

**The Parish Church of
St John the Baptist, Beeston**

PARISH EUCHARIST



The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 13th August 2023

10am

WELCOME TO ST JOHN'S

You are very welcome here as you join us in worship. Instructions are provided as to when you may wish to stand or remain seated, but if it is more comfortable for you to remain seated, please do so.

As you prepare for worship, please be sensitive to the needs of those around you who may wish to pray quietly. Please switch off mobile telephones or put on silent.

If you are a newcomer please take note of the position of the exits. There are the doors at the rear where you came in and also fire exits towards the front left-hand side of the church. In the event of an emergency, stewards will direct you to the nearest exit and give assembly point details.

Toilet facilities are available towards the back of church.

Please join as for refreshments at the back of church after the service.

If you would like more information about our church please speak to the Vicar or one of the stewards. Information can also be found on our website: www.beestonparishchurch.co.uk, and our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/beestonparishchurch.

Communion

We will be offering communion in both kinds (bread and wine) In line with national guidance, we have decided not to allow people to intinct (dip) any consecrated wafers into wine. We will simply be offering the opportunity for those who wish to to drink from the chalice (communion cup) in the normal way. Please come up for communion as normal, receive the bread and return to your place if you do not wish to drink from the chalice.

If you would prefer to receive a prayer of blessing, please do come forward and hold your hands by your side, or carry a service sheet, to indicate this to the priest.

If you are unable to come forward to receive communion, please advise a steward or member of clergy and communion will be brought to you in your place.

Gluten free wafers are available; please indicate to the priest as you go up to receive communion if this is your preference.

Financial Support

There will be no offertory collection during the service, but there will be a plate by the door on leaving church at which you are invited to make a donation. If you're able to give a gift, one way to give is via our CAF Online Giving page. This can be accessed via <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/16013> or via the QR code below. We are grateful to all who are able to support our mission and ministry. Additionally, there is now a contactless giving machine at the back of church available for your use.



ORDER OF SERVICE

The President is Father Wayne Plimmer and the Preacher is Father Paul Knight.

GATHERING

All stand to sing the **PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *when announced*

**Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God!
He, Whose Word cannot be broken,
Formed thee for His own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.**

**See! the streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal love;
Well supply thy sons and daughters,
And all fear of want remove:
Who can faint while such a river
Ever flows and thirsts assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the
Giver,
Never fails from age to age.**

**Round each habitation hov'ring,
See the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a cov'ring,
Showing that the lord is near.
Thus they march, the pillar leading,
Light by night and shade by day;
Daily on the manna feeding
Which he gives them when they
pray.**

**Saviour, if of Zion's city,
I through grace a member am,
Let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in Thy Name.
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
Boasted pomp and empty show;
Solid joys and lasting treasure
None but Zion's children know.**

(HON 189 HF45)

THE GREETING

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

All Amen.

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

The Priest welcomes the congregation and introduces the service, then all say the

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.**

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

A minister introduces the confession

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'
So let us turn away from sin and turn to the Lord,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

All **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

The Priest says the absolution, proclaiming God's forgiveness and all respond
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.**

**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.**

**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.**

THE COLLECT

The Priest introduces a period of silent prayer and then says the prayer of the day.

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions
make them to ask such things as shall please you;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

All sit for the reading.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING: Romans 10.5-15

Read by Fran Blackler

Paul finds scriptural backing for the core of his message and mission: that God's acceptance is open to all.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

'The word is near you,

on your lips and in your heart'

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand. During the **HYMN** please turn to face the Gospel as it is processed into the congregation. Remain standing for the Gospel Reading.*

Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets;
No-one is his neighbour, all alone he eats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am lonely too,
Make me, friend or stranger, fit to wait on you.

Jesus Christ is raging, raging in the streets,
Where injustice spirals and real hope retreats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am angry too,
In the Kingdom's causes let me rage with you.

Jesus Christ is healing, healing in the streets;
Curing those who suffer, touching those he greets.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I have pity too,

Let my care be active, healing just like you.

Jesus Christ is dancing, dancing in the streets,
Where each sign of hatred He, with love, defeats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I should triumph too,
Where good conquers evil, let me dance with you.

Jesus Christ is calling, calling in the streets,
'Who will join my journey? I will guide their feet.'
Listen, Lord Jesus, let my fears be few,
Walk one step before me I will follow you.

(HON 340)

GOSPEL: Matthew 14.22-33

*The Gospel gives us a picture of God's utter reliability in life's storms.
Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*

Alleluia (x6)

Immediately after feeding the crowd with the five loaves and two fish, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Alleluia (x6)**

The Gospel procession returns to the altar. Please sit at the invitation of the preacher.

SERMON *Father Paul Knight*

All stand for **THE CREED**

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *led by Janet Patrick*

Please sit to pray. One of these responses may be used

All
At the end
All
Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.
Merciful Father
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

or

Lord, hear us
All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

THE PEACE

The Priest invites the congregation to stand and introduces 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.

You are invited to greet those near to you with an appropriate sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN

**Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

(HF 11)

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

The Priest says

Wise and gracious God,

You spread a table before us;

Nourish your people with the word of life

And the bread of heaven.

All Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Remain standing as the Priest says

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

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 Priest 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 Priest recalls the Last Supper and all respond

All Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

The prayer continues and all respond

All ... all honour and glory be yours, Almighty Father,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

The congregation sits and silence is kept.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,**
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread, saying

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.

The Agnus Dei is 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

The president invites the people to receive communion, saying

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Please come forward to receive communion if you wish. If you would prefer not to receive communion, you are warmly encouraged to come forward for a prayer of blessing; please hold your hands by your side or carry a service sheet so the Priest knows you'd like a prayer rather than communion.

Communion is offered in both kinds, bread and wine, but if you'd prefer to take a consecrated wafer and not receive from the communion cup, then you're welcome to do so. Please refrain from drinking the consecrated wine if you have any cold or flu symptoms or are feeling unwell.

COMMUNION HYMN - Laudate omnes gentes, Laudate Dominum

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

God of our pilgrimage,
you have willed that the gate of mercy
should stand open for those who trust in you:
look upon us with your favour
that we who follow the path of your will
may never wander from the way of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

**All Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

Following the notices, all stand for **THE BLESSING**

Through the tender compassion of our God
may the dawn from on high break upon you
and guide your feet into the way of peace.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Remain standing for the Final Hymn. Please turn to face the back of church as the procession withdraws.

**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!
Pow'r and majesty concealing
By your humble birth:**

**Suff'ring Servant, scorned, ill-
treated,**

**Victim crucified!
Death is through the cross defeated,
Sinners justified:**

**Priestly King, enthroned forever
High in heav'n above!
Sin and death and hell shall never
Stifle hymns of love:**

**So, our hearts and voices raising
Through the ages long,
Ceaselessly upon You gazing,
This shall be our song:**

(HON 92 HF 29)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Prayers: *Please remember those who died recently, including Len Sylvester and Margaret North as well as all those who mourn. Please also keep Sally Baldock, Jean Cameron, Agnes Banner, Hayley King, Eileen Bramley, Christine Morris, Cathy Bennett, Floss Abbott, David Lowe, Audrey Spiby, Dave Capstick, Ben Sanderson and Sophie Sanderson who are unwell, in your prayers.*

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Wednesday 16th 10am Eucharist
7pm Eucharist

Sunday 20th 8am Eucharist
10am Parish Eucharist
6:30pm Taizé Service

NOTICES

Mothers' Union: Thursday 14th September - Annual branch service and discussion led by Father Rob – 2.15pm in church.

Sunday 17th September - Wave of Prayer Day. Please make a special effort to attend the 10am eucharist in church that morning – orders of service will be distributed.

SAVE THE DATE! The annual bellringers' quiz will be on 14th October.

Easyfundraising: Beeston Parish Church is now on easyfundraising, which you can help support by raising free donations with over 7000 brands every time you shop online. Signing up is simple, with just a contact name and email address required. Information will be on the table at the back of the church and if you need any help please see David Butler.

Eco Corner (Poetry Edition)

For the Children, Gary Snyder

To climb these coming crests
one word to you, to
you and your children:
stay together
learn the flowers
go light



Parish Office: Please note that Kathryn will be on annual leave w/c 21st and 28th August. If you have any notices for the Sundays affected, or other jobs to be done, please let her know before Thursday 17th August. Many thanks.

There will be no offertory collection during the service, but there will be a plate by the door on leaving church at which you are invited to make a donation. If you're able to give a gift, one way to give is via our **CAF Online Giving page**. This can be accessed via <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/16013> or via the **QR code below**. Alternatively, you can make a donation directly to our bank account, number 50149438, sort code 40-10-06. We are grateful to all who are able to support our mission and ministry at this difficult time. We now have a **contactless giving box** on one of the tables at the back of church, for a trial period of 6 months. It is very simple to use, with onscreen instructions. You can use either a credit or debit card. Although the machine is set up for a £5 donation, you have the option to raise or lower it at your discretion.

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