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St Hugh St John St James

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Second Sunday before Advent
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Services in the Parish next Sunday 22nd November 2026

10.00am Holy Communion at St John's
10.30am Holy Communion at St James's
4.00pm 'A Host of Angels' at St John's

Hymn

Judge eternal, throned in splendour,
Lord of lords and King of kings,
with thy living fire of judgment
purge this realm of bitter things:
solace all its wide dominion
with the healing of thy wings.

Still the weary folk are pining
for the hour that brings release:
and the city's crowded clangour
cries aloud for sin to cease;
and the homesteads and the woodlands
plead in silence for their peace.

Crown, O Lord, thine own endeavour;
cleave our darkness with thy sword;
cheer the faint and feed the hungry
with the richness of thy word;
cleanse the body of this nation
through the glory of the Lord.

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 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 *At end of the reading*

For the gift of your holy word

All **Thanks be to God**

Hymn

Lord Jesus, think on me,
and purge away my sin;
from earthborn passions set me free
and make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
with many a care opprest;
let me thy loving servant be
and taste thy promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me
Nor let me go astray;
through darkness and perplexity
point thou the heavenly way.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
that, when the flood is past,
I may the eternal brightness see,
and share thy joy at last.

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 'Lord in your mercy' 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

Sisters and brothers as we prepare to celebrate let us call to mind our sins

Gracious Father, you called us to bear fruit for your Kingdom, yet we confess our failures to live out this purpose.

All **Forgive us, O Lord, and renew our hearts.**

We confess when we become inward-looking, failing to see Jesus in the hungry, thirsty, stranger, naked, sick, or imprisoned, and offering only calculated, convenient service instead of bold mercy and justice.

All **Forgive us, O Lord, for withholding your compassion.**

We confess prioritizing personal security and comfort over sharing the gospel, and letting fear or distorted views of God paralyze us from taking risks for your Kingdom.

All **Forgive us, O Lord. Free us from the grip of fear.**

Increase our capacity to proclaim your truth through self-spending love, trusting that as we risk your grace, it multiplies

All **Help us to hear your voice, Lord, and prepare us to share in eternal joy. Amen.**

We pause for a moment of silent reflection

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

All **Amen.**

The children and young people are welcomed from their worship and the notices are given.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

We are all one in Christ Jesus. We belong to him through faith, heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

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).*

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation, I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness,
Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame.
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me his own
Beautiful Saviour,
I'm yours forever Jesus Christ,
my living hope.

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope.
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Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me.
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Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me.
Jesus, yours is the victory, whoa!

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Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope.
Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope...
Jesus Christ, my living hope
Oh God, you are my living hope.

Preparation of the Table

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

As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now reunited on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.

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 or not you have 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.

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 communion please join in with singing the hymn:

Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart: it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Prayer after Communion

The Post-Communion prayer for the day 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

Go forth and tell! O church of God, awake!
God's saving news to all the nations take:
proclaim Christ Jesus, Saviour, Lord and King,
that all the world his worthy praise may sing.

Go forth and tell! God's love embraces all;
he will in grace respond to all who call;
how shall they call if they have never heard
the gracious invitation of his word?

Go forth and tell! The doors are open wide;
share God's good gifts - let no one be denied;
live out your life as Christ your Lord shall choose,
your ransomed powers for his sole glory use.

Go forth and tell! O church of God, arise!
Go in the strength which Christ your Lord supplies;
go till all nations his great name adore
and serve him, Lord and King for evermore!

Blessing and Dismissal

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.

ADVENT CONVERSATIONS will provide an opportunity for us to come together, taking some time aside from the pace of life as we enter Advent, to pause, reflect and act together. We are going to be using a book by Bishop Eleanor Sanderson, *Walking with Angels.* The book is an invitation to spend the Advent season living with greater consciousness of the interactions between heaven and earth. We will be meeting on Tuesdays 17 & 24 November and 1 & 8 December in the Cranmer Room at St John's 10.15am for refreshments, followed by time to reflect until 11.45am. Afterwards there will be an opportunity to do some prayer walking in the parish.

BAILDON AT CHRISTMAS This year we will not running our usual Market on Saturday 5th December as this is day of celebrations for Baildon Station. However, we will still be having stalls on Sunday 6th December to join with the Christmas in Baildon celebrations. Our stalls will be in St John's Church. **BUT NOW WE NEED DONATIONS!** From Sunday 8th November there will be boxes at the back of each church to receive prizes for the tombola and hamper items for the raffle. Items for the raffle should be luxury as this makes the raffle very attractive for people to have a go!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED On the 6th of December we also need volunteers to particularly help run the tombola (this is on the day not the set up), help in the kitchen with refreshments and to bake cuttable cakes that we can serve for refreshments. Please bring these on Saturday morning between 10am – 12 noon. There is a list at the back of church if you can volunteer for any of this.

CALLING ALL NATIVITY SCENES As part of Baildon at Christmas we thought it would be a lovely idea to put on a display of nativity scenes in church to attract people. I'm sure you have many scenes and we would like to borrow them for the Sunday. Please could you bring them to St John's on Friday 4th December between 10.00 – 12noon. We will be displaying them in the choir area and there will be someone around to make sure they remain safe.

CHRISTINGLE Our Christingle Service this year is on Sunday 6th December at 5.00pm at St John's Church. During this service everyone is encouraged to make a donation to the work of the Children's Society. The Society have produced some lovely collecting candles, which are available at back of church for you to use. In the Parish the Children's Society is our charity for January so please return these at the Christingle Service or during the month of January.

HELP NEEDED after the 10am service on Sunday 22nd November we need as much help as we can have to arrange the church for our 'Host of Angels' in the afternoon. We need to move tables in, put up a screen in St George's Chapel, set out refreshments so if you are able to help that would be great.

CINNAMON TRUST is still our charity for November so donations would be welcome through the parish account using the reference CINNAMON.

SANTA'S GROTTO with the Christmas Fair on the 6th of December, on the 29th of November, after the joint service, we need help to put up Santa's Grotto on the stage as in previous years. Once again, many hands make light work!

ST JAMES'S HUB It was with great sadness that last week I received Loraine Radcliffe's resignation as Community Worker at St James's Hub. Loraine has done a really great job in getting a number of new initiatives off the ground, particularly the toddler group as well as making new contacts. Her last working day is Wednesday 25th November, she will be sorely missed at St James's and the Charlestown area.

JULIAN MEETING The next meeting will be on Wednesday 18th November in the Lounge at St James' Church at 2.00pm. Julian meetings explore encouraging ways of incorporating contemplative prayer in daily life. Everyone is welcome.

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