednesday. Everyone is welcome.

NOTICES - in the future please could all notices to go on the Sunday service sheets be sent to Sarah Baxter at sarah.baxter@parishofbaildon.uk. The sheets are printed on a Thursday so please make sure that your notice arrives in plenty of time.

VESTRY HOUR - Every Tuesday evening between 6-7pm there is an opportunity for people to book baptisms or weddings or to talk with a member of the clergy team. We need volunteers to be on duty during this time to welcome people - it is a vital role and is often the first person they meet from the church. We really need some more helpers, the more we have the less the workload. Please speak to Canon Sandra or Rev Ruth if you are interested in being included.

JULIAN MEETING – The next meeting of the Julian Group will be on Wednesday 17th January 2.00 – 3.00pm at St James' Church, Baildon, followed by a cuppa. Everyone is welcome.

TRIBUTE SHOW - Following the success from the last Tribute Show in November we have arranged another evening with Martin and Debbie on Friday 9th February at 7.30pm in St John's church hall. Martin will sing hits by Buddy Holly and the Everly Brothers and after supper Martin and Debbie will perform popular duets from the decades to dance to. With a ticket price of £10, what better way to brighten a dull February evening. See Loraine for tickets and further details. Tickets are selling quickly so don't miss out.

ALTERNATIVE BOOK CLUB – On Tuesday 16th January at 7.30pm we will be meeting in St James' Lounge to look at Chapter 3 of the book 'God isn't finished with you yet' by Catherine Campbell.. 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 get in touch with Revd Ruth.

CRAFT THROUGH WORSHIP - will be at St James' Church on Sunday 28th January at 6pm. This month we start a new series exploring the phrase, 'What time is it?' We are going to be exploring Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 which is full of universal opposites, paradoxes and dualisms.' In January we will be looking at 'A time to be born and a time to die'. If you have not been to Craft through Worship but enjoy crafting or making things and would like to find out more about connecting crafting with our spiritual journey, then do come along. Everyone is welcome. Please email Ruth on ruthjyeoman@hotmail.com if you would like to know more and receive the printed resources before we meet up.

CHARITY OF THE MONTH- COMMUNITY

DEFIBRILLATOR - Did you know that in the event of cardiac arrest each minute that defibrillation is delayed reduces victim survival by 10%, but defibrillation within three minutes has a 70% success rate?! Fundraising for a public access defibrillator for the Charlestown community, to be sited at St James, has begun because quick access to a defibrillator is lacking in this area of low Baildon. The aim is to raise £2000 for a defibrillator, heated cabinet and upkeep costs. Thank you to those who've given £467 raised so far, we're 23% of the way towards our goal. Please help by giving via BACS with the reference 'DEFIB' or via the just giving link below. Thank you so much, your gift is potentially life saving. Carolyn Gomersal (Parish Nurse)
<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/savingbaildonlives>

PARISH NURSE - Wishing you a healthy 2024! A reminder that the parish nurse is at St James most termtime Wednesdays 10-12am to offer a friendly listening ear, help with short or long term conditions, help to navigate health care systems, health promotion and disease prevention, and spiritual support with prayer if desired. Available at other times by appointment, please contact Carolyn nurse@parishofbaildon.uk or on 07735297966. This is a community service for all faiths and none, so if you know of someone who may benefit please pass on the information. Thanks, Carolyn

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY - May I please remind all our Box Holders for the Childrens Society to return them during the month of January. This is sadly going to be the last year of collecting by this method, but there will be an opportunity to make a donation via BACS when it is announced in the notice sheet. I would like to thank all our loyal friends who have supported this valuable charity over many years

and please put a note in your diary for our Chocolate Coffee Morning to be held at St James on Saturday 23rd March.

Best wishes. Jennifer Marsh.

SHROVE TUESDAY - this year is Tuesday 13th February and we will be holding our Pancake Party at St James's Church at 6pm. Come and join us for some lovely pancakes and toppings, quiz and sharing together as we prepare to begin Lent.

ASH WEDNESDAY - is an important day in the lives of Christians as we mark the beginning of Lent. We will holding two Ash Wednesday services in the parish - Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes at St James's Church at 12 noon and St John's Church at 7.30pm.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP- An invitation to our first meeting of 2024, being held on Thursday 18 January at St James Lounge from 7.00-8.30pm. We have a varied programme lined up for the year ahead. Starting with a wonderful instructor and a highly appropriate topic for this month, after all our Christmas indulgences. A warm welcome awaits everyone. For more information contact rosieprentice52@icloud.com

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