



**8th March 2026**  
Third Sunday of Lent



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### **Services in the Parish next week 15th March (Mothering Sunday)**

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**

**All my hope on God is founded;  
he doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance he guideth,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown,  
he alone  
calls my heart to be his own.**

**God's great goodness aye endureth,  
deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
splendour, light, and life attend him,  
beauty springeth out of naught.  
Evermore  
from his store  
new-born worlds rise and adore.**

**Daily doth th' Almighty giver  
bounteous gifts on us bestow;  
his desire our soul delighteth,  
pleasure leads us where we go.  
Love doth stand  
at his hand;  
joy doth wait on his command.**

**Still from earth to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call  
one and all:  
ye who follow shall not fall**

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

**All Amen.**

## **The Greeting**

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 5:1-11

*At the end of the reading please respond*

For the gift of your holy word

**All Thanks be to God.**

## **Hymn**

**As the deer pants for the water,  
so my soul longs after you.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship you.**

*You alone are my strength, my shield,  
to you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship you.*

**I want you more than gold or silver,  
only you can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy-giver  
and the apple of my eye.**

*You alone are my strength, my shield ....*

**You're my Friend and you are my brother,  
even though you are a King.**

**I love you more than any other,  
so much more than anything.**

*You alone are my strength, my shield.....*

## **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.

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

Hear 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 ‘God of compassion’ would you please respond ‘**Hear our prayer**’. *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

God of Living Water, you call us to come and drink

**All So why do we sit here and complain that there is not enough water?**

You call us to strike the rocks of our world and let your Living Water flow.

**All But we do not trust enough that the spring is there.  
We want to find the water on our own, using our own wisdom.**

You call us to share the Water of Life with the world around us.

**All But we believe that the water is limited,  
Not abundant and so we are tempted to save it for ourselves.**

For all the times we turn away from your Water,

For all the times we sully the Water by misusing it,

For all the times we let others go thirsty instead of offering a drink.

**All Forgive us we pray.**

*A time of silent prayer*

The Water of Life flows with abundance to fill us with hope,

To cleanse us of our guilt, to float us to a new life.

Washed in the Living Water, your sins are forgiven and you are set free to live abundant life.

**All Thanks and praise to God. 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 or please use the QR code on the back of this order*)

**Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day:  
Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then  
nailed to a cross of wood.**

*This, the power of the cross:  
Christ became sin for us,  
took the blame, bore the wrath:  
we stand forgiven at the cross.*

**Oh to see the pain written on your face  
bearing the awesome weight of sin;  
every bitter thought, every evil deed  
crowning your bloodstained brow.**

*This, the power of the cross: .....*

**Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its Maker bows his head.  
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life;  
'Finished!' the victory cry.**

*This, the power of the cross: .....*

**Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,  
for through your suffering I am free.  
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live,  
won through your selfless love.**

*This, the power of the cross:  
Son of God, slain for us.  
What a love! What a cost!  
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

## **Prayer at the Preparation of the Table**

God of our journey, as we walk with you on your path of obedience, sustain us on our way and lead us to your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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. 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 please join with the singing of this hymn

**All heaven declares the glory of the risen Lord;  
who can compare with the beauty of the Lord?  
Forever he will be the Lamb upon the throne  
I gladly bow the knee and worship him alone.**

**I will proclaim the glory of the risen Lord  
who once was slain to reconcile man to God.  
Forever you will be the Lamb upon the throne  
I gladly bow the knee and worship you alone.**

## **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.**

### **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.**

**Though nature's strength decay,  
and earth and hell withstand,  
to Canaan's bounds we urge our way  
at his command:  
the watery deep we pass,  
with Jesus in our view;  
and through the howling wilderness  
our way pursue.**

**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.**

**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 Blessing and Dismissal**

Go in the peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## **NOTICES**

**REFRESHMENTS AT ST JOHN'S** everyone is welcome to the hall today to join us for refreshments.

**WEDNESDAY COFFEE** do join us from 10.00-12noon every Wednesday at St James's. Everyone is welcome.

**LAST WORDS OF LOVE** This year we are putting on this very moving act of worship on Sunday 29th March (Palm Sunday) at St John's at 4pm. The choir have been practising very hard for this service please do come and support our choir as we move into Holy Week.

**GOOD FRIDAY PILGRIMAGE** We will be putting on the Good Friday Pilgrimage at St John's again this year from 10.00am - 1.00pm. We do need people to steward this event, at least two people for every hour. There is a sign up sheet at the back of church if you are able to help in this way.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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

**SOCIAL SATURDAY 14TH MARCH 10-12** as Sunday the 15th March is Mothering Sunday, this month's theme is just that and also daffodils. I am pleased that we have Tish Lawson as our guest speaker and she will give us a talk on "Mothering Sunday - It's Origins and Customs". In addition, if you would like to help with the putting together the bunches of daffodils which will be given out throughout the Parish, these will be set up in the church from 10am. Tea, coffee and cake will also be available as usual. Come along and join in.

**CLOTHING RAILS** For an event in April we need to borrow some clothing rails. In order that we can see what we have if you have a rail that we can borrow for the event would you please let Sheila Matthews know as soon as possible.

## **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES IN THE PARISH**

### **Palm Sunday 29th March**

10.00am Joint Parish Holy Communion at St John's (starting at 9.50am at the Stocks in the village)

4.00pm Last Words of Love at St John's

### **Tuesday 31st March at St John's**

7.30pm Sounds of Holy Week

### **Thursday 2nd April (Maundy Thursday) at St John's**

7.30pm Holy Communion including sharing a light supper together as we journey together to Gethsemane and the arrest of Jesus

### **Friday 3rd April (Good Friday) at St John's**

9.00am Walk of Witness from St Aidan's Church

10.00am- 1.00pm Good Friday Pilgrimage

2.00pm Last Hour at the Cross

## Sunday 5th April (Easter Day)

- 6.30am Dawn Service at St John's followed by breakfast
- 8.30am Easter Communion at St John's
- 9.30am Easter Communion at St Hugh's
- 10.00am Easter Communion at St John's
- 10.30am Easter Communion at St James's followed by the Easter Egg Hunt



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