



**Parish of  
BAILDON**

St Hugh St John St James

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First Sunday of Lent



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### **Services for next week—25th February 2024**

10.00am - Holy Communion at St John's

10.30am - Holy Communion at St James's

6.00pm - Craft through Worship at St James's

### **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** - Genesis 9. 8 - 17

*At the end of the reading please respond*

For the gift of your holy word

**All** Thanks be to God.

## **Hymn**

**Be still, for the presence of the Lord the Holy One is here.  
Come bow before him now, with reverence and fear.  
In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.  
Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.**

**Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;  
he burns with holy fire with splendour he is crowned.  
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!  
Be still for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.**

**Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place,  
he comes to cleanse and heal to minister his grace.  
No work too hard for him in faith receive from him;  
be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.**

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

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Sermon**

### **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 in your mercy’ would you please respond ‘**hear our prayer**’ 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**

Jesus says “The time is ready, the kingdom of God is at hand, repent and believe the Gospel.”

**All O come, let us return unto our God,  
who will have mercy and abundantly pardon.**

Let us pray.

**All** Most holy God, we admit to you and each other that we are so dazzled by the false gods of this age, that we find it hard to recognise who we are, where we came from, or where we are going.

We easily become caught up in selfishness, seduced by cynicism, waylaid by glittering consumerism.

**Please open our eyes that we may see ourselves more clearly, and seek you more diligently.**

*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.*

**Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,  
slain for us: and we remember:  
the promise made that all who come in faith  
find forgiveness at the cross.**

*So we share in this Bread of life,  
and we drink of his sacrifice,  
as a sign of our bonds of peace  
around the table of the King.*

**The body of our Saviour, Jesus Christ,  
torn for you: eat and remember  
the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,  
paid the price to make us one.**

*So we share in this Bread of Life,  
and we drink of his sacrifice  
as a sign of our bonds of love  
around the table of the King.*

**The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,  
shed for you: drink and remember  
he drained death's cup that all may enter in  
to receive the life of God.**

*So we share in this Bread of Life,  
and we drink of his sacrifice,  
as a sign of our bonds of grace  
around the table of the King.*

**And so with thankfulness and faith  
we rise to respond: and to remember  
our call to follow in the steps of Christ  
as his body here on earth.**

*As we share in his suffering,  
We proclaim: Christ will come again!  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven  
Around the table of the King.*

## **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.**

*Priest and people receive communion. Everyone is very welcome to receive 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**

After the anthem, please join in the with the hymn below:-

**O let the Son of God enfold you  
with His Spirit and His love;  
let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.  
O let him have the things that hold you,  
and his Spirit like a dove,  
will descend upon your life and make you whole**

*Jesus, O Jesus  
come and fill your lambs  
Jesus, O Jesus  
come and fill your lambs.*

**O come and sing this song with gladness,  
as your hearts are filled with joy;  
lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.  
O give him all your tears and sadness,  
give him all your years of pain,  
and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.**

*Jesus, O Jesus .....*

## **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**

**REFRESHMENTS** - There is tea or coffee available in the Hall.

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

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

**READERS AND INTERCESSORS AT ST JOHN'S** - It is great across the Parish that we have people to take part in our worship by reading and interceding on our behalf. At St John's we could do with a few more people to take on this role. If you never prepared intercessions—don't worry both Ruth and Sandra have lots of books to help you. Don't be afraid to ask! It is a privilege to help worship in this way so please do consider if this is something you can offer.



**LENT LUNCHESES** - As in previous years we are offering a simple lunch in all the churches in Baildon, beginning on Monday 19th February at the Methodists Church at 12.30pm.

**CHOCOLAT** - you are probably aware of the film 'Chocolat', which this year we will use for our Lent reflections. There will be two sessions each week—one on a Tuesday evening at 7.30pm in St James's Church and again on Thursday afternoon at 2.00pm at the home of Lesley Hallas. It would be great if we could have an idea of how many people are interested in this and we have put two sign up sheets at the back of church. Signing up doesn't mean you have to come, it just gives us a bit of an indication

**JAR OF GRACE FOR UNICEF** – Once again this year our Lent appeal is for the work of UNICEF. They say on their website 'UNICEF works in over 190 countries and territories to save children's lives, to defend their rights, and to help them fulfil their potential, from early childhood through adolescence. And we never give up.' I am sure, like me, you think this is invaluable work and so we are using their Jar of Grace Appeal to raise funds for their work. Please do take a label from the back of church, stick it on a jam jar at home and, during Lent, every time you have a meal you are invited to say the prayer on the label and make a donation to UNICEF in acknowledgement that we have so much. We will collect these in on Easter Sunday and in April.

**COMMUNITY WORKER AT ST JAMES'S HUB** - I am delighted to announce that Julie Bower has been appointed as Community Worker at St James's Community Hub.

**THE WORLD WIDE DAY OF PRAYER** - this year has been put together by **Christians in Palestine**. This was decided about five years ago – but how ironic, considering the present situation in that land. This year the Service is being hosted by **US** at St John's Church on Friday 1st March at 7,00pm. **Please come and support Christians in The Holy Land – they desperately need our prayers.**

**APCM** - Our annual meeting is coming up in April when we review 2023 and look forward to the coming year. We also elect people to take positions in the church. This year, Sheila Matthews, 6 years term of office comes to end as Churchwarden. We need someone to take on this role so please do think and pray about whether this might be something you could offer. We will trying to get a team of helpers to support the new Warden, including all the work around buildings. Please don't think, well nobody asked me, this

is my invitation as Vicar of Baildon, to you to think and pray about whether this is something for you. If you want to know more please speak to Ian, Sheila and myself.

At the APCM we will also be inviting people to come onto the PCC of the Parish. This is governing body of the Church and it is therefore important that we have representatives of the three churches. All three churches currently have vacancies so please do think and pray about whether you might serve the parish in this way. People serve for three years at a time.

**PARISH BOOK GROUP** - The book group meets on the last Monday each month in St James's lounge from 2-3.30pm. We are a small friendly group who read and discuss a wide variety of book genres and share favourite book titles and authors. We also have tea/coffee while we continue to chat. If you would like to join us or find out more please contact Alison Boggie or Madeleine Sheen.

**JULIAN MEETING** – The next meeting of the Julian Group will be on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February in the Lounge at St James' Church at 2.00pm. 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.



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