

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



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday 16th August 2020, 10.15 a.m.

Live at St Giles' Church and
Live Streamed on Facebook

Welcome 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.

- In the light of recent government guidance and guidance from the Church of England, it is now mandatory (a legal requirement) to wear a face mask in church . Exemptions include - young children under the age of 11, people advised medically not to do so, people with a disability that makes the handling of masks difficult, those for whom it would cause mental distress. Further details on exemptions can be found here - <https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-08/COVID%2019%20advice%20on%20face%20coverings%20v3%20DRAFT.pdf>
- Those who are leading services (generally clergy) or events in a place of worship, and those who assist them (for instance by reading, preaching, or leading prayer) do not always need to wear a face covering, although one should be worn especially if physical distancing cannot be maintained (i.e. distributing consumables)
- 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. Sanitise your hands as directed. When you reach the priest, please stretch out your hands and the bread will be placed into them. The priest will wear a face-covering.
- You will need to sanitise your hands (top of middle aisle) before moving down the aisle to receive communion and ahead of touching/removing your mask to receive the bread.
- 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

†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.

Acclamation

Father God, you chose the Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son.
Have mercy on all who wait for your redemption.

Invitation to confession

We have done what was wrong in the Lord's sight
and chosen what displeased him.

Yet as a mother comforts her child,
so shall the Lord himself comfort us.

So let us come to him who knows our every deed and thought.

Prayer of Penitence

**O King enthroned on high, filling the earth with your glory:
holy is your name, Lord God almighty.**

**In our sinfulness we cry to you to take our guilt away,
and to cleanse our lips to speak your word,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of Peace:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary:
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and splendour of the Father:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The president says

The Lord enrich you with his grace,
and nourish you with his blessing;
the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil;
the Lord accept your prayers,
✠ and absolve you from your offences,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

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 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

**Almighty God,
who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary
and chose her to be the mother of your only Son:
grant that we who are redeemed by his blood
may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom;
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

Galatians 4.4-7

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Organ Music may be played

Gospel Reading

Luke 1.46-55

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Mary said

'My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;



He has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**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.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**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

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:

Dianne; Brenda; Barrie; Jonathan; Cynthia; Janice; Maria; Ellie; Sally; Jan; Hans; Jenny (priest); Andrew; Eileen; Dave & Sandie Morrison; Pam Gilbert; Lucy Nichol; Robert Metcalfe; Janis Gallagher; Geoff Hancock; Rhys Williams; Gill and David Robertson (priest); Steven Spurr; Ken Biddle; Pat Steel; Anita Murray; David Murray.

We pray for those who have recently died:

Kathleen Beaumont; LJ (James)

Those whose years mind falls at this time:

Ella Vivian Howarth; Eric Rushton; Michael Whitcombe (Priest); Norman Hemstock.

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

Through the prophet Isaiah, God says,
'As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you.'

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.

*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 Father,
your handmaid Mary fed your Son at her virgin breast.

**Nourish us at this table with the bread of heaven
and the cup of salvation.**

Through 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 and good,
our duty and our salvation,
almighty Father, ever-living God,
to give you thanks and praise
for the work of your grace in the Blessed Virgin Mary.

For by the overshadowing of your Holy Spirit
she conceived and bore the Word made flesh.
At the cross she kept her vigil,
and saw the saving work of your Son brought to its perfection.
She rejoiced in his resurrection,
and joining her prayers with those of the apostles,
was filled with the gift of your promised Spirit.
In her you show us the greatness of your love,
and the wonderful purpose you intend for all your children.

Therefore we join our voice with hers,
and all the company of heaven,
as they say with joy the hymn of your glory:

**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.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit



these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;
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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.**

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has 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.

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

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.

**God most high,
whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh:
we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption
you visit us with your Holy Spirit
and overshadow us by your power;
strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience
and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

The Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

May the Father,
who has loved the eternal Son
from before the foundation of the world,
shed that love upon you his children.

Amen.

May Christ,
who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly,
fill you with joy and peace.

Amen.



May the Holy Spirit,
by whose overshadowing Mary became the God-bearer,
give you grace to carry the good news of Christ.

Amen.

and the blessing ...

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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