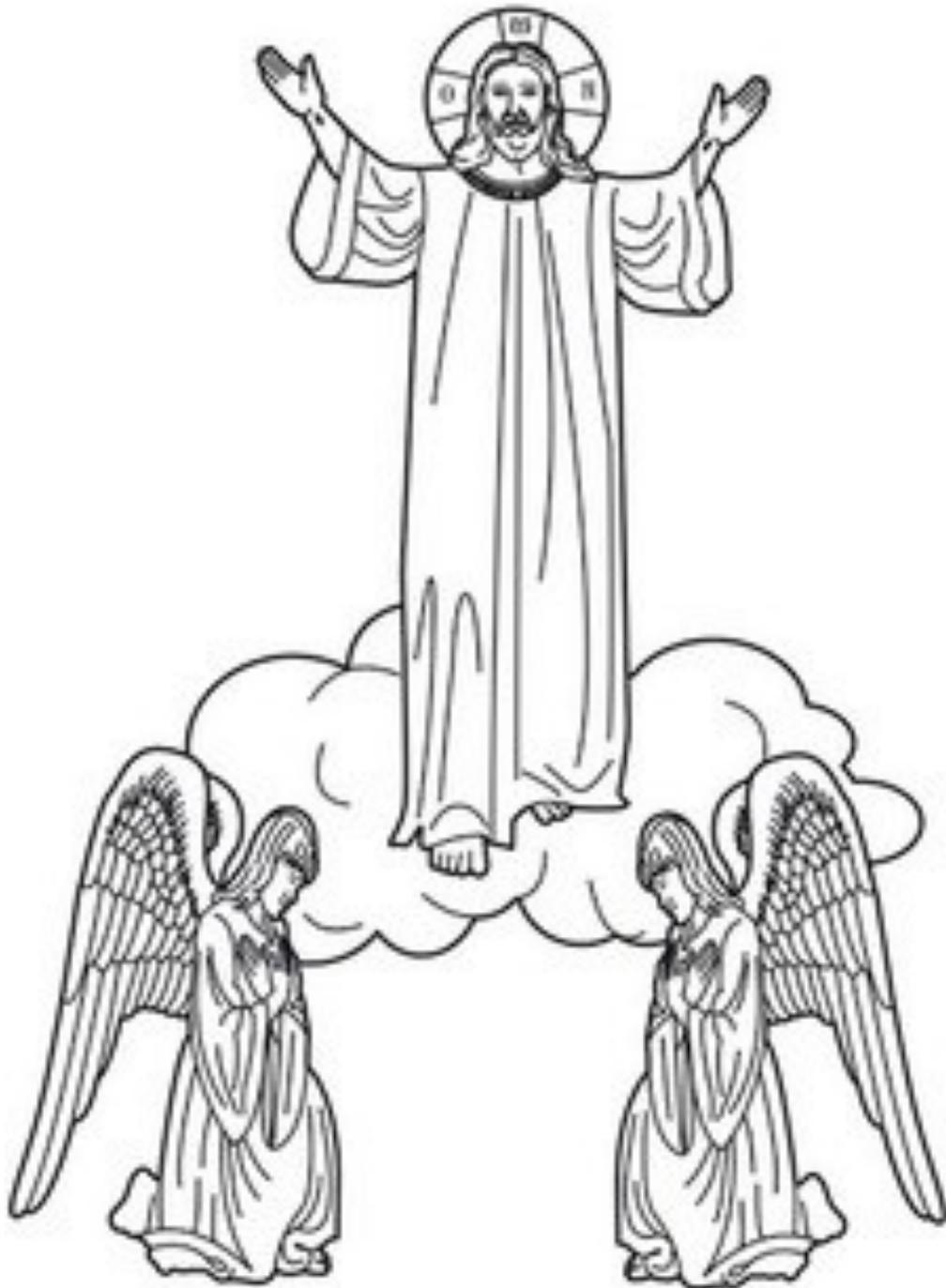


The Parish Church of St. Giles  
with St Mary's, Pontefract



The Sunday after Ascension Day  
24<sup>th</sup> May 2020, 10.00 a.m.

# Welcome

Below is an edited copy of the service sheet that would have been used this weekend for The Seventh 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 24th 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**

A bell is rung to begin our worship.

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# The Gathering

## Introit Hymn (130)

***Hail the day that sees Him rise, Alleluia!  
glorious to His native skies; Alleluia!  
Christ, awhile to mortals given,  
enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!***

***There the glorious triumph waits; Alleluia!  
lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluia!  
Christ hath vanquished death and sin;  
take the King of glory in! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!***

***There we shall with Thee remain, Alleluia!  
partners of Thine endless reign, Alleluia!  
there Thy face unclouded see,  
find our heaven of heavens in Thee, Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!***

Charles Wesley (1707-1788) & Thomas Cotterill (1779-1823)

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

**Amen.**

## The Greeting

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

## Invitation to confession

What God has prepared for those who love him,  
he has revealed to us through the Spirit;  
for the Spirit searches everything.

Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord,  
who has prepared good things for those who love him.

cf 1 Corinthians 2.9



# Prayer of Penitence

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:  
Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*The president says*

Almighty God,  
who in Jesus Christ has given us  
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,  
✠forgive you your sins,  
open your eyes to God's truth,  
strengthen you to do Gods will  
and give you the joy of his kingdom,  
through Jesus 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.**

## The Collect for the Seventh Sunday of Easter

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

**O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:  
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us  
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Word

## First Reading

Acts 1.6-14

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the apostles had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven?



This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia,

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of your love.

**Alleluia**

# Gospel Reading

John 17.1-11

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 looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

# Sermon

# 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

We pray for God to fill us with his Spirit.

Generous God,

we thank you for the power of your Holy Spirit.

We ask that we may be strengthened to serve you better.

Lord, come to bless us

**and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the wisdom of your Holy Spirit.

We ask you to make us wise to understand your will.

Lord, come to bless us

**and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the peace of your Holy Spirit.

We ask you to keep us confident of your love wherever you call us.

Lord, come to bless us

**and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the gifts of your Holy Spirit.

We ask you to equip us for the work which you have given us.

Lord, come to bless us

**and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the fruit of your Holy Spirit.

We ask you to reveal in our lives the love of Jesus.

Lord, come to bless us

**and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the healing of your Holy Spirit.

We ask you to bring reconciliation and wholeness

where there is division, sickness and sorrow.

Especially we pray for Dianne; 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.

Lord, come to bless us

**and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the breath of your Holy Spirit,  
given us by the risen Lord.

We ask you to keep the whole Church, living and departed, in the joy of  
eternal life.

Especially we remember David Lill; Graham Atkinson; Ray Steel; Bernard  
Smith recently died and years mind Isabella May Burgess; Dorothy Trevorrow;  
James Thomas Hayward; Alma Beatrice Kaye; Albert Hester.

Lord, come to bless us

**and fill us with your Spirit.**

Generous God,

you sent your Holy Spirit upon your Messiah at the river Jordan,  
and upon the disciples in the upper room:

in your mercy fill us with your Spirit,

**hear our prayer,**

**and make us one in heart and mind  
to serve you with joy for ever.**

**Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

God has made us one in Christ.

He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,  
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*



cf Ephesians 1.13,14

# Preparation of the Altar

## Offertory Hymn (134)

***The head that once was crowned with thorns  
is crowned with glory now;  
a royal diadem adorns  
the Mighty Victor's brow.***

***The highest place that heaven affords  
is His, is His by right:  
the King of kings, and Lord of lords,  
and heaven's eternal light.***

***The joy of all who dwell above,  
the joy of all below,  
to whom He manifests His love  
and grants His name to know:***

***To them the cross, with all its shame,  
with all its grace, is given;  
their name an everlasting name,  
their joy the joy of heaven.***

***They suffer with their Lord below;  
they reign with Him above;  
their profit and their joy to know  
the mystery of His love.***

***The cross He bore is life and health,  
though shame and death to Him;  
His people's hope, His people's wealth,  
their everlasting theme.***

Thomas Kelly (1769-1855)

## Taking of the Bread and Wine

Lord of all and source of our joy,  
receive our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.  
Keep us in the love of Christ  
and bring us to the vision of his glory;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For he is our great high priest who has entered once for all into the heavenly sanctuary, evermore to pour upon your Church the grace and comfort of your Holy Spirit.

He is the one who has gone before us, who calls us to be united in prayer as were his disciples in the upper room while they awaited his promised gift, the life-giving Spirit of Pentecost.

Therefore all creation yearns with eager longing as angels and archangels sing the endless hymn of praise:



# Sanctus & Benedictus

**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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

***Christ has died:***

***Christ is risen:***

***Christ will come again.***

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of Our Lady, Giles and all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!  
By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope  
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1.3

So we have confidence to pray to the Father as our Lord taught us.

**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.*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

## 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.*

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## 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.

**Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen**

## The Blessing and Dismissal

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
through the power of the Holy Spirit;  
and the blessing ...

## Hymn (271)

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
His the sceptre, His the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph,  
His the victory alone!  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Sion  
thunder like a mighty flood:  
'Jesus out of every nation  
hath redeemed us by His blood.'**

**Alleluia! Not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! He is near us;  
faith believes nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received Him,  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget His promise:  
'I am with you evermore'?**

**Alleluia! Bread of angels,  
Thou on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! Here the sinful**

**flee to thee from day to day.  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.**

**Alleluia! King eternal,  
Lord omnipotent we own;  
Alleluia! Born of Mary,  
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne.  
Thou within the veil hast entered,  
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;  
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim  
in the Eucharistic Feast.**

W Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

## Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

**Alleluia.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

*The clergy and people depart.*

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