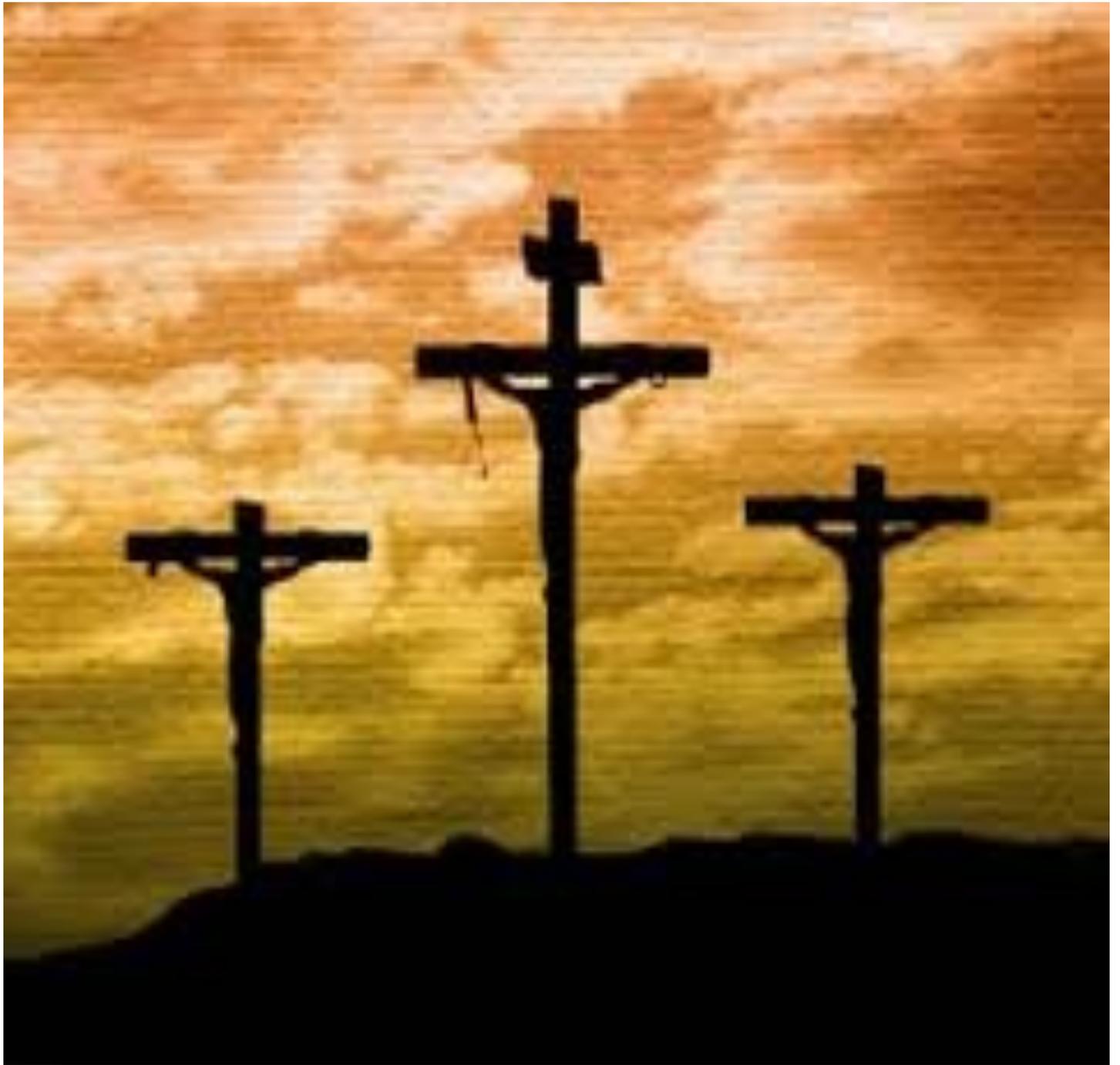


The Parish Church of St. Giles
with St Mary's, Pontefract



The Liturgy of Good Friday
10th April 2020

The Gathering

The Collect for Good Friday.

Almighty Father,
look with mercy on this your family
for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed
and given up into the hands of sinners
and to suffer death upon the cross;
who is alive and glorified with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 52.13-53.12

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

See, my servant shall prosper;
he shall be exalted and lifted up,
and shall be very high.

Just as there were many who were astonished at him—
so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance,
and his form beyond that of mortals –
so he shall startle many nations;
kings shall shut their mouths because of him;
for that which had not been told them they shall see,
and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

Who has believed what we have heard?
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.
He was despised and rejected by others;
a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;
and as one from whom others hide their faces

he was despised,
and we held him of no account.

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.

But he was wounded for our
transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made
us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

By a perversion of justice he was taken away.
Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.
They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb with the rich,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.
When you make his life an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.
Out of his anguish he shall see light;
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.
Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,



and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;
because he poured out himself to death,
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

Silence is kept

New Testament Reading Hebrews 10.16-25

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

The Holy Spirit testifies to us, for after saying,

‘This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days,
says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds’,

he also adds,

‘I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.’

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Silence is kept

Hymn (95)

**When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.**

**See from His head, His hands, His feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down:
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**His dying crimson, like a robe,
spreads o'er His body on the tree;
then am I dead to all the globe,
and all the globe is dead to me.**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

The Passion Reading

Please remain standing as you are able.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. *(no response)*

John 18.1-19.42

This is the Passion of the Lord. *(no response)*

Silence is kept

Sermon

Acclamation

Christ was manifested in the body, vindicated in the spirit,
seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations,
believed in throughout the world, glorified in high heaven.

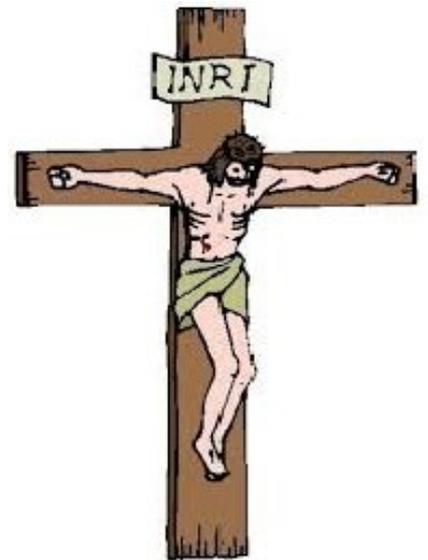
**We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world**

The Prayers of Intercession

God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him.
Therefore we pray to our heavenly Father
for people everywhere according to their needs.

After each prayer: God our Father
Let your will be done in us.

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



The President says:
O God of unchangeable power and eternal light,
look favourably on your whole Church,
that wonderful and sacred mystery,
and by the tranquil operation of your perpetual providence
carry out the work of our salvation:
and let the whole world feel and see
that things which were cast down are being raised up
and things which had grown old are being made new
and that all things are returning to perfection
through him from whom they took their origin,
even Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Hymn (90)

**O sacred head, sore wounded,
defiled and put to scorn;
O kingly head, surrounded
with mocking crown of thorn:
what sorrow mars Thy grandeur?
an death Thy bloom deflower?
O countenance whose splendour
the hosts of heaven adore!**

**Thy beauty, long-desirèd,
hath vanished from our sight;
Thy power is all expirèd,
and quenched the light of light.
Ah me! for whom Thou diest,
hide not so far Thy grace:
show me, O Love most highest,
the brightness of Thy face.**

**I pray Thee, Jesus, own me,
me, Shepherd good, for Thine;
who to Thy fold hast won me,
and fed with truth divine.
Me guilty, me refuse not,
Incline Thy face to me.
This comfort that I lose not,
on earth to comfort Thee.**

**In Thy most bitter passion
my heart to share doth cry,
with Thee for my salvation
upon the cross to die.
Ah, keep my heart thus moved
to stand Thy cross beneath,
to mourn Thee, well-belovèd,
yet thank Thee for Thy death.**

**My days are few, O fail not,
with Thine immortal power,
to hold me that I quail not
in death's most fearful hour:**

**that I may fight befriended,
and see in my last strife
to me Thine arms extended
upon the cross of life.**

Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676), from a C14th Latin hymn.
Tr. Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

The Proclamation of the Cross

A wooden cross is placed in the sight of the people.

These words are used.

Behold the wood of the cross, on which hung the Saviour of the world.
Come, let us worship.

O Saviour of the world,
who by your cross and precious blood have redeemed us,
save us and help us, we humbly pray.

A short time of silent devotion is observed.

The minister says these devotions.

We glory in your cross, O Lord,
and praise you for your mighty resurrection;
for by virtue of your cross joy has come into our world.

God be gracious to us and bless us:
and make his face shine upon us,

Let your ways be made known on earth:
your liberating power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God:
let all the peoples praise you.

We glory in your cross, O Lord,
and praise you for your mighty resurrection;

for by virtue of your cross joy has come into our world.

Almighty God,
as we stand at the foot of the cross of your Son,
may we know your love for us,
that in humility, love and joy
we may place at his feet
all that we have and all that we are;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Lord's Prayer

Remember us Lord in your heavenly kingdom,
as we your children unite our prayers with your Son.

**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.**

Giving of Communion

The president says the invitation to communion

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

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

Prayer

We use this prayer as a spiritual act of communion

**In union, O Lord with the faithful at every altar of your Church,
where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, I desire to offer you praise
and thanksgiving.**

**I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may
always be united to you. And since I cannot now receive you
sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite
myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul.
Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live and die in your
love.**

Amen.

The Conclusion

Silence is kept.

O Lord Jesus Christ,
Son of the living God,
set your passion, cross and death
between your judgement and our souls,
now and in the hour of our death.
Grant mercy and grace to the living,
rest to the departed,
to your Church peace and concord
and to us sinners forgiveness,
and everlasting life and glory;
for, with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
you are alive and reign,
God, now and for ever.
Amen.

