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Third Sunday after Trinity

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Joint Service in the Parish next week - 30th June 2024

10.00am Holy Communion at St John's

Hymn

**O God beyond all praising,
we worship you today
and sing the love amazing
that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder
at every gift you send,
at blessings without number
and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you
and wait upon your word,
we honour and adore you,
our great and mighty Lord.**

**Then hear, O gracious Saviour,
accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favour
may serve you as our king;
and whether our tomorrows
be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows
and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty
and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty
our sacrifice of praise.**

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

Gloria in Excelsis

All Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

Collect

Reading - 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

At end of the reading

For the gift of your holy word

All Thanks be to God

Hymn

**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.**

The Gospel

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel reading

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**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 the end

Merciful Father,

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

Prayers of Penitence

Call to Reconciliation

We let fears control us, we let doubt become the way of life for us. If we but look, we will see our lives, and our world, cradled in God's loving hands. Let us confess our lack of faith, even as we trust the One who has promised to listen to our words, as well as our hearts. Join me as we confess together, saying,

All They can be such giants in our lives, God of Grace. Each day, our fears, our doubts, our worries wash over us, until we come to believe that you do not care for us. There seems to be so much wrong in the world, we are convinced that there is nothing good we can do. The storms of sin and temptation batter at us, and we cower, unable to find the faith to withstand them.

Forgive us, God of Hope. Remind us that if we but open our hearts, you will heal us. If we but listen to your words, we will hear peace and joy. If we but open our lives to you, we can go forth to serve our sisters and brothers, even as we have been served by our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silence is kept.

With calming words,
With a peaceful Spirit,
With overflowing love and hope,
Our God forgives you your sins in faith

All Our God affirms us for who we are - those whose brokenness is made whole, whose sin is forgiven, whose lives overflow with faith. Thanks be to God. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace by acknowledging everyone saying 'Peace be with you'.

Hymn *(during which the collection will be taken. 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. There is a contactless giving machine available as you leave Church if you would prefer to give in this way)*

**I cannot tell why he, whom angels worship,
should set his love upon the sons of men,
or why, as Shepherd, he should seek the wanderers,
to bring them back, they know not how or when.
But this I know, that he was born of Mary
when Bethl'em's manger was his only home,
and that he lived at Nazareth and laboured,
and so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.**

**I cannot tell how silently he suffered,
as with his peace he graced this place of tears,
or how his heart upon the cross was broken,
the crown of pain to three and thirty years.
But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted
and stays our sin and calms our lurking fear
and lifts the burden from the heavy laden;
for still the Saviour, Saviour of the world is here.**

**I cannot tell how he will win the nations,
how he will claim his earthly heritage,
how satisfy the needs and aspirations
of east and west, of sinner and of sage.
But this I know, all flesh shall see his glory,
and he shall reap the harvest he has sown,
and some glad day his sun will shine in splendour
when he the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.**

**I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
when at his bidding every storm is stilled,
or who can say how great the jubilation
when every heart with love and joy is filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,
and myriad myriad human voices sing,
and earth to heav'n, and heav'n to earth, will answer,
'at last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King!'**

Preparation of the Table

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it

To you we come, Father of lights, with angels and saints, where heaven and earth unite. May Jesus meet us in the breaking of the bread.

All Amen.

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

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.

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.**

The president and people receive communion. Everyone is very welcome to receive the bread and wine whether you've been baptised or confirmed. Please come forward at the direction of the Church Wardens. 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 communion please join in with singing the hymn below

**How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation, I turned to heaven
And spoke your name into the night
Then through the darkness
Your loving kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written
Jesus Christ, my living hope.**

**Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame.
The cross has spoken; I am forgiven.
The king of kings calls me His own.
Beautiful saviour, I'm yours forever
Jesus Christ, my living hope**

*Hallelujah, praise the one who set me free!
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope.
Hallelujah, praise the one who set me free!
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope.*

**Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the roaring lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me.
Then came the morning that sealed the promise,
Your buried body began to breathe.
Out of the silence, the roaring lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me.
Jesus, yours is the victory!**

*Hallelujah, praise the one who set me free!
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope
Hallelujah, praise the one who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope*

*Jesus Christ, my living hope
Oh God, you are my living hope*

Prayer after Communion

The Post-Communion prayer for the day 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 Dismissal

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 feel thee near me,
the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.**

**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.**

Blessing

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

NOTICES

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF JUNE - next Sunday 30th June is a fifth Sunday of the month and this time our joint service will be at St John's Church at 10am.

WEDNESDAY COFFEE - Everyone is welcome to join us at St James' Church lounge for coffee and a chat from 10am - 12noon every week.

MIDDAY COMMUNION - will take place at St James' Church on Wednesday 3rd July. Everyone is welcome.

EXPLORE PRAYER CARDS - At the back of each Church you will find some Explore Cards. You are very welcome to have a look and take 7 them if you would like one or you know of someone who might find them helpful. They offer some thought-provoking images, simple but profound words to help anyone to express their feelings and needs - and find comfort, strength, and hope. We are very fortunate to be able to offer these free.

JIVE NIGHT - Come along to a Jive Night at St John's Church Hall on Friday 19th July. The evening begins with a demonstration of Jive dances by teachers from Jump, Jive and Stroll Dancing School, followed by instruction so that you can get the moves right. We'll take a break for drinks and food and then return for an evening of dance for you to practice your new skills. Tickets are £8 and include a light supper. There will be a raffle and the Galilee Bar will be open. Buy your tickets after any Sunday Service throughout the parish or drop in the Parish Office any Tuesday or Thursday in office hours at St John's Church Hall, or call 01274 594941. Tickets are on sale until 7th July so make sure you buy yours before the cut-off date!

RAFFLE - It would be great to have a raffle at our Jive Evening and from next week there will be a box at the back of St John's for your donations.

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING - We are delighted that the defibrillator is now available at St James Church for community use 24/7. But would you know what to do in the event of an emergency? Come along to training offered by Public Access Defibrillators UK on Thursday 25th July 7-8.30pm, St James lounge. Numbers are strictly limited so book your place now with Carolyn 07735297966 or email nurse@parishofbaildon.uk

ASYLUM CONCERNS are the focus for our parish fund-raising in June, in particular a local charity called BIASAN : Bradford Immigration & Asylum Support & Advice Network. It offers emotional support, legal advice, hot food, English classes, trips to the Dales, art/craft activities, and more. Denise Hopker and Michael Skelton attend regularly each week. To donate by BACS into the parish account use the reference BIASAN or text JUNEBIASAN followed by your donation amount to 70085. Thank you.

THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Refuge Tea last Saturday. Your donations amounted to the splendid total of £311. You can still contribute to the charity of the month BIASAN (Bradford Immigration & Asylum Advice & Support Network), which Denise Hopker and Michael Skelton attend each week. To donate by BACS into the parish account use the reference BIASAN or text JUNEBIASAN followed by your donation to 70085.

ST HUGH'S LUNCHBOX SCHEME – We running our annual relief scheme during the summer holidays for Baildon children who normally access free school meals and whose parents/carers are struggling financially. The cost of covering extra food for some families over the six week break can be really challenging. Local primary schools identify families who can benefit from this type of help and we make up weekly packs of supplies which cover breakfasts, lunches and snacks for all school-age children in the family.

We need volunteers who can buy 5 to 10 loaves of bread each week and deliver them to St Hugh's at 12 noon on Mondays for 6 weeks. Anthea and I really struggle with the volume of shopping we have to do each week and we have the ambitious plan of doubling the number of families we help this year. We need at least 50 loaves of bread each week! Could you help us? We can reimburse you so you're not out of pocket but we really need to lighten our load. If you can help us please get in touch with me on 07421 328187 or sarah@sthughs.org.

THE GENERAL ELECTION will be a moment for the nation to ask important questions about the future. Below are some helpful resources to help you think and pray about your vote.

Pray Your Part is a 21-day journey of prayer and reflection (from Friday,

14 June until Election Day on 4 July) is designed to encourage prayer and participation in the life of our nation and communities, both as voters and as citizens. Each day explores a different theme, with a short Bible reading, reflection and prayer for a different aspect of our common life.

Sign up for our daily election reflections via email at the link below:
<https://www.churchofengland.org/about/topics/pray-your-part-general-election-2024>

If you are unable to access the internet, then speak to one of the clergy or email us this Sunday 9 June and we will purchase some hard copies at a cost of 99p each.

Environment and the General Election

The Church of England Environment Programme has created a short guide which suggests five key “asks” – things you may wish to raise with your parliamentary candidates on the doorstep or at hustings events.

Read the guide using the link below:

<https://d3hgrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/63dac5b59618e/content/pages/documents/environment-and-the-general-election.pdf>

Hope for the Future

Hope for the Future provides resources and support to help your church and community speak with your MP about climate justice.

<https://www.hfff.org.uk/>

Other resources

The Joint Public Issues Team has lots of information about participating in elections as an individual and as a church.

<https://jpit.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/202405-Election-issues-briefing.pdf>

There are a few hard copies of this information at the back of church, if you cannot access the internet.

Information about participation is also available from Churches Together in Britain and Ireland

<https://churcheselection.org.uk/>

A prayer for voters

Loving God, we face a choice. Be with us as we consider the options, weigh the arguments and assess the claims and the candidates.

But also prompt us to listen: to the voices on the margins, to the cry of the earth and to those who reach a different conclusion to us.

God, we pray that you would stimulate our minds, stir our hearts, and sanctify our choosing.

Help us also to remember your command to love our neighbours both during and after this election. Amen.