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### **Services in the Parish next week 27th September**

10.00am Holy Communion at St John's

10.30am Holy Communion at St Hugh's

### **Hymn**

**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.**

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**

**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.**

## **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**

**Reading** Philippians 1:21-end. *At end of the reading*

For the gift of your holy word

**All Thanks be to God**

## **Hymn**

**Father, hear the prayer we offer:  
not for ease that prayer shall be,  
but for strength that we may ever  
live our lives courageously.**

**Not for ever in green pastures  
do we ask our way to be;  
but the steep and rugged pathway  
may we tread rejoicingly.**

**Not for ever by still waters  
would we idly rest and stay;  
but would smite the living fountains  
from the rocks along our way.**

**Be our strength in hours of weakness,  
in our wanderings be our guide;  
through endeavour, failure, danger,  
Father, be thou at our side.**

## **The Gospel**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**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 ‘Generous God’ 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

The Master of the vineyard gives out of overwhelming abundance, not strict calculation. Let us confess how our narrow hearts resist God’s boundless generosity and fail to reflect it to the world.

Extravagant God, your grace is a gift we can never earn, yet we treat your blessings like currency.  
**All Forgive our ungenerous hearts and our habit of hoarding your goodness.**

You pour out love equally on the first and the last, but we want to hoard your favour for ourselves.  
**All Forgive us when we grudge the generosity you show to others.**

We confess that we are often rich in judgment but poor in mercy, calculating what others "deserve" rather than giving freely.

**All Break our obsession with fairness, and fill us with your spirit of lavish giving.**

Cleanse us of the fear that your abundance will run out, or that someone else's blessing diminishes our own.

**All Open our hands and our hearts to live not by scarcity, but by the wild richness of your grace.**

*(A moment of silent reflection)*

The first shall be last, and the last shall be first, but the Master's generosity never runs dry. Hear the promise of the gospel: God does not deal with us according to our calculations, but according to His limitless love. Your sins are forgiven. Step back into the vineyard with joyful, open hands.

**All Amen.**

*The notices are given.*

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

### **The Peace**

Jesus said: 'Love one another. As I have loved you, so you are to love one another.'

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 by acknowledging 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 if you would prefer to give in this way. There is also a QR code at the back of this sheet).*

**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 ....*

## **Preparation of the Table**

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 encourage 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. 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

Each communicant responds **Amen.**

During communion please join in with singing the hymn below

**Here is bread, here is wine,  
Christ is with us, he is with us,  
break the bread, drink the wine  
Christ is with us here.**

**Here is grace, here is peace,  
Christ is with us, he is with us,  
know his grace, find his peace,  
feast on Jesus here.**

**In this bread there is healing,  
in this cup there's life forever,  
in this moment, by the Spirit,  
Christ is with us here.**

**Here we are, joined in one,  
Christ is with us, he is with us,  
we'll proclaim, till he comes,  
Jesus crucified.**

## Prayer after Communion

**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.

**IF MY PEOPLE PRAY ....** We gather weekly at 12 noon in the Cranmer Room for a time for prayer. Everyone is very welcome to join us for about 20 minutes to ask God for a fresh outpouring of his Holy Spirit upon us as we seek to share the good news of God's love with those around us.

We do recognise that sometimes it is possible for people to join together for prayer. In these circumstances we would like to encourage you to join us prayer by stopping to pray every Tuesday around 12 noon. Over the next few weeks we will produce some prayer cards for you to use.

**ANGELS ANNOUNCE .....** As we prepare for Christmas we are going to be giving away angels with invitations to join us to share in the good news of Christmas. If you knit or crochet and would be willing to create ornament-size white/cream angels, patterns are available.

**HARVEST** our next Family Service will be our Harvest Festival in the Parish will be on Sunday 4th October. At St John's we will celebrate this festival with a Family Service at 10am and then afterwards we will share together a Bring and Share Lunch.

**HARVEST GIFTS AND MONEY** As usual in our Harvest Festival services there will be an opportunity to bring food. This year all of the food will be given to our Food Bank which is currently low in stock as demand is increasing. Below is the list of food which they are short of

- Tinned food - soup, meat, tuna, vegetables, baked beans, fruit and pasta.
- UHT milk
- Tea and coffee
- Biscuits
- Cereal
- Toilet roll
- Toiletries

We will also be collecting gifts of money and we have decided that this year to raise money for the charity Soil Association. They say 'We are the leading food and farming charity. We're on a mission to fix food and farming for all, the nature-friendly way.' They champion Nature and Climate, Food, Farming and Forestry, and Organic Farming. Find out more on their website <https://www.soilassociation.org>.

**HARVEST BRING AND SHARE FOOD** After our Harvest Festival at St John's there will be a bring and share lunch. It would be great to have an idea of what people are bringing. Either after this service or at coffee we have a sheet for you to add your contribution to the lunch.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS** We are very grateful for the many people across the parish who contribute in so many ways to enable our worship week by week. One of these roles is to help distribute the bread and wine. As we have a number of new people taking this role, we are running a session to meet with everyone from our three churches and chat through what this role entails and refresh our ideas. There will be two sessions on Monday 21st September at 7.30pm and Tuesday 22nd September at 10am. Both of these will be at St John's.

**MIDDAY COMMUNION** at St James' Church will be on Wednesday 7th October. This month we welcome the Revd Professor Ken Medhurst and the Revd June Medhurst who will share in offering this Communion service as they look to the completion of their formal ordained ministry under licence to the Bishop of Leeds at the end of the year. Everyone is welcome to attend this service. In November there will be a opportunity to come together for a thanksgiving for ministry at St John's Church.

**FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT** this year runs from 21 September to 4 October, during which there is a display in the window of Baildon Library explaining the benefits of Fairtrade, with the focus on fair pay for farmers and workers. Please consider buying an extra Fairtrade product or two : there are several varieties of tea, coffee and wine, plus sugar, biscuits, chocolate, bananas, tomatoes, flowers and much more on offer in Baildon Co-op. And other supermarkets are selling more and more FT products. Just look out for the Fairtrade logo.

**SAFEGUARDING TRAINING** Ruth and Alison will be offering safeguarding basic awareness training in St James's lounge on Wednesday 7th October and Tuesday 13th October at 7.30pm, refreshments from 7.15, we will finish promptly at 9pm. You only need to attend one session. This training is helpful to anyone involved in parish life; lay eucharistic ministers, those who support the work in the care homes as well as sidespeople and those working with children. This isn't arduous or onerous but is certificated, it involves lots of group discussion and is really useful for anyone who feels it might help their ministry in our churches.

Please contact either of us for more information or to book a place.



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