

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

*I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.*



The Sixth Sunday of Easter  
17<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 Sixth 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 17th 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 (420)

**O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve Thee to the end:  
be Thou ever near me,  
my Master and my friend;  
I shall not fear the battle  
if Thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if Thou wilt be my guide.**

**O let me feel Thee near me!  
The world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
the tempting sounds I hear;  
my foes are ever near me,  
around me and within;  
but Jesus, draw Thou nearer,  
and shield my soul from sin.**

**O let me hear Thee speaking  
in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will;**

**O speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
Thou guardian of my soul.**

**O Jesus, Thou hast promised  
to all who follow Thee,  
that where Thou art in glory  
there shall Thy servant be;  
and, Jesus I have promised  
to serve Thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow,  
my Master and my friend.**

**O let me see Thy footmarks,  
and in them plant mine own;**



**my hope to follow duly  
is in Thy strength alone.  
O guide me, call me, draw me,  
uphold me to the end;  
and then in heaven receive me,  
my Saviour and my Friend.**

John Ernest Bode (1816-1874)

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

## The Greeting

*The president greets the people*

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

## Invitation to confession

My brothers and sisters,  
as we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ  
in word and sacrament,  
let us call to mind and confess our sins.

## Prayer of Penitence

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,  
for they are everlasting.  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions,  
but think on me in your goodness, O Lord,  
according to your steadfast love.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

let me not be put to shame, for I have put my trust in you.  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*The president says*

May God who loved the world so much  
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour  
✠forgive you your sins  
and make you holy to serve him in the world,  
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 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

God our redeemer,  
you have delivered us from the power of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:  
grant that, as by his death he has recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us  
to eternal joy;  
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..

**Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading                      Acts 17.22-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.”

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals.

While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Alleluia

## Gospel Reading

John 14.15-21

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: 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon



# The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

Let us wait upon the Lord and seek his blessing.

*After each prayer:*      **We ask in faith:  
we ask you to hear us, good Lord.**

*Those who are ill:*

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.

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:

Harold Guest; Sylvia Webb; Gladys Ackling.

*At the end:*

We commend ourselves and all for whom we pray  
to the mercy and protection of our heavenly Father.

Merciful Father

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

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### The Peace

By prayer and supplication with thanksgiving,  
let your requests be made known to God.  
And the peace of God, which passes all  
understanding,  
will guard your hearts and minds in Christ  
Jesus.

*Philippians 4.6,7*

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.*



# Preparation of the Altar

## Offertory Hymn

**Love is his word, love is his way,  
feasting with all, fasting alone,  
living and dying, rising again,  
love, only love, is his way:**

**Chorus:**

**Richer than gold is the love of my Lord,  
better than splendour and wealth.**

**Love is his way, love is his mark,  
sharing his last Passover feast,  
Christ at his table, host to the twelve,  
love, only love, is his mark:**

**Chorus**

**Love is his mark, love is his sign,  
bread for our strength, wine for our joy,  
'This is my body, this is my blood' -  
love, only love, is his sign:**

**Chorus**

**Love is his sign, love is his news,  
'Do this,' he said, 'lest you forget  
all my deep sorrow, all my dear blood' -  
love, only love, is his news:**

**Chorus**

**Love is his news, love is his name,  
we are his own, chosen and called,  
family, brethren, cousins and kin,  
love, only love, is his name:**

**Chorus**

*Love is his name, love is his law,  
hear his command, all who are his  
'Love one another, I have loved you'  
love, only love, is his law.*

**Chorus**

*Love is his law, love is his word:  
love of the Lord, Father and Word,  
love of the Spirit, God ever one,  
love, only love, is his word:*

**Chorus**

Luke Connaughton

## Taking of the Bread and Wine

Blessed be God,  
by whose grace creation is renewed,  
by whose love heaven is opened,  
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

## 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,  
almighty and eternal Father,  
and in these days of Easter  
to celebrate with joyful hearts  
the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion

Jesus Christ, your risen Son,

has conquered the powers of death and hell

and restored in men and women the image of your glory.

He has placed them once more in paradise

and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover,

earth and heaven resound with gladness,

while angels and archangels

and the powers of all creation

sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

## Sanctus & Benedictus

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of thy glory:**

**Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.**

**Blessed is he that cometh 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 Our Lady, Giles and 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

As we seek to abide in Christ's love, we pray in the words he 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.*

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

## 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.

**God our Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:  
may we thirst for you,  
the spring of life and source of goodness,  
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.  
Amen.**

# The Blessing and Dismissal

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

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who is the source of all goodness and growth,  
pour his blessing upon all things created,  
and upon you his children,  
that you may use them to his glory  
and the welfare of all peoples;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

# Hymn

***I the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard My people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin.  
My hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear My light to them?  
Whom shall I send?***

**Here I am, Lord.  
Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.  
I will hold Your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne My people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak My word to them.  
Whom shall I send?**

**Here I am, Lord...**

**I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give My life to them.  
Whom shall I send?**

**Here I am, Lord...**

Daniel L Schutte C 1981, New Dawn Music

Go in the peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*The clergy and people depart.*

Organ Voluntary