

Order of Service

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THE FINAL SERVICE

of

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

BRADLEY

by

The Right Reverend Toby Howarth, Bishop of Bradford

on

SUNDAY, 15TH FEBRUARY, 2026

at 10-00 a.m.

For over sixty years, this church has been a place of prayer for the people of Bradley: a place of worship and welcome, of joy and sorrow, of ordinary faith lived week by week. When this church opened on **3rd March 1963**, the congregation sang these same opening and closing hymns in praise and thanksgiving.

As we sing them again today, we give thanks with affection for all that has been shared here, and we commend this place, and all who have prayed within these walls, to the faithful keeping of God. As worship continues in new and shared spaces, we trust that the God who met us here goes with us still.



We give thanks for the presence of the Rev'd John Peet and the Rev'd Colin Penfold, former vicars of this church, and for the Right Reverend Toby Howarth, Bishop of Bradford, for presiding over this service.



Today's Collection

Any donations received today will be passed on to support the Diocesan Link with Sudan. The people of Sudan continue to endure one of the most severe humanitarian crises in the world, with ongoing conflict between rival armed forces causing widespread suffering, displacement, and loss of life. Civilians — especially women, children, the elderly, and those already vulnerable — are facing violence, displacement, food and water insecurity, and outbreaks of disease across the country. Churches and communities linked with us there are striving to bring practical help, support clergy and lay workers, and sustain hope and faith amid these trials, and your gifts will go directly to that work.

We will begin by standing to sing our opening hymn together.

Hymn: All People That on Earth Do Dwell

**All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him and rejoice.**

**The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.**

**O enter then his gates with praise;
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.**

**For why? the Lord our God is good;
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.**

**To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
to God whom heaven and earth adore,
from men and from the angel-host
be praise and glory evermore.**

Words: William Kethe (c.1510–1594);
Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois (c.1510–1561). Public Domain.

Welcome & 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 service is introduced.

Prayers of Penitence

Silence

God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.
Let us therefore confess our sins and ask for his mercy.

**All: Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned in thought,
word and deed, through our own fault.
We have not loved you with our whole
heart; we have not loved our neighbours as
ourselves.**

**In your mercy forgive us, help us to amend
our lives, and to delight in your will and
walk in your ways, to the glory of your
name.
Amen.**

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.

We say the Gloria together:

**All: 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.
Amen.**

Collect

Let us pray.

Faithful God,
you have called your people together in every place and time:
we thank you for all that has been shared in this house of
prayer, and for your presence among us here.
As we lay this place before you and take the next step in faith,
build us together on Christ, the living cornerstone,
that, worshipping in spirit and in truth,
we may continue to be your dwelling place in the world;
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.

Please sit.

Old Testament Reading

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.'

Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

Genesis 28.10-17

All: This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

'See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner',

and

'A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.'

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

1 Peter 2.4-10

All: This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Hymn: Be Thou my Vision

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.**

**Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my dignity, thou my delight;
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.**

**High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun;
heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

Words: traditional Irish; tr. Mary E. Byrne (1880–1931),
vers. Eleanor Hull (1860–1935).
Tune: SLANE, traditional Irish. Public Domain.

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

All: Alleluia.

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

The woman said to Jesus, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.

But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.'

John 4.19-24

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon – Bishop Toby

After an opening prayer, please sit.

The Creed

Please stand.

As we have done in this place for generations, let us stand and affirm together the faith of the Church.

**All: 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 - Rev'd Colin Penfold

As we stand in God's presence, let us bring before him our prayers for the Church and the world, and for all who carry change with hope and pain.

Please sit or kneel to pray

After each section this, or another, response may be used:

All: Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

At the end:

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

Giving and Receiving Peace

Please stand.

All: Christ is our peace.
He has made us one in himself.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

We offer one another a sign of peace

The Table is set with bread and wine.

Hymn : The Church's One Foundation

**The Church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word:
from heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.**

**Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation,
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with every grace endued.**

**'Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace for evermore;
till, with the vision glorious,
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great Church victorious
shall be the Church at rest.**

**Yet she on earth hath union
with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.**

Words: Samuel J. Stone (1839–1900).
Tune: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley (1810–1876). Public Domain.

The Eucharistic Prayer

All: The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All: Lift up your hearts
we lift them to the Lord.

All: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give thanks and praise

Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your world.
In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.
Your Word goes out to call us home
to the city where angels sing your praise.
We join with them in heaven's song:

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.**

Father of all, we give you thanks
for every gift that comes from heaven.
To the dark world he came as light;
to a world that did not know him, he came as love.

When we turned away
you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.
On the night before he died,
he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended,
he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life
and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

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

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Please sit or kneel.

Silence

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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

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.**

Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he
gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with
thanksgiving.

Please indicate if you would like a gluten-free wafer.

Hymn during Communion: Abide with me

**Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.**

**Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see;
O thou who changest not, abide with me.**

**I need thy presence every passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.**

**I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.**

Words: Henry F. Lyte (1793–1847).

Tune: EVENTIDE, William H. Monk (1823–1889). Public Domain.

Prayer after Communion

**All: Faithful God,
we thank you for feeding us at this table
and for meeting us in this place.**

**Build us together as living stones,
founded on Christ, the cornerstone,
that we may be your dwelling place in the world.**

**As we worship in new and shared spaces,
keep us faithful in love and hope;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Before we go, let us pause to give thanks for this place, and commend what has been to God.

Silence is kept.

Prayer of Thanksgiving – Rev'd John Peet

Faithful God,
we thank you for this place,
for all the prayer offered here,
and for all whose lives have been shaped by your presence within these walls.

Receive our thanks,
and keep us faithful as we go on with you.

All: Amen.

The Blessing

Please stand.

May Christ, the living stone,
draw you together and make you strong.

May you be built into a dwelling place for God,
rooted in faith, held in hope, and bound in love.

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

All: Amen.

The Dismissal

All: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
 In the name of Christ. Amen.

Hymn: Now thank we all our God

**Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.**

**O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills,
in this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven;
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.**

Words: Martin Rinkart (1586–1649), tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827–1878).
Tune: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger (1598–1662). Public Domain.

After the service

You are warmly invited to join us for refreshments in the back room, as we spend some time together.

Continuing Our Worship

Our life of worship continues as we gather together in the Methodist Chapel in the centre of Bradley. From Sunday 1st March at 9.00am, we will meet there to pray, worship, and share in the life of faith together. We move with grateful hearts for all that has been, and with quiet confidence that God will continue to meet us, guide us, and hold us as one community in this new place. You can find details of upcoming services and events on our website at <https://kcb.church>.

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