

# 21st September 2025

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

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Services in the Parish next week - 28th September 2025

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

Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it, for by his power each tree and flower was planned and made. Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it; sun, moon and stars in heaven cry: Jesus is Lord!

Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord! praise him with Halleluias, for Jesus is Lord!

Jesus is Lord! Yet from his throne eternal in flesh he came to die in pain on Calvary's tree. Jesus is Lord! From him all life proceeding, yet gave his life a ransom, thus setting us free:

Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord! .....

Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty conqueror, from death he rose; and all his foes shall own his name. Jesus is Lord! God sent his Holy Spirit to show by works of power that Jesus is Lord:

Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord! .....

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**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, All 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

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

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 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, vou alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

### Collect

All

**Reading** 2 Timothy 2:1-7 At end of the reading

For the gift of your holy word Thanks be to God Hymn

> Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King! The heavens are not too high, his praise may thither fly;

the earth is not too low, his praises there may grow. Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!
The Church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out; but above all the heart must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!

# The Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 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**

To the words 'Lord in your mercy' 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.

# **Prayers of Penitence**

Before we speak,

God knows our needs.

Yet our words open our hearts to god's grace.

Let us prepare ourselves for God's healing

as, in words and silence,

we tell of all that separates us from God and one another.

Please join me as we pray

## All First of all, everlasting God,

we must confess how we have not lived as your people.

We serve many masters - work, wealth, power, addictions - yet find no hope in them.

We hear the cries of the poor,

and shut the doors of our hearts to them.

We ridicule those who expose their hopes and dreams to us.

Forgive us, compassion Heart,

and heal us of our brokenness.

Make us well, so that by our healing,

We might be the hope and love others need in their lives,

even as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour,

brought these gifts to us,

calling us to be faithful with the grace, peace and joy entrusted to us.

## We pause in silence

Now that we have let go of the pain, bitterness, the anger of our lives.

let us be kind, tender-hearted, and gentle towards each other.

Forgiving as God has forgiven us, and know that your sins are forgiven you.

#### All We are God's beloved children,

and will model God's grace and love in our hearts.

Thanks be to God! We are forgiven! Amen.

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

#### The Peace

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you are called to peace.

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.

**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 or the QR code at the back of the order)

### Hymn

How great the chasm that lay between us 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!

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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 O God, You are my living hope

# **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. For reason of hygiene the Church of England does not allow intinction (dipping bread into the wine). If you don't feel able to take the wine from the common cup today please just receive the bread, which will be the full presence of Christ for you. 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 next hymn

Be still and know that I am God, be still and know that I am God, be still and know that I am God.

I am the Lord that healeth thee. I am the Lord that healeth thee. I am the Lord that healeth thee.

In Thee, O Lord, I put our trust, in Thee, O Lord, I put our trust, in Thee, O Lord, I put our trust.

# **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

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided, urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way, sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided: Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us, speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze, teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us: Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our land, in this our generation, spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care: for young and old, for commonwealth and nation, Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world when we disown and doubt him, loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain, hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him: Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us, self on the cross and Christ upon the throne, past put behind us, for the future take us, Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

# 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.

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

HEARTS FOR HARVEST until Sunday 21 September we are going to be collecting in hearts that people have been making. There will be a plastic box at each church for the purpose of collecting crafted hearts. We are hoping to collect in excess of 200 hearts which will be blessed at our harvest services across the parish and given away. There is still plenty of time to create hearts and make an impact!

SCARECROW FESTIVAL On Saturday 27th September, from 11am - 4.00pm, the town will welcome lots of scarecrows made by various groups and individuals in Baildon - last time it was a wonderful event with lots of people enjoying the exhibits. This year, once again, our Messy Church families will have an entry which will be in St John's Church. On the day we will be offering refreshments to all those who come into church. We have two requests firstly we need volunteers to staff the refreshment stall and we have put a sign up sheet in each church. Please think about whether you can offer, even an hour would be great. Secondly it would be lovely to offer people homemade cakes (shop brought ones are just as welcome!) Please bring to St John's from 9.30 - 10.30am on the Saturday morning. Thanks.

THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD is a retelling of the gospel by Bear Grylls. He uses Jesus' own words taken directly from the Bible, inviting us into the drama of Jesus' life with gripping storytelling and raw honesty. This book is already becoming a bestseller and is the 'Big Church Read' (BCR) for October. See more about this through the link https://thebigchurchread.co.uk/the-greatest-story-ever-told/ Our parish ABC book group have decided to read this book beginning late October (date to follow) and you are welcome to join us or to follow the BCR yourself. I am going to be ordering books through the BCR website where I hope to be able to get the books at a discounted price of £9 or £10 a copy. If you would like me to purchase you a copy (however you choose to read it) please let me know by the 21st September. Thanks Revd Ruth

HEARTS & MINDS WORKSHOPS will start weekly from Wednesday 8th October 12.30pm-2.30pm. No need to book, just come along and meet local artist Emma Bairstow, a member of the Bradford City of Culture team, who will be offering seven weeks of FREE creative workshops, open to all abilities. Activities include - painting to music, watercolour landscapes, printmaking etc, exploring connections with mind and nature. Sandwich lunch from 12.30pm-1.00pm, workshops from 1.00pm-2.30pm. See poster for more details in churches.

**SOCIAL SATURDAYS** starting monthly (the second Saturday in the month) 11th October 10.00am-12 noon. Lets get together to have fun and companionship in the lovely surroundings of St James's Hub. Each month will be a different topic, activity, guest speaker...... anything we want it to be! Of course there will be tea, coffee and cake but most of all there will be smiles! I'll start off the first one with a talk about my (former life) in the Lord Mayor's Office at City Hall, Bradford and the Royal Maundy Money. No need to book, just come along. Loraine.

**ROAD ATLAS CHARACTERS** - Craft through Worship are going to be making Holy Family figures out of large Road Atlases. We need 2 more old atlases that people no longer need. Please contact Ruth.

**FAIRTRADE** fortnight this year is from 22nd September to 5th October. Fairtrade means fairer conditions, fairer treatment and fairer futures for growers and producers and also training in more sustainable agriculture and in crops which can thrive in our changing climate. There will be a fair trade display in Baildon library window and in the Co-op. We would also encourage you to buy at least one extra Fairtrade item (tea, coffee, sugar, bananas, chocolate, wine or anything else you can find) during Fairtrade fortnight.

**HARVEST** Our next Family Service will be Sunday 5th October and will be our Harvest Festival. At St John's this will followed by a Bring and Share lunch in the Hall. There is a sign up sheet at the back of church to show what food you will bringing.

**HARVEST FOOD** As in previous years we will be asking for donations of tinned and packed food for St Hugh's Food Bank this year. As you will know there is an increasing demand on food so anything you are able to donate will be much appreciated.

CHURCH SCHOOL PRAYER GROUP It is good to pray for the work of our Church School, which I hope you do regularly. To focus this we meet together as parents, carers, and anyone interested to pray for the school. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 23rd September at 2.40pm in the staff room at the Church School. If you are interested in attending but not sure how to get into the school please let Canon Sandra know and she will meet you.

COFFEE ROTA It is great to be able to offer refreshments after every service at St John's when we continue to meet and share fellowship. However the number of people on the coffee rota is getting smaller, we really need others to take on this very small task. You need to prepare cups and water etc before the service, serve from the hatch and wash up. You don't need to handle the tables and chairs in the hall. Please do think about whether you can become part of this team.

**CRAFT THROUGH WORSHIP** During September we will be thinking about 'Discovery' as part of our reflections on culture. An email with resources and the craft box outside St James' Church will be available from Sunday 21st September. We will then be gathering at St James' Church on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm for a time to be together and craft, sharing in conversation. If you have not been to Craft through

Worship but enjoy art or crafting and would like to find out more about why we are interested in 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 resources.



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