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Sixth Sunday of Easter

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Services in the Parish next Sunday - 1st June 2025

8.30am Holy Communion at St John's traditional language
9.30am Service of the Word at St Hugh's
10.00am Family Service at St John's

Hymn

**Come, ye faithful, raise the strain
of triumphant gladness!
God hath brought his Israel
into joy from sadness;
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters,
led them with unmoistened foot
through the Red Sea waters.**

**'Tis the spring of souls today;
Christ has burst his prison,
and from three days' sleep in death
as a sun hath risen;
all the winter of our sins,
long and dark, is flying
from his light, to whom we give
laud and praise undying.**

**Now the queen of seasons, bright
with the day of splendour,
with the royal feast of feasts,
comes its joy to render;
comes to glad Jerusalem,
who with true affection
welcomes in unwearied strains
Jesu's resurrection.**

**Alleluia now we cry
to our King immortal,
who triumphant burst the bars
of the tomb's dark portal;
Alleluia, with the Son
God the Father praising;
Alleluia yet again
to the Spirit raising.**

In the name of the Father, 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.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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 Acts 16: 9-15

At the end the reader says

For the gift of your holy word

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn

**Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.**

*O Master grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console
to be understood as to understand
to be loved as to love with all my soul.*

**Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light
and where there's sadness, ever joy.**

O Master grant that I may never seek

**Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
in giving to all men that we receive
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.**

The Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

All Alleluia.

Here the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
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 hear us’ would you please respond ‘**Lord graciously hear us**’. *And at the end*

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

Prayers of Penitence

Try as we might to stop sinning, we fail more often than succeed. But God's grace never fails, and God never stops giving us another chance to try. Let us now try again, as we confess our sins together in prayer.

All Grace giving God, you ask us to love and to keep your word. Simple instructions. Yet, even with the Advocate to help us, we still fail at loving and following faithfully. Every time we fail, speak to us again of your truths. Keep telling us over and over again, so that one day soon, we hear your words and believe. Amen.

We pause for a period of silence for prayer and reflection

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ says, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." There is peace in God's forgiveness. Know that you are forgiven, know that you are loved, and be at peace.

All Amen.

The notices are given

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you. Alleluia.

All and also with you. Alleluia.

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)*

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.**

*Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.**

Christ, be our light! ...

**Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.**

Christ, be our light! ...

**Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.**

Christ, be our light!

**Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.**

Christ, be our light!

Preparation of the Table

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

**Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest;
make yourself known in the breaking of 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

Rejoicing in God's new creation 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 this bread to share in the body of Christ

**All Though we are many, we are only 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

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*The president and people receive communion. Everyone is very welcome
to receive the bread and wine whether you've been baptised or confirmed.
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 choir anthem please do join in with the singing of the hymn

**There is a hope that burns within my heart,
that gives me strength for every passing day;
a glimpse of glory now revealed in meagre part,
yet drives all doubt away:
I stand in Christ, with sins forgiven;
and Christ in me, the hope of heaven!
My highest calling and my deepest joy,
to make his will my home.**

**There is a hope that lifts my weary head,
a consolation strong against despair,
that when the world has plunged me in its deepest pit,
I find the Saviour there!
Through present sufferings, future's fear,
he whispers 'courage' in my ear.
For I am safe in everlasting arms,
and they will lead me home.**

**There is a hope that stands the test of time,
that lifts my eyes beyond the beckoning grave,
to see the matchless beauty of a day divine
when I behold his face!
When sufferings cease and sorrows die,
and every longing satisfied.
Then joy unspeakable will flood my soul,
for I am truly home.**

Prayer after Communion

The Post-Communion prayer is said

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.

Hymn

**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 forever grow
with mercy crowned.**

**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 as 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 Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

All In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, alleluia.

NOTICES

NEXT FAMILY SERVICE Our next service will be on Sunday 1st June at 10am.

PENTECOST PICNIC On Pentecost Sunday, 8th June, Churches Together in Baildon invite you to come and share a picnic. We will meet at Roberts Park at 12noon. Please bring your lunch and something to sit on (if the grass is wet). After lunch there will be some games for those wanting to join in.

PARISH DAY OUT TO THE AUCKLAND PROJECT The Auckland Project is a regeneration charity project with a unique collection of fully accessible heritage attractions, galleries, gardens and parkland. You will discover a remarkable story of faith, art and power from the Prince Bishop's of Durham to Bishop Auckland's surprising connection with the Golden Age of Spanish art. Our ticket price includes a one-hour guided tour of the palace to include the private apartments, the chapel, the state rooms and the Spanish gallery to view the art collection. Plus unlimited access to the faith museum, the 10 acre gardens and the Auckland tower. Also on site there are cafes and restaurants for you to enjoy lunch or a coffee and cake and of course the obligatory gift shops! For more information go to: www.aucklandproject.org The date of the visit is Friday 18th July, leaving Baildon at 0830, returning around 1900. A short comfort and coffee stop will be built into the outward journey and our coach has a toilet onboard.

The cost of the trip is £44 per person which includes the coach, the coffee, and the entrance fee. If required we will pick up and drop off at all three churches. Please let us know as soon as possible by emailing Loraine Radcliffe at stjameshub@parishofbaildon.uk.

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED we are going to be running this course for anyone who would like to find out more about Christianity. It will be held at St James' Church in the Lounge on Tuesday evenings beginning on 20th May through to 24th June, meeting at 6.30pm for a meal and then spending time together talking about faith using St Mark's Gospel. If you would like to come on the course please get in touch with Sandra or Ruth.

CHRISTIAN AID During May we are going to be thinking and praying about the work of Christian Aid, which will also be our charity for the month. Donations can be made through charity cash envelopes or through the Parish account using the reference CAID.

PARISH PRIZE DRAW Don't forget that you can still join our Parish Prize Draw. It's your chance to win big cash while also helping us maintain and develop our church buildings, and work towards being carbon neutral by 2030. It's easy to play – just head to www.ParishofBaildon.uk/prizedraw. Play one number for £10 per month and depending on how many people join, you could be looking at a £120 prize from the monthly draw or £1420 from the annual draw. Play as many numbers as you like to increase your chances. The monthly draw will be called on the first Sunday of each month in St John's Church Hall after the service and, if you sign up now, you will automatically be entered into the annual draw which will be called at the Christmas Market.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT ST JOHN'S Due to sadly a lack of people to lead Sunday School at St John's our offering for children will now be changed. On the 2nd and 4th Sundays we will still be able to offer a Sunday School in the hall as we have been doing for several months. However on the third Sunday there will be colouring sheets available for children to use which will be put into St George's Chapel. We would still like to appeal to anyone who is able to offer even one Sunday on an occasional basis to get in touch with Canon Sandra.

HYMNS & PIMMS Sunday 22 June at 3pm at St James Church. Come and spend a Summer afternoon singing your favourite hymns and enjoy a glass of Pimm's (or non-alcoholic drink) and a delicious strawberry tea with scones and cakes in the lovely setting of St James's church. Please vote for your favourite hymns by adding them to the list which is available at the back of church. A selection of these hymns will then be selected for the event. Tickets cost £5 each and are available after service or phone Helen on 07761 260 155.

MIDDAY COMMUNION will be held at St James' Church will be on Wednesday 4th June. Everyone is welcome.

FLOWER GUILD COFFEE MORNING You are invited to a Coffee Morning at the home of Madeleine and Paul Sheen on Saturday 7th June from 10am to 12 noon. All proceeds will be going to our own Flower Guild to pay for the lovely flowers in church. There will be a raffle and Sales table. Everyone welcome. Call Sandra on 01274 589005 for more details. Please try to support us so we can keep our church looking well decorated.

A TASTE OF MEXICO Come to our Mexican inspired Young at Heart meeting for the over 60s at St Hugh's on Monday 2nd June from 2pm to 4pm at St Hugh's. We meet every first Monday of the month with a different activity, guest speaker or theme. This month won't disappoint! Try Mexican cuisine, test your knowledge with our Mexico quiz and join Loraine for stretches and gentle Mexican line dancing. Fun and laughter guaranteed and for only £2!

VE DAY EVENT I am delighted to say that the VE Day event was a tremendous success for this community, thanks to the work of the PEG team! As you are aware all the profit raised was going to the Royal British Legion, Baildon branch and we have now been informed that this totalled the amazing amount of £461.30. Thanks to all who gave so generously.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF JUNE Our usual practice is for a joint service on the fifth Sunday of the month and on 29th June this will be held at St John's Church at 10am. This is our Confirmation Service with Bishop Toby so please do put the date in your diary and come and support the candidates to be confirmed.

FOOD BANK We urgently need donations of food for St Hugh's Food Bank. Last week was our busiest since we started the bank in 2012 and we looked at empty shelves as we closed up! Please could you pop an extra item in your shopping basket for the food bank? Tinned goods, UHT milk, tea, coffee, biscuits, pasta and pasta sauces are what we need most. Collection boxes are positioned outside St John's Church, in Baildon Co-op by the self-service tills, outside St James's Church and inside St Hugh's entrance (always open Wednesdays 9am to 4pm).

A special thank you to those who donate money regularly. We were able to do a big shop on Monday which has made the shelves look healthier. For those wondering what pushes our claimants into food poverty, here are the most common answers we hear: Ill health, unemployment, benefits/wages not covering living expenses, a sudden rise in household bills, unexpected bills and mental health issues.