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Celebrating Ascension Day

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Services in the Parish next Sunday - 24th May Pentecost

10.00am Holy Communion at St John's
10.30am Holy Communion at St James'

Hymn

**Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia,
to his throne above the skies; Alleluia,
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, Alleluia,
enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia.**

**There for him high triumph waits; Alleluia,
lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluia.
he hath conquered death and sin; Alleluia,
take the King of glory in. Alleluia.**

**Lo, the heaven its Lord receives, Alleluia,
yet he loves the earth he leaves; Alleluia,
though returning to his throne, Alleluia,
still he calls mankind his own. Alleluia.**

**See, he lifts his hands above; Alleluia,
see, he shews the prints of love; Alleluia,
hark, his gracious lips bestow, Alleluia,
blessings on his church below. Alleluia.**

**Still for us he intercedes, Alleluia,
his prevailing death he pleads; Alleluia,
near himself prepares our place, Alleluia,
he the first fruits of our race. Alleluia.**

**Lord, though parted from our sight, Alleluia,
far above the starry height, Alleluia,
grant our hearts may thither rise, Alleluia,
seeking thee above the skies. Alleluia.**

God has gone up with a shout,
All the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

In the name of the Father, the Son and 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.

Introduction

The Ascension Reading - Acts 1.4-11

At the end of the reading

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Seeing we have a great high priest who has passed through the heaven,
Jesus the Son of God, let us offer him the praise worthy of his name.

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

Hymn

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

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

The Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia.

Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord.

Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

All Alleluia.

cf Matthew 18. 19, 20

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.

**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 'Jesus Christ is Lord' would you please respond '**To the glory of God the Father.**'

And at the end

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

Prayers of Penitence

Christ has gone up on high, leading captivity captive and bringing gifts for all. As we prepare ourselves to meet him here in the courts of heaven let us call to mind our many failures and sins.

Lord Jesus, you suffered a cruel death on the cross for our redemption, yet we have forgotten your pain and stayed in the realm of the evil you defeated.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you were raised from death to bring us new life, yet we have preferred the comfort of the familiar, and the empty promises of a sinful world.

Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you have ascended to your Father and our Father, your God and our God; plead there at the right hand of God for our forgiveness and entry into the fullness of his presence.

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 Notices are given

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. If you love me, rejoice because I am going to the Father'.
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 acknowledging everyone saying 'Peace be with you'.

Hymn *during which a collection will be taken for the work of this 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.*

**Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king
through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
those wounds yet visible above,
in beauty glorified;
no angels in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.**

**Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.**

**Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.**

Preparation of the Table

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

Blessed be God, by whose grace creation is renewed, by whose love heaven is opened, by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

All Blessed be God for ever.

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 in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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

Looking for the coming of his kingdom, 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

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.

All Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

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

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, Alleluia.

The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.

All Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb. Alleluia.

The president and people receive communion.

Everyone is very welcome to receive bread and wine whether or not you have been baptised or confirmed. Please come forward at the direction of the Churchwardens. For reasons 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.**

Communion hymn

**My Jesus, my Saviour,
Lord, there is none like you.
All of my days I want to praise
the wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter,
tower of refuge and strength,
let ev'ry breath, all that I am,
never cease to worship you.**

**Shout to the Lord
all the earth, let us sing
power and majesty,
praise to the King.
Mountains bow down
and the seas will roar
at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy
at the work of your hands.
For ever I'll love you,
for ever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise
I have in you.**

Prayer after Communion

The Post-Communion prayer for the day is said

**All We thank you, Lord, that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly
banquet prepared for all peoples. Amen.**

Hymn

**Christ triumphant ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:
 *Yours the glory and the crown,
 the high renown, the eternal name.***

**Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:**

Yours the glory and the crown.....

**Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,
victim crucified!
death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified:**

Yours the glory and the crown.....

**Priestly king, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:**

Yours the glory and the crown.....

**So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:**

*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name!*

The Dismissal

Reading - Acts - 1.12,13a,14

Then the disciples returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying. They were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

No response is used and we wait in silence.

Responsory

As we wait in silence,

All make us ready for your coming Spirit.

As we listen to your word,

All make us ready for your coming Spirit.

As we worship you in majesty,

All make us ready for your coming Spirit.

As we long for your refreshing,

All make us ready for your coming Spirit.
As we long for your renewing,
All make us ready for your coming Spirit.
As we long for your equipping,
All make us ready for your coming Spirit.
As we long for your empowering,
All make us ready for your coming Spirit.

Blessing

Waiting expectantly for the promised Holy Spirit,
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

NOTICES

REFRESHMENTS Please do join us for refreshments after this Service.

MESSY CHURCH this afternoon at 4pm. Our theme will be Jesus's Ascension and Pentecost and as always we have some wonderful crafts for the children to enjoy.

NEXT FAMILY SERVICE Our next service will be on Sunday 7th June at 10am.

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. There will be a service in each church in which we will share and celebrate the difference Christian Aid makes around the world; with devotional booklets available to engage further at home. Donations can be made through charity cash envelopes or through the Parish account using the reference CAID.

PENTECOST SUNDAY Next Sunday 24th May is Pentecost Sunday and during the 10am service at St John's we will offer people to pray with you either for healing or for a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit. We have offered this in previous years and many people have found it encouraging.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF MAY There are five Sundays in May so our service on 31st May will be Holy Communion at St Hugh's Church at 10.00am.

THY KINGDOM COME 2026 You can still join a global ecumenical wave of prayer 14th May Ascension Day - 24th May Pentecost. Christians around the world are invited to pray for people to come to know Jesus.

Every person, household and church is invited to pray in this time that friends, family members and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus Christ. Each of us is encouraged that God's Spirit might work in the lives of 5 people who we will commit to pray for specifically in this time. There is a beautiful prayer booklet you can use on the theme of God with Us on the nine days written by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Sarah Mullally, which are available at the back of Church. For more information go to <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>

JULIAN MEETING The next meeting will be on Wednesday 20th May in the Lounge at St James' Church at 2.00pm. These meetings explore encouraging ways of incorporating contemplative prayer in daily life. Everyone is welcome.

NURTURE COURSE we are going to be running this course for anyone who would like to discover more about their faith. It will be held at St James' Church in the Lounge on Tuesday evenings beginning on 26th May through till 24th June (apart from the 4th week which will be on Wednesday 17th June.) We will gather at 7.00pm for coffee and cake/ dessert and then spend time together talking about God and faith for about 1 hr 15mins. If you would like to come on the course please get in touch with Canon Sandra, Revd Ruth or Carolyn our LLM.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BAILDON Our Annual Meeting this year is on Tuesday 19th May at 7.45pm at St John's Cranmer Room. This meeting will look back over the year that has been and look to the future. This is very important meeting as it consider whether we are continue with Churches Together. Over the past years numbers on the committee have decreased and so this meeting is your chance to have your say as to whether we continue. Everyone is welcome, please do come and have your say.

SOCIAL SATURDAY at St James's Hub - Saturday 23rd May 10am - 12pm. Back by popular request, our next Social Saturday will be a Beetle Drive and the Name Game with of course, cake and biscuits, tea and coffee. Come along, maybe bring someone new with you? for a warm welcome and friendly conversation in the lovely surroundings of St James's. As ever no need to book, just come along.

SONGS OF PRAISE St Peter's Singers of Leeds will perform a concert of Great English choral music from Purcell to Dove at St John's Church on Saturday 20th June at 7pm. From Purcell's vibrant anthem O sing unto the Lord to Benjamin Britten's whimsical Rejoice in the Lamb and Jonathan Dove's modern star-gazing classic Seek him that maketh the

seven stars, this concert showcases a tantalising selection of the music of worship and praise that has inspired generations of English churchgoers and music lovers. St Peter's Singers are directed by Alexander Woodrow, with Shaun Turnbull accompanying on St John's superb neo-classical organ. The performance will last about two hours, including an interval during which wine and soft drinks will be available. Admission £10 (U18s free) available on the door or in advance from <https://stpeters-singers.org.uk/event/songs-of-praise/>

CRAFTS AND GIFT FAIR We invite you to stroll around the stalls on Saturday 13th June from 1pm to 4pm at St Hugh's. You'll find home-made goods, gifts, crafts, jewellery, handbags, crystals, flowers, resin crafts, clothing, photography, decoupage, stained glass, cards and much more. It's not weather dependent, so no getting rained on and we have a café when you need to take a tea-break. Supporting Yorkshire Cancer Research.

DOLLY PARTON TRIBUTE NIGHT Join us on Saturday 13th June 2026 at St John's Church Hall for a Dolly Parton Tribute performance. If you love your 'Jolene' and 'Nine 'til Five', this is a night for you! Tickets include supper and cost £15 pp. The performance starts at 7.30pm with the bar open from 7pm. Tickets are available from Loraine Radcliffe: 07960 018425 from 17th May.



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