



*St John's Church, Baildon*

**Family Communion Service**

**Sunday 1st March 2026 10.00am**

Welcome and notices

**In Christ alone my hope is found,  
he is my light, my strength, my song;  
this cornerstone, this solid ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all,  
here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone, who took on flesh,  
fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
scorned by the ones he came to save:  
'till on that cross as Jesus died,  
the love of God was magnified  
for every sin on him was laid,  
here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground his body lay,  
light of the world by darkness slain:  
then bursting forth in glorious day  
up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
for I am his and he is mine -  
bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
this is the power of Christ in me;  
from life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
can ever pluck me from his hand:  
'till he returns or calls me home,  
here in the power of Christ I'll stand.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus  
Christ be with you.

**All and also with you.**

We have come together in the name of Christ

Encourage everyone to look around and nod or smile a greeting to all in the congregation

To offer our praise and thanksgiving

Lift up hands high as an act of praise

To hear and receive God's holy word

Arrange the upward facing palms of your hands in front of your body, shaped as a 'V' formation like the open pages of a book

To pray for the needs of the world

Put hands together, palm to palm and fingers pointing upwards, as for prayer

And to seek the forgiveness of our sins

Hold out your hands in front of the body – palms up – ready to receive

That by the power of the Holy Spirit

Link thumbs and gently 'flap' the fingers as wings, imitating a dove – a symbol of the Holy Spirit

We may give ourselves to the service of God

Put both hands across your heart and then move them outward in a gesture of self-giving

Many of us might think we need to fix ourselves or change our ways before coming to God. However, the truth is God welcomes us with open arms just as we are. It's easy to feel unworthy or believe that our flaws and mistakes set us apart from God's love.

## **Saying sorry to God**

Sometimes, we just forget who God is, who we are and what's really important. So now, we take a moment to re-set, recognise where we have gone wrong and say sorry:

Loving God, it's not always easy to admit when we've been wrong, and it's not easy to change, but you understand us better than we can imagine.

**All Lord, help us to remember you're there.**

Sometimes we forget that Jesus came for everyone, and we ignore those who we don't like.

**All Lord, help us to share your love with others.**

Sometimes we forget that Jesus is a gift to each of us and sometimes we ignore him in our lives.

**All Lord, help us to remember you're there.**

Sometimes we forget that we need to tell others the good news of your love and we keep it to ourselves.

**All Lord, help us to share your love with others.**

Sometimes, we let ourselves be drawn away from you by temptations in the world about us;

**All Lord, help us to remember you're there.**

May the God of love bring us back to himself, forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

**Reading** John 3: 1-8, 16-17

**Nicodemus came to Jesus as he was**

**Hymn**

*Do not be afraid,  
for I have redeemed you,  
I have called you by your name;  
you are mine.*

**When you walk through the waters  
I'll be with you,  
you will never sink beneath the waves.**

***Do not be afraid, ....***

**When the fire is burning all around you,  
you will never be consumed by the flames.**

***Do not be afraid, ....***

**When the fear of loneliness is looming,  
then remember I am at your side.**

***Do not be afraid, ....***

**You are mine, O my child;  
I am your Father,  
and I love you with a perfect love.**

***Do not be afraid, ....***

As we remind ourselves that we are invited to come to God, exactly as we are, we take a moment to look back at the week that is ending. How was your week? What word or image might you use to sum up how you're feeling today?



**ACTIVITY** The children are now invited to search around the church and find a little person. Once they have one, please return to your seats and using the crayons that you have you might like to make the person either into you, or the person that you go to if you're not feeling very happy.

Those remaining in their seats think about how you are feeling today. If you are happy, talk to the people around you about what has made you happy? How can you make someone else happy?

If you are sad – what would take the sadness away?

If you are worried who could you talk to?

You might like to draw some faces on the back of your service sheet to show how you are feeling.

## **Prayers**

**All Thank you Father that we have received so much from you. Help us to remember that no matter how we are feeling we can always turn to you in prayer. Please help us to also look out for other people who maybe feeling a bit sad. Amen.**

In our families Lord,

**All help us to love.**

In our places of work Lord,

**All help us to love.**

In our church Lord,

**All help us to love.**

In our neighbourhoods Lord,

**All help us to love.**

In our places of relaxation Lord,

**All help us to love.**

Wherever we meet other people Lord,

**All help us to love, for the glory of your name. Amen.**

## **The Welcome**

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, N by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

**All We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.**

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## The Peace

God is love and those who live in love live in God, and God lives in them.

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 this hymn a collection will be taken for the work of the Parish. There will be a contactless giving machine available as you leave Church if you prefer to donate in this way or you can use the QR code at the back of this order)*

**From heaven you came, helpless babe,  
entered our world, your glory veiled;  
not to be served, but to serve,  
and give your life that we might live.**

***This is our God, the Servant King,  
he calls us now to follow him,  
to bring our lives as a daily offering  
of worship to the Servant King.***

**There in the garden of tears,  
my heavy load he chose to bear;  
his heart with sorrow was torn,  
'Yet not my will but yours,' he said.**

***This is our God, the Servant King.....***

**Come see his hands and his feet,  
the scars that speak of sacrifice,  
hands that flung stars into space  
to cruel nails surrendered.**

***This is our God, the Servant King ....***

**So let us learn how to serve,  
and in our lives enthrone him;  
each other's needs to prefer,  
for it is Christ we're serving.**

***This is our God, the Servant King,  
he calls us now to follow him,  
to bring our lives as a daily offering  
of worship to the Servant King.***

## **Preparation of the Table**

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

With this bread that we bring

**All We shall remember Jesus.**

With this wine that we bring

**All We shall remember Jesus.**

Bread for his body, wine for his blood  
gifts from God to his table we bring

**All We shall remember Jesus.**

## **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.**

Holy,

**All Holy.**

It is always right to give you thanks, God our Creator,  
loving and faithful, holy and strong.

You made us and the whole universe,  
and filled your world with life.

Holy,

**All Holy.**

You sent your Son to live among us,  
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.  
He suffered on the cross;  
he died to save us from our sins;  
he rose in glory from the dead.

Holy,  
**All Holy.**

You send your Spirit  
to bring new life to the world,  
and clothe us with power from on high.  
And so we join the angels to celebrate and sing:

**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.**

Father, on the night before he died,  
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.

He took the bread, and thanked you.  
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.  
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you.  
This is my blood,  
the new promise of God's unfailing love.  
Do this to remember me.

Jesus Christ has died.  
**All Jesus Christ has died.**  
Jesus Christ is risen.

**All Jesus Christ is risen.**  
Jesus Christ will come again.

**All Jesus Christ will come again.**

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,  
and remember his death and resurrection,  
send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts  
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Amen,

**All Amen.**

Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one another,  
work for the healing of the earth,  
and share the good news of Jesus,  
as we wait for his coming in glory.

Amen,

**All Amen.**

For honour and praise belong to you, Father,  
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:  
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen,

**All Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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 one body, because we all share in one bread.**

## **The 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**

*Before the Distribution the president says*

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. 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**

*After the choir anthem you are welcome to join in with the singing of the hymn*

**Father, I place into your hands  
the things that I can't do,  
Father, I place into your hands  
the things that I've been through.  
Father, I place into your hands  
the way that I should go,  
for I know I always can trust you.**

**Father, I place into your hands  
my friends and family.  
Father, I place into your hands  
the things that trouble me.  
Father, I place into your hands  
the person I would be,  
for I know I always can trust you.**

**Father, we love to see your face,  
we love to hear your voice.  
Father, we love to sing your praise  
and in your name rejoice.  
Father, we love to walk with you  
and in your presence rest,  
for we know we always can trust you.**

**Father, I want to be with you  
and do the things you do.  
Father, I want to speak the words  
that you are speaking too.  
Father, I want to love the ones  
that You will draw to you,  
for I know that I am one with you.**

## **Prayer after Communion**

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 Dismissal**

**Hymn**

**Hope of our calling: hope through courage won;  
By those who dared to share all Christ had done.  
Saints of today, Christ's banner now unfurled,  
We bring his gospel to a waiting world.**

**Hope of our calling: hope with strength empowered,  
Inspired by all that we have seen and heard;  
This call is ours, for we are chosen too,  
To live for God in all we say and do.**

**Hope of our calling: hope with grace outpoured,  
From death's despair the gift of life restored;  
Our call to serve, to wash each others' feet,  
To bring Christ's healing touch to all we meet.**

**Hope of our calling: hope by faith made bold;  
To sow God's righteousness throughout the world;  
Bring peace from conflict, fruitfulness from weeds,  
The Kingdom's harvest from the Kingdom's seeds.**

**Hope of our calling: Spirit-filled, unbound,  
Old joys remembered and new purpose found,  
Our call refreshed by sacrament and word,  
We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.**

May God the Father watch over us and bless us,  
may the Lord Jesus smile upon us and be gracious to us,  
and may the Spirit of God help us to live justly,  
to love mercy, and to walk humbly with him, all the days of our life.  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you, and remain with you and with those whom you  
love and pray for this day and always.

**All Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**All In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## **NOTICES**

**MOTHERING SUNDAY**—Our next Family Service is on Sunday 15th March at 10.00am at St John's. This service is combined with our Messy Church session, there will be activities during the service and biscuits for the children to decorate in the hall.

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

**LENT BOOKLETS** These are available in all churches today. They give all information of services and events from Shrove Tuesday to Easter Day, so please make sure you take one and don't miss out on the wide variety of services and events taking place in the Parish over Lent.

**CHARITABLE GIVING QUESTIONNAIRE** We are a generous parish and our charitable giving makes a real difference to a range of causes. We are looking for one or two new charities to refresh our monthly portfolio of causes which the parish supports. If you would like to suggest a worthwhile charity for consideration then please complete the questionnaire by the end of February and hand it to one of the Wardens on duty at worship. Thank you.

**BABY AND TODDLER "PLAY & DISCOVER" SESSIONS, ST JAMES'S COMMUNITY HUB** I am pleased to confirm that I have sufficient volunteers to make this viable now, so the sessions will start on Monday 9th of March as previously planned. I'm delighted with the response for volunteers so I thank you so much to all who have contacted me and for all your support. Please feel free to pass on the details of the new Play and Discover sessions to your friends and family, which will be held every Monday (term time only) from 09.00-10.45, cost £2.

**LENT CONVERSATIONS** Lent is a season in the church year when we encourage one another to take time to deepen our faith and meet God afresh. This year our thinking and conversations are going to be stimulated by David Ford's book 'Meeting God in John'. Our second session will be on Wednesday 4th March: at lunchtime with a simple lunch at 12.30pm with conversations including a short video from 1pm until about 2.15pm or in the evening at the Halfway House, with conversations over a drink (which doesn't have to be alcoholic) 7.30pm - 9.15pm. Please read Chapter 2 Identity: Who are you Jesus p 20 -29 in preparation for the session this week.

**LENT LUNCHESES** In the Lent Booklet you will see that the Parish is running one Lent Lunch this year at St James's Church on Tuesday 3rd March at 12.30pm. Do come along and meet some of our ecumenical neighbours over lunch. Donations at this lunch will be for the Parish Foodbank, based at St Hugh's.

**JULIAN MEETING** The next meeting will be on Wednesday 18th March 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.

**DAFFODILS** Once again this year we would love to be in a position to give away bunches of daffodils on Mothering Sunday, 15th March. If you would like to make a donation in order that we can do, please either hand cash to Sandra, Ruth or one of the Wardens or by BACS into our account with the reference DAFFS.

**JAR OF GRACE** Once again in Lent we will be supporting the Jar of Grace Appeal for UNICEF, their work is explained in the Lent Booklet. On the Jar there is a prayer which you are invited to say before every meal in Lent and add your donation for their work. These will be collected in on Easter Sunday and a few weeks after. Please do give as generously as you are able.

**FREE TASTER FITNESS SESSION** Would you like to come to a free taster session to sample some gentle dance and stretching exercises? Deana Morgan has been leading various successful dance and fitness sessions in Baildon since 2010 and she is well known for injecting fun and laughter into her sessions. You will be able to take part either seated or standing, they will improve your physical confidence, help with fall prevention, improve your balance and boost your overall health, all at your own pace with Deana giving easy to follow instructions. It will definitely be lots of fun and we may even have a sing along as well! St James's Hub, Wednesday 11th March 12.00 until 12.45. Please let Loraine know if you would like to come.

**VISIT TO HIGH ROYDS MEMORIAL CHAPEL AND GROUNDS** There is a visit to this Chapel on Thursday 12th March at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome to join this special visit hosted for us by Friends of High Royds. The chapel is considered unique for its history as a restored, consecrated and dedicated space serving the former Victorian psychiatric hospital located in the former asylums cemetery. There is no charge but it would be appreciated if donations could be made as our hosts are going to talk to us about the site and tea and coffee will be served. If you are interested in going please let Loraine know.

**MIDDAY HOLY COMMUNION** There will not be a service on Wednesday 4th March at St James.

**CHOCOLATE HAMPER DRAW** This year we will be running a Chocolate Hamper Draw. Tickets will be on sale from Sunday 8th March and cost £1 each or £5 for a book from any choir member.

**CHOCOLATE DONATIONS** We are hoping to out-sell last year's 500 Chocolate Hamper Draw tickets to raise valuable funds for the parish. We need prizes! Can you help us by donating Easter eggs, boxes of chocolates, chocolate treats or anything connected with chocolate? There are collection boxes in each church for your kind donations.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** will take place on Friday 6th March at 7pm at the Methodist Church. Come and support our fellow Christians in Nigeria.



## Supporting the Parish

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