

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



The Fifth Sunday of Easter  
10<sup>th</sup> May 2020, 10.00 a.m.

Remembering the 75th Anniversary of Victory in Europe  
Praying for the Peace and Welfare of the Nations.

# Welcome

Below is an edited copy of the service sheet that would have been used this weekend for The Fifth Sunday of Easter. Perhaps you would like to use some of the prayers contained in this and read the Scripture passages. You might even like to sing the hymns, a search on YouTube should provide you with the music, or, if you are able, you could use this and join us on Facebook at 10 a.m. this Sunday May 10th to worship together in spirit, if not in body.

I look forward to the day when we can again share Parish Mass together.

May the peace of God which passes all understanding guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

## Canon June

Before the liturgy begins the notices are given.

A period of quiet reflection is kept during which you may wish to use the Prayer of Preparation:

**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**

# The Gathering

## Hymn (477)

**Ye that know the Lord is gracious,  
ye for whom a Corner-stone  
stands, of God elect and precious,  
laid that ye may build thereon,  
see that on that sure foundation  
ye a living temple raise,  
towers that may tell forth salvation,  
walls that may re-echo praise.**

**Living stones, by God appointed  
each to his allotted place,  
kings and priests, by God anointed,  
shall ye not declare His grace?  
Ye, a royal generation,  
tell the tidings of your birth,  
tidings of a new creation  
to an old and weary earth.**

**Tell the praise of Him who called you  
out of darkness into light,  
broke the fetters that enthralled you,  
gave you freedom, peace and sight:  
tell the tale of sins forgiven,  
strength renewed and hope restored,  
till the earth, in tune with heaven,  
praise and magnify the Lord.**

†In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Living  
Stones



Cyril A Alington (1872-1955)

# The Greeting

*The president greets the people*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

**and also with you.**

# Acclamation

Heaviness may endure for a night:

**But joy comes in the morning.**

God has been our refuge and our strength:

**A present help in time of trouble.**

Dear friends, we have come together on this day and at this Eucharist to commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE day. We come together conscious of our need for God's forgiveness for the sin and the desire to dominate others that leads to conflict between people, and war between nations.

And as we remember the many soldiers, sailors, and airmen who gave their lives restraining evil and opposing tyranny, so we also come in thanksgiving for the years of peace that the nations of Europe have enjoyed since the Second World War.

We remember joyfully today, those who gathered on that first Victory day, glad and grateful for the laughter and love that follows times of sadness and loss.

## Invitation to confession

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.  
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil  
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

1 Corinthians 5.7,8

## Prayer of Penitence

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

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

May your ways be known on the earth, your saving power among the nations:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

You, Lord, have made known your salvation, and reveal your justice in the  
sight of the nations:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*The president says*

May the God of love and power  
✠forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Gloria in Excelsis

**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.**

## A Collect for Peace

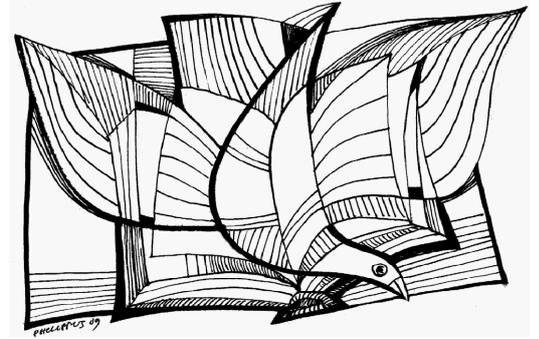
Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed:  
kindle in the hearts of all people the true love of peace;  
and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom  
those who take counsel for the nations of the earth;  
that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward,  
till the earth is filled with the knowledge of thy love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Word



## First Reading

Acts 7.55-60

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Standing before the high priest and the council, Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'

**Alleluia**

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed, Alleluia.**

# Gospel Reading

John 14.1-14

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

## Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

cf Ephesians 3

## Prayers of Intercession

In the power of the Spirit  
and in union with Christ,  
let us pray to the Father.

*After each prayer:*      Lord, in your mercy  
   **hear our prayer.**

*Those who are ill:*

Marjorie; Linda; Mar; Murray; Hans; Lesley; Gail & Liam; Derek & Janet; Pam & Brian; Cynthia; Brenda; Jean; Margaret; Jonathan; Ellie; Joyce; Barrie; Lucy Nichol; Rhys Williams; Janis Gallagher; Catherine & Colin Godridge; Pat Steel; Sandra Cutting; David Murray; Anita Murray; Robert Metcalfe; Russ Hunter; Jean Johnson; Margaret Edwards.

We pray for those who have recently died

David Lill; Graham Atkinson; Ray Steel; Bernard Smith.

And those whose years mind falls at this time:

Matthew Cookson; Andrew Savage Beveridge.

*At the end:*

Merciful Father

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

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### The Peace

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

I do not give to you as the world gives.

Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

*Cf John 14.27*

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you

**and also with you. Alleluia**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*



# Preparation of the Altar

## Offertory Hymn (206)

**Christ is our corner-stone,  
on Him alone we build;  
with his true saints alone  
the courts of heaven are filled.  
On His great love  
our hopes we place  
of present grace  
and joys above.**

**Oh, then with hymns of praise  
these hallowed courts shall ring;  
our voices we will raise  
the Three-in-One to sing;  
and thus proclaim  
in joyful song,  
both loud and long,  
that glorious name.**

**Here may we gain from heaven  
the grace which we implore;  
and may that grace, once given,  
be with us evermore,  
until that day  
when all the blest  
to endless rest  
are called away.**

Anon. Latin cC7<sup>th</sup>; tr. John Chandler (1806-1876)

## Taking of the Bread and Wine

Wise and gracious God,  
you spread a table before us;  
nourish your people with the word of life  
and the bread of heaven.

**Amen.**

## Prayer over the Gifts

Pray, my brothers and sisters  
that this my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God,  
the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice  
at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good  
and the good of all his church.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

Let us pray.

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should always sing of your glory,  
Holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For you are the hope of the nations,  
the builder of the city that is to come.

Your love made visible in Jesus Christ brings home the lost,  
restores the sinner and gives dignity to the despised.

In his face your light shines out,  
flooding lives with goodness and truth,  
gathering into one in your kingdom  
a divided and broken humanity.

Therefore with all who can give voice in your creation,  
we glorify your name, forever praising you and saying:

***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.***

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear 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:

**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.

Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray as our Saviour taught us for the coming of God's kingdom.

**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 president breaks the consecrated bread.*

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,  
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

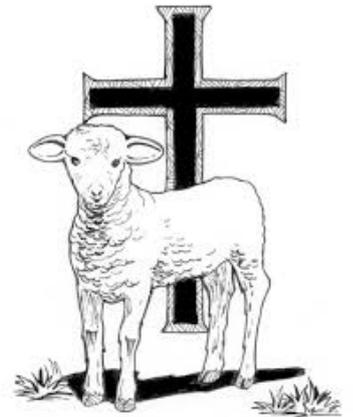
**Lord, our hearts hunger for you;  
give us this bread always.**

# Agnus Dei

**Jesus, Lamb of God,  
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
grant us your peace.**



# Giving of Communion

*The president says the invitation to communion.*

Jesus said: Gather up the fragments that nothing may be lost.

**Lord, feed us with the bread of heaven.**

# 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.**

## Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept.*

Let us pray.

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life:

in this Sacrament,

look with compassion on the anguish of the world,

and by your healing power

make whole both people and nations;

through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## An Act of Commitment

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God

and our fellow men and women:

that we may help, encourage and comfort others,

and support those

working for the relief of the needy

and for the peace and welfare of the nations.

**Lord God our Father,  
we pledge ourselves to serve you and all humankind,  
in the cause of peace,  
for the relief of want and suffering,  
and for the praise of your name.  
Guide us by your Spirit;  
give us wisdom;  
give us courage;  
give us hope;  
and keep us faithful now and always. Amen.**

O Lord our God, as we remember, teach us the ways of peace.  
As we treasure memories, teach us to hope.  
As we give thanks for the sacrifices of the past,  
help us to make your future in this world,  
until your kingdom come. **Amen.**

## A Prayer for the Sovereign

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness,  
bless our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth,  
and all who are in authority under her;  
that they may order all things in wisdom and equity,  
righteousness and peace,  
to the honour of your name,  
and the good of your Church and people;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

# The National Anthem

**God save our gracious Queen!  
Long live our noble Queen!  
God save the Queen!  
Send her victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us,  
God save the Queen.**

**Thy choicest gifts in store  
On her be pleased to pour,  
Long may she reign.  
May she defend our laws,  
And ever give us cause,  
To sing with heart and voice,  
God save the Queen.**

# The Blessing and Dismissal

God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest;  
to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth,  
and all people, peace and concord;  
and to us and all his servants, life everlasting;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
come down upon you and remain with you always.

**Amen**

# Hymn (485)

**Thy hand, O God, has guided  
Thy flock, from age to age;  
their wondrous tale is written,  
full clear, on every page.**

**Our fathers owned Thy goodness,  
and we their deeds record;  
and both of this bear witness;  
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

**Thy heralds brought glad tidings  
to greatest as to least;  
they bade men rise, and hasten  
to share the great King's feast;  
and this was all their teaching,  
in every deed and word,  
to all alike proclaiming  
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

**Through many a day of darkness,  
through many a scene of strife,  
the faithful few fought bravely,  
to guard the nation's life.**

**Their gospel of redemption,  
sin pardoned, man restored,  
was all in this enfolded:  
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

**And we, shall we be faithless?  
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?  
Shall we evade the conflict,  
and cast away our crown?**

**Not so: in God's deep counsels  
some better thing is stored;  
we will maintain, unflinching,  
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

**Thy mercy will not fail us,  
nor leave Thy work undone;  
with Thy right hand to help us,  
Thy victory shall be won;  
and then, by all creation,  
Thy name shall be adored,  
and this shall be their anthem:  
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

Words: Edward Hayes Plumptre, 1889

Go in peace to love your neighbour.  
Go in power to work for reconciliation.  
Go in hope to proclaim the resurrection.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The clergy and people depart.*

**Organ Voluntary**