



**Parish of
BAILDON**

St Hugh St John St James

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Second Sunday of Lent



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Services for next week - 3rd March 2024

8.30am - Holy Communion at St John's

9.30am - Service of the Word at St Hugh's

10.00am - Family Communion at St John's

Hymn

**Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.**

**O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.**

**O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive and should prevail;**

**And that a higher gift than grace
should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence and his very self,
and essence all-divine.**

**O generous love! that he who smote
in Man for man the foe,
the double agony in Man
for man should undergo;**

**And in the garden secretly,
and on the cross on high,
should teach his brethren, and inspire
to suffer and to die.**

**Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.**

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. 13 - 25

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.

All 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

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 God, you reached into Abraham and Sarah's lives and asked them to dream the impossible dream - that you would transform what appears to have been a barren and lifeless situation into one overflowing with promise and hope - and, through faith in you, they believed your promises.

**All Forgive us, O God,
if we never get beyond thinking of your call on our lives
as an impossible dream or even as an unwelcome interruption.**

Faithful God, the apostle Paul emphasises Abraham's complete trust and faith in your promises and how he grew ever stronger in faith, fully convinced of your ability to fulfil what had been promised.

All Forgive us, O God, when we find it hard even to hear your promises above commercial assurances of transformation— promises tempting us to trust the newest and trendiest product to realise our dreams.

Merciful God, Jesus revealed the great depth of your love in his determination to defeat evil even when this meant giving up his own life.

**All Forgive us, O God,
when we allow the power of evil to flourish because we fear that
taking up one's cross would be just too costly an exercise.**

Silent reflection on these words

Gracious and loving God, forgive our lack of trust in you;

All Have mercy on us and forgive us.

Help us when we hesitate,

All and strengthen us when we are weak

Breathe your Spirit afresh into our hearts and minds—our lives— so that we have the courage to follow Jesus wherever he takes us.

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.*

**The God of Abraham praise
who reigns enthroned above,
Ancient of everlasting days,
and God of love:
Jehovah, great I AM,
by earth and heaven confest;
we bow and bless the sacred name
for ever blest.**

**The goodly land we see,
with peace and plenty blest:
a land of sacred liberty
and endless rest;**

there milk and honey flow,
and oil and wine abound,
and trees of life for ever grow,
with mercy crowned.

There dwells the Lord our King,
the Lord our Righteousness,
triumphant o'er the world of sin,
the Prince of peace:
on Sion's sacred height
his kingdom he maintains,
and glorious with his saints in light
for ever reign.

Before the Saviour's face
the ransomed nations bow,
o'erwhelmed at his almighty grace
for ever new;
he shows his prints of love
they kindle to a flame,
and sound through all the worlds above
the slaughtered Lamb.

The whole triumphant host
give thanks to God on high;
'hail, Father, Son and Holy Ghost,'
they ever cry:
hail, Abraham's God, and mine,
(I join the heavenly lays)
all, might and majesty are thine,
and endless praise.

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:-

**Take up thy cross, the Saviour said,
if thou wouldst my disciple be;
deny thyself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me.**

**Take up thy cross: let not its weight
fill thy weak spirit with alarm;
his strength shall bear thy spirit up,
and brace thy heart, and nerve thine arm.**

**Take up thy cross, nor heed its shame,
nor let thy foolish pride rebel:
thy Lord for thee the cross endured,
to save thy soul from death and hell.**

**Take up thy cross then in his strength,
and calmly every danger brave;
'twill guide thee to a better home,
and lead to victory o'er the grave.**

**Take up thy cross, and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only they who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.**

**To thee, great Lord, the One in Three,
all praise for evermore ascend:
O grant us in our home to see
the heavenly life that knows no end.**

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

**At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him
King of glory now:
'tis the Father's pleasure
we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning
was the mighty Word.**

**Humbled for a season,
to receive a name
from the lips of sinners
unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it
spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious,
when from death he passed:**

**Name him, Christians, name him,
with love strong as death,
but with awe and wonder
and with bated breath:
he is God the saviour,
he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshipped,
trusted, and adored.**

**Surely, this Lord Jesus
shall return again,
with his Father's glory,
with his angel train;
for all wreaths of empire
meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him
King of glory now**

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.

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. The next lunch is Thursday 29th February in the John's Church hall at 12.30pm.

CHOCOLAT - you are probably aware of the film 'Chocolat', which this year we will use for our Lent reflections. There are 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. If you would still like to join one of the groups please have a word with Sandra or Ruth.

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.

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 try 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.

WEDNESDAY MIDDAY COMMUNION - at St James' Church. The next service will take place on Wednesday 6th March. Everyone is welcome.

MOTHERING SUNDAY - We shall be making up the bunches of daffodils on Saturday 9th March at 10am in St John's Church Hall. If you could spare an hour to help we would be most grateful. Thank you Madeline Sheen.

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