

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



The Annunciation of Our Lord to
the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday March 25th 2021 12:00 noon.

Live Streamed on Facebook from St Giles' Church

WELCOME TO WORSHIP- helping to keep each other safe.

MOBILE PHONES—To avoid loss of signal when livestreaming the service, would you please either turn your phone off or put it onto 'Airplane Mode' in settings

FACE MASKS – must be worn unless you are exempt

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HAND HYGIENE – Please sanitise on entry and exit and before receiving communion

SOCIAL DISTANCING – The 2 metres rule to be followed, or if not possible 1 metre plus with mitigations

SEATING ARRANGEMENTS – You will be seated in appropriate seats by the sidespeople

SERVICE SHEETS – Please take home with you

MUSIC, SINGING AND RESPONSES - Singing is not currently permitted for congregations. A small choral group is permitted. All responses will be said using a quiet voice

THE PEACE – please only share by a smile or wave

RECEIVING COMMUNION – The sidespeople will direct you. Please sanitise your hands as directed. When you reach the priest, please remove your mask and stretch out your hands.

AT THE END OF THE SERVICE - Please remain in your seat until a steward asks you to leave, and then please go directly to the designated exit as guided by them. Mingling amongst groups is not permitted by law indoors and outdoors.

FOOD AND DRINK – sadly, there can be no refreshments available after the service.

LIGHTING OF CANDLES – can be done after the service.

TOILETS -Toilet facilities are available, but only one person will be able to enter the toilet area at a time to ensure social distancing.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS – please place onto the plate near the exit door.

The Eucharist

The Gathering

The president says

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

Amen.

Grace mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of Penitence

The grace of God has dawned upon the world
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.
Let us confess our sins.

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

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

Kyrie Eleison

Lord have mercy

Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy

Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy

Lord have mercy

The Collect for the Annunciation of Our Lord

Let us pray

Silence is kept

Almighty God,
so fill us with your grace,
that we in all things may accept your holy will
and with the Virgin Mary, full of grace,
rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Isaiah 7:10-14

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Luke 1:26-38

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.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most

High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

Prayers of Intercession

On this day the Father made our salvation known to Mary
by the message of an angel.

Filled with confidence, let us pray.

After each prayer:

Holy God

Hear our prayer

You chose the Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son.

Have mercy on all who wait for your redemption.

We pray for ... [the Church universal]

Through your angel Gabriel you brought a message of peace and joy to Mary.

Give to the world the joy and peace of salvation.

We pray for ... [the peace of the world]

By the consent of your handmaid and the power of the Holy Spirit,
your Word came to dwell among us.

Open our hearts to receive Christ, as Mary the Virgin received him.

We pray for ... [those present]

You look with compassion on the lowly

and fill the hungry with good things.

Encourage the downhearted, help all those in need

and comfort those near to death.

We pray for ... [the sick, the suffering, the helpless]

To you, O God, nothing is impossible,

and you alone do marvellous things;

save us, and bring us on the last day

with ... and all the faithful departed

into your glorious kingdom.

Grant, O Lord,
that by the riches of your grace
we may grow up into him who unites our life to yours,
even he who is the first-born of all creation,
your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

At the end, the Hail Mary may be said:

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee:
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now
and in the hour of our death.

Amen.

We conclude our prayers:

Merciful Father

**accept these prayers
for the sake of your son
our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The president introduces the Peace

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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 **DONOT** share the peace physically*

Preparation of the Altar

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Almighty God,
so fill us with your grace,
that we in all things may accept your holy will
and with the Virgin Mary, full of grace,
rejoice in your salvation;
strengthen us at this table with the bread of heaven
and the cup of salvation
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The Eucharistic Prayer

The president says

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

We give you thanks and praise
that the Virgin Mary heard with faith the message of the angel,
and by the power of your Holy Spirit
conceived and bore the Word made flesh.

From the warmth of her womb
to the stillness of the grave
he shared our life in human form.

In him new light has dawned upon the world
and you have become one with us
that we might become one with you
in your glorious kingdom.

Therefore earth unites with heaven
to sing a new song of praise;
we too join with angels and archangels
as they proclaim your glory without end:

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 St Giles, our Lady 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

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, 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

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

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 clergy and people receive Communion.

You may wish to use the following 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.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

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.

**Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen**

The Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary,
fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will;
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.

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