

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



The Seventh Sunday after Trinity
26th July 2020, 10:15 a.m.
Live at St Giles' Church and
Live Streamed on Facebook

Welcome back to St Giles for our Sunday Eucharist

Please familiarise yourself with the new precautions we have in place for worship in church. Do speak to Canon June, Fr Rod or the wardens if you have any questions.

We continue to pray for all who are yet to feel able to join us physically, all affected by Covid-19, all working to relieve the suffering of others, all who are unwell, concerned, afraid or alone, all baptism families and wedding couples who have been forced to delay these important occasions, and all awaiting ordination in our diocese.

Please comply with the following to ensure a safer environment for everyone.

- We strongly encourage you to wear a face mask in church, but please remove your face mask in good time before receiving the bread and replace it again immediately after. Exemptions include - Young children under the age of 11, People with breathing difficulties, People living with a disability.
- Please help to keep a period of quiet reflection before our worship begins.
- RECORDS of all attending services are kept for track and trace purposes - these are kept securely and destroyed after 21 days
- Please respect DISTANCING, and do not gather together anywhere indoors before or after the service. Household 'bubbles' may sit together, as directed by the sides-people.
- SINGING, is not currently permitted, except by a single cantor when possible. Recorded music can be used.
- Please do not raise your voice when making the responses
- We remain seated to share the PEACE verbally only.
- WAFERS will be covered and will not be touched before you receive them. The wafer which is handled and consumed by the Priest is kept separate. The CHALICE will not be shared (the priest will consecrate and consume the wine, maintaining the validity of the Eucharistic celebration) - receiving in one kind only, we receive the fullness of Christ's blessing in Holy Communion.
- When it is time to receive HOLY COMMUNION, please allow the sides-people to direct you when to move. When you reach the priest, please hold out your hands and the bread will be placed into them. The priest may wear a face- covering.
- Communion can be brought to you in your seat if you're unable to come forward, please let the wardens know, and sit near an aisle.
- BLESSINGS will not involve the laying on of hands (ie the priest will not

touch the head of the person receiving the blessing).

- A TOILET is available, but please avoid any queueing inside the toilet area.
- Please take this BOOKLET with you and recycle it
- Please leave your COLLECTION in the plate near to the exit.. No offertory will be presented.
- Candles can be lit after the service as directed by a sides-person

Thank you for bearing with these precautions, which may change...

The Gathering

Organ music will be played ahead of the service beginning

The paschal candle has been lit for today as we mark the return of the congregation to worship.

The Greeting

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

Amen.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

O God from whom all blessings flow,
we turn to you in gratitude for this place:
for every faithful footstep taken within its walls,
and every petition prayed, for every story shared,
the ordinary and the extraordinary,
from generation to generation.

We thank you that in the silence of our absence
you were still here, as well as with your people.

As we begin to return, grant to us all the wisdom to stay safe,
the comfort of your peace, and joy in coming home.

Now these doors are opened once again
let your Spirit flow out on all who come
here, bringing life, hope and healing to our community.

Invitation to confession

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with all.

Prayer of Penitence

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

The president assures us of God's forgiveness.

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.
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 after Trinity

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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

Romans 8: 26 - end

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

'For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.



This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Organ Music may be played

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

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 come boldly to the throne of grace, praying to the almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for mercy and grace.

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

We pray for those for whom prayers have been requested:

Janice; Dianne; Stephanie; Linda; Mar; Murray; Hans; Lesley; Gail & Liam; Derek & Janet; Pam & Brian; Sally & Jan; Cynthia; Brenda; Jean; Margaret; Jonathan; Ellie; Joyce; Barrie; Lucy Nichol; Rhys Williams; Janis Gallagher; Catherine & Colin Godridge; Gill & David Robertson (priest); Dave & Sandie Morrison; Pat Steel; Sandra Cutting; David Murray; Anita Murray; Robert Metcalfe; Steven Spurr; Pam Gilbert.

We pray for those who have recently died:

Barbara Grant; Russ Hunter.

Those whose years mind falls at this time:

Clifford Bratt, Violet Crosland.

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

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

*Please **DO NOT** share the peace physically*



Preparation of the Altar

Music is played as bread and wine are prepared at the altar

Taking of the Bread and Wine

God our sustainer,
receive the gifts we bring before you,
and feed us continually with that bread which satisfies all hunger,
your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. **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,
almighty and eternal Father,
enthroned upon the praises of your people.
We thank you for this house of prayer,
in which you bless your family
as we come to you in pilgrimage.
Here you reveal your presence in sacramental signs,
and make us one with you through the unseen bond of grace.
Here you build your temple of living stones,
and bring the Church to its full stature
as the body of Christ throughout the world,
to reach its perfection at last
in the heavenly city of Jerusalem,
which is the vision of your peace.
Therefore, in union with the heavenly Jerusalem,
with angels in joyful assembly,
with all whose names are written in heaven,
and with the spirits of the righteous made perfect,
we lift up our voices to join in the triumphal song of praise:

**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 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

We come boldly to the throne of grace, praying to God our Father, in the words our Saviour 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 peace.**

Giving of Communion

The president says the invitation to communion:

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed 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.**

The president receives communion, sanitises their hands and then says..

The body of Christ broken for you

(this will not be said to each individual as they receive)

*All who usually receive communion in their own churches are welcome to do so here.
If you would like to receive a blessing, please carry this service order and keep your hands
at your sides. Please come forward as the sides-people direct.*

*We receive Holy Communion (or a blessing) standing and in silence with outstretched
hands, and then return to our place. Organ music will be played.*

*If you would prefer not to receive Holy Communion, or if you're following the service at
home or at a different time, please use this prayer of spiritual 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.

Father in heaven,
whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace,
an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem:
grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage that,
fed with the living bread of heaven,
and united in the body of your Son,
we may be the temple of your presence,
the place of your glory on earth,
and a sign of your peace in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Christ, whose glory is in the heavens,
fill this house and illuminate your hearts;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

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

Organ music is played as all depart - please respect distancing and do not gather together anywhere indoors following the service.

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