



St John's Parish Church, Baildon

EASTER DAY COMMUNION 2026

Welcome

Clergy and choir gather at the back of church and sing the Introit 'This joyful Eastertide'. The congregation turn to face the back of Church and as we lit the Easter light at our Dawn Service this morning so we now welcome the light back into the Church.

Christ yesterday and today

All the beginning and the end,

Alpha and Omega all time belongs to him, and all ages:

All to him be glory and power, through every age and for ever. Amen.

The Easter candle is brought into Church

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! *(Repeat 3 times getting louder each time)*

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ was raised gloriously from the dead, crushing the power of sin and destroying the sting of death. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the mighty power of God as Christ calls us out of darkness to share in his marvellous light. May we, and all Christ's people, shine as lights in the world to the glory of God the Father.

The Easter candle is lifted high

The light of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

During the hymn the Easter Candle is processed down the aisle and people at the ends of the row light their candles from it and pass the Easter light along the row.

Hymn

**Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

**But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured, Alleluia!
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

Blessing of the Easter Garden

The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said'.

The stone is rolled away from the entrance to the tomb

Bless, O Lord, this Easter Garden, grant that all who see this Garden may be strengthened in faith, and rejoice in the knowledge of Christ's risen life and of his eternal victory; for he is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

All Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.
(sung)

**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.

The Collect

Please remain standing

Let us pray that we may reign with the risen Christ in glory.

Period of silent prayer

God of Glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell; fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

Reading Acts 10:34-43

Please extinguish your candles as we sit for the reading. At the end the reader says:

For the gift of your holy word.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn (*during which the children are invited to leave Church for their worship*)

**This is the day, this is the day.
that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice, we will rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made.
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
that the Lord has made.**

**This is the day, this is the day
when he rose again, when he rose again.
We will rejoice, we will rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day when he rose again.
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
when he rose again.**

**This is the day, this is the day
when the Spirit came, when the Spirit came.
We will rejoice, we will rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day when the Spirit came,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
when the Spirit came.**

Gospel Reading

When the Gospel is announced the reader says:

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

All Alleluia.

He has defeated the powers of death.

All Alleluia.

Jesus turns our sorrow into dancing.

All Alleluia.

He has the words of eternal life.

All Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

Silence is kept to reflect on what has been heard.

The Creed

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

All We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

**We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

To the words 'Risen Lord', would you please respond '**Hear us as we pray**'.

Prayers of Penitence (*led from the Easter Garden to remind us that through Jesus' resurrection we can know forgiveness*).

Christ died for sin once for all, and now he lives to God.

Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Like Mary at the empty tomb, we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.

Lord, have mercy

All Lord, have mercy.

Like the disciples behind locked doors, we are afraid to be seen as your followers.

Christ, have mercy

All Christ, have mercy.

Like Thomas in the upper room, we are slow to believe.

Lord, have mercy

All Lord, have mercy

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The children rejoin us and notices are given.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

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 shaking hands with 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 or please use the QR code at the back of this order*)

**See what a morning, gloriously bright
with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
folded the grave-clothes tomb filled with light,
as the angels announce Christ is risen!**

**See God's salvation plan, wrought in love,
borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
fulfilled in Christ, the man, for he lives:
Christ is risen from the dead!**

**See Mary weeping: 'Where is he laid?'
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;
hears a voice speaking, calling her name:
it's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years,
speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,
will sound till he appears,
for he lives, Christ is risen from the dead!**

**One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty,
honour and blessing, glory and praise
to the King crowned with power and authority!
And we are raised with him,
death is dead, love has won Christ has conquered;
and we shall reign with him,
for he lives, Christ is risen from the dead!**

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with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
folded the grave-clothes tomb filled with light,
as the angels announce Christ is risen!
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borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
fulfilled in Christ, the man, for he lives:
Christ is risen from the dead!**

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.

Please remaining standing for the Eucharistic Prayer

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 as our Saviour has taught us:

**All Our Father in heaven, hallowed by 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

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

**All Lord, our hearts hunger for you;
give us this bread always.**

Agnus Dei (sung)

**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:

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. 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.**

During the distribution the choir will sing an anthem and then please join in with these hymns

**O breath of God, come fill this place;
revive our hearts to know your grace
and from our slumber make us rise,
that we may know the risen Christ.**

**O word of God, so clear and true,
renew our minds to trust in you,
and give to us the bread of life,
that we may know the risen Christ.**

**O love of God, so unrestrained,
refresh our souls in Jesus' name.
Let us reflect your sacrifice
that we may know the risen Christ.**

**May God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit make us one;
in holiness let us unite,
that we may know the risen Christ.**

**Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness,
opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore you,
hope of a life spent with you.**

*So here I am to worship,
here I am to bow down,
here I am to say that you're my God
And you're altogether lovely,
altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.*

**King of all days,
oh so highly exalted,
glorious in heaven above
Humbly you came to the earth you created,
all for love's sake became poor.**

So here I am to worship,....

**And I'll never know how much it cost,
to see my sin upon that cross.
And I'll never know how much it cost
to see my sin upon that cross.**

So here I am to worship,....

**Laudate Dominum, laudate Dominum
Omnes gentes, alleluia.**

Prayer after Communion

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy; grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Silence is kept

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.

The Dismissal

Hymn

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.
*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.***

**Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:**

Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:**

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son
endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

**All he has given us new life and hope by raising Jesus from the
dead.**

God has claimed us as his own:

All he has made us light to the world.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

May Christ who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future,
fill you with his new 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.

He is not here. He is risen.

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

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

The choir and clergy process out.

NOTICES

Services in the Parish next week 12th April 2026

10.00am Holy Communion at St John's

10.30am Service of the Word at St James's

REFRESHMENTS AND EASTER EGG HUNT everyone is welcome to the hall today to join us for refreshments, during this time the Chocolate Raffle will be drawn. Then from 11.30am you are welcome to join in our Easter Egg Hunt around the village.

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

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING Our annual meeting when we think about the year that has gone and look forward into 2025 is in Monday 20th April at 7.30pm in St John's Church Hall. All those on the Electoral Roll are welcome to attend. All of the paperwork that is needed for this meeting is now on display at the back of Church. This includes the Annual Report and Accounts for 2025 and the minutes of the last annual meeting in 2025.

CONFIRMATION Our Confirmation Service this year will be on Sunday 19th July at St John's Church in the afternoon. This is a Deanery Service so we will likely be joined by those across our deanery and beyond who wish to be confirmed. Please put this date in your diary as it would be lovely to come and support those in our parish making this amazing step on their Christian journey. This is for anyone, no matter how old, who wants to make this public declaration of faith. This is open to any young people who are Year 6 (and regular church attenders) or above. If you would like to consider this please speak to Canon Sandra or Rev Ruth.

UNICEF JAR OF GRACE During Lent we collected money for UNICEF using the Jar of Grace. It is now time to collect these in so please bring your jar or money to church during April.

EVENT TO SUPPORT LOCAL CANCER CHARITY Ladies, do you fancy some new clothes but have no room in your wardrobe? We are holding a 'Swishing Party' in St John's hall on Saturday 18th April at 7.00pm to raise funds for Cancer Support Yorkshire, a small Bradford-based charity providing complementary therapy to support those

undergoing treatment for cancer. Come along with up to three good quality items of women's clothing or accessories you no longer need and leave with the same number of items of your choice completely free of charge, and guilt-free knowing your unwanted items will be recycled. There will be light refreshments and we will be joined for a short, informative and entertaining presentation from the wonderful Breast Care team at St Luke's hospital. Tickets price £10 are available in advance from Sheila Matthews or, subject to availability, at the door. Contact: matthewssheila@hotmail.com Tel. 01274 925576.

In the meantime, now is the time to sort out your wardrobe. Additionally, if you have a portable clothes rail you would be willing to lend, please get in touch.

ATRIAL FIBRILLATION AND BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS - WEDNESDAY 8TH APRIL ST JAMES'S HUB 1130-1230. Bradford District and Craven Health Care Partnership along with Bradford Council Neighbourhood Wardens and the Bingley Bubble Community Partnership teams will be offering the above checks. Just come along, no need to make an appointment, they are here to give advice and to signpost you in the right direction if required.

DANCE WITH DEANA WEDNESDAY 15TH APRIL ST JAMES'S HUB 1200-1245. Following the successful tester day in early March, the dance sessions will start on the above date and will be held weekly (except for the first Wednesday in the month). The sessions are aimed to help improve your balance, help with fall prevention, boost your overall health and fitness and generally give you more confidence in yourself. Easy to follow routines which can be done standing or seated, plus some sing along time to add fun to the occasion. No need to book, £4 per session, pay on the door.

SOCIAL SATURDAY at St James's - 11th April 1000-1200 "Think Before you Click". Mobile and scam crime is on the increase. Can you identify a scam and do you know what steps to take to protect yourself and your devices? This free, user friendly session is designed to help you to keep yourself safe and Cath our speaker will also give one to one tips on how to set things up on your phone like Whatsapp groups, emails etc and help with any issues you may have. No need to book, just come along and enjoy the coffee, cake and friendship.



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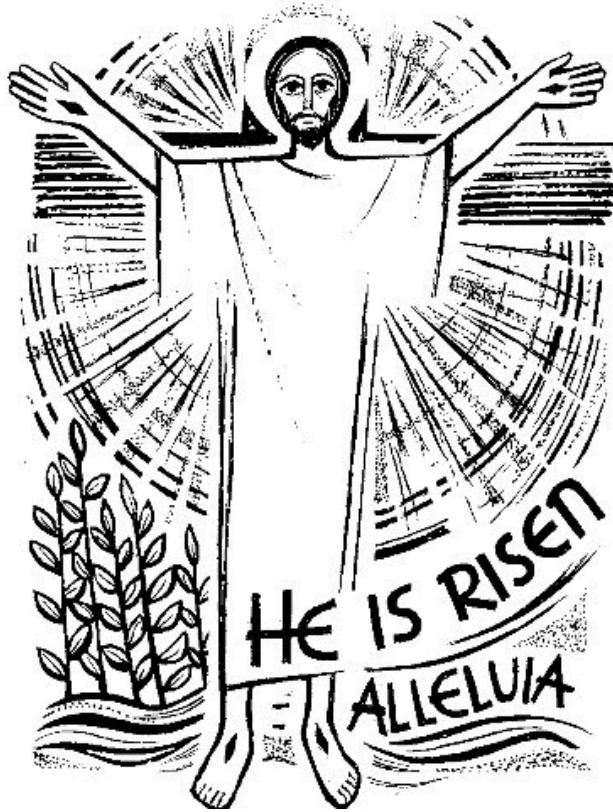
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