

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



The Liturgy of Good Friday

2nd April 2020 2.00 p.m.

Live at St Giles' Church and

Live Streamed on Facebook

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
- **TEST AND TRACE** – Please give your details to the sidesperson or use the NHS 'Test and Trace' app
- **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. The rule of six applies.
- **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 Gathering

The ministers enter in silence and lay prostrate before the altar. All kneel for a time of silent prayer

The Collect for Good Friday.

Let us pray.

Silence is kept

Almighty Father,
look with mercy on this your family
for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed
and given up into the hands of sinners
and to suffer death upon the cross;
who is alive and glorified with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.



The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 52.13-53.12

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

See, my servant shall prosper;
he shall be exalted and lifted up,
and shall be very high.

Just as there were many who were astonished at him—
so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance,
and his form beyond that of mortals —
so he shall startle many nations;
kings shall shut their mouths because of him;
for that which had not been told them they shall see,
and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

Who has believed what we have heard?
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
For he grew up before him like a young plant,

and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.
He was despised and rejected by others;
a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;
and as one from whom others hide their faces
he was despised,
and we held him of no account.

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.

But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

By a perversion of justice he was taken away.

Who could have imagined his future?

For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.

They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb with the rich,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.

When you make his life an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

Out of his anguish he shall see light;
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.
Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;
because he poured out himself to death,
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

Silence is kept

New Testament Reading Hebrews 10.16-25

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

The Holy Spirit testifies to us, for after saying,
‘This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days,
says the Lord:
I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds’,
he also adds,

‘I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.’
Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.
Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by
the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through
the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over
the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith,
with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies
washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope
without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider
how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to
meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all
the more as you see the Day approaching.

Silence is kept

We listen to a CD recording of -

Hymn

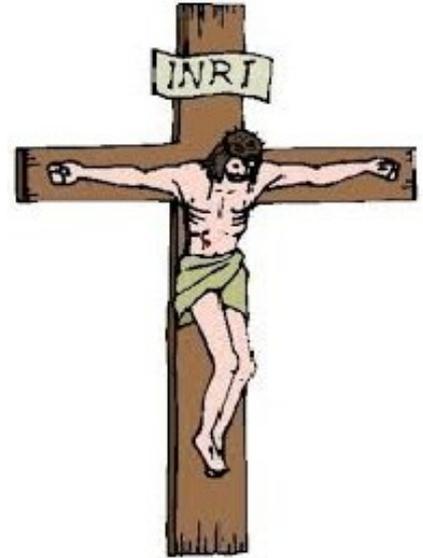
When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down:
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

His dying crimson, like a robe,
spreads o'er His body on the tree;
then am I dead to all the globe,
and all the globe is dead to me.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.



Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

The Passion Reading

Please stand as you are able.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. *(no response)*

John 18.1-19.37

This is the Passion of the Lord. *(no response)*

Silence is kept

Sermon

Acclamation

Christ was manifested in the body, vindicated in the spirit,
seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations,
believed in throughout the world, glorified in high heaven.

**We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world**

The Prayers of Intercession

God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him.
Therefore we pray to our heavenly Father
for people everywhere according to their needs.

After each prayer: God our Father
 Let your will be done in us.

At the end: Merciful Father
 **accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The President says:
O God of unchangeable power and eternal light,
look favourably on your whole Church,
that wonderful and sacred mystery,
and by the tranquil operation of your perpetual providence
carry out the work of our salvation:
and let the whole world feel and see
that things which were cast down are being raised up
and things which had grown old are being made new
and that all things are returning to perfection
through him from whom they took their origin,
even Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

We listen to a CD recording of -

Hymn

*O sacred head, sore wounded,
defiled and put to scorn;
O kingly head, surrounded
with mocking crown of thorn:
what sorrow mars Thy grandeur?
an death Thy bloom deflower?
O countenance whose splendour
the hosts of heaven adore!*

*Thy beauty, long-desirèd,
hath vanished from our sight;
Thy power is all expirèd,
and quenched the light of light.
Ah me! for whom Thou diest,
hide not so far Thy grace:
show me, O Love most highest,
the brightness of Thy face.*

*I pray Thee, Jesus, own me,
me, Shepherd good, for Thine;
who to Thy fold hast won me,
and fed with truth divine.
Me guilty, me refuse not,
Incline Thy face to me.
This comfort that I lose not,
on earth to comfort Thee.*

*In Thy most bitter passion
my heart to share doth cry,
with Thee for my salvation
upon the cross to die.
Ah, keep my heart thus moved
to stand Thy cross beneath,
to mourn Thee, well-belovèd,
yet thank Thee for Thy death.
My days are few, O fail not,*

*with Thine immortal power,
to hold me that I quail not
in death's most fearful hour:
that I may fight befriended,
and see in my last strife
to me Thine arms extended
upon the cross of life.*

Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676), from a C14th Latin hymn.
Tr. Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

The Proclamation of the Cross

A wooden cross is placed in the sight of the people.

These words are used.

Behold the wood of the cross, on which hung the Saviour of the world.

Come, let us worship.

O Saviour of the world,
who by your cross and precious blood have redeemed us,
save us and help us, we humbly pray.

A short time of silent devotion is observed.

The minister says these devotions.

We glory in your cross, O Lord,
and praise you for your mighty resurrection;
for by virtue of your cross joy has come into our world.

God be gracious to us and bless us:
and make his face shine upon us,

Let your ways be made known on earth:
your liberating power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God:
let all the peoples praise you.

We glory in your cross, O Lord,
and praise you for your mighty resurrection;

for by virtue of your cross joy has come into our world.

Almighty God,
as we stand at the foot of the cross of your Son,
may we know your love for us,
that in humility, love and joy
we may place at his feet
all that we have and all that we are;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Lord's Prayer

Remember us Lord in your heavenly kingdom,
as we your children unite our prayers with your Son.

**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.**

Giving of Communion

The president says the invitation to communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Happy 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 and people receive communion.

Communion is taken from the Reserved sacrament consecrated on Maundy Thursday.

The body of Christ broken for you. **Amen.**

Those who feel unable or do not wish to receive communion at the moment, may use this prayer silently 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.

The Conclusion

Silence is kept.

O Lord Jesus Christ,
Son of the living God,
set your passion, cross and death
between your judgement and our souls,
now and in the hour of our death.
Grant mercy and grace to the living,
rest to the departed,
to your Church peace and concord
and to us sinners forgiveness,
and everlasting life and glory;
for, with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
you are alive and reign,
God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Gospel of the Burial of Jesus is read (John 19.38-42).

The ministers depart in silence.



From the sonnets of Malcolm Guite which explore the Stations of the Cross.
This relates to Station XI as Jesus is nailed to the cross

See, as they strip the robe from off his back
And spread his arms and nail them to the cross,
The dark nails pierce him and the sky turns black,
And love is firmly fastened onto loss.
But here a pure change happens. On this tree
Loss becomes gain, death opens into birth.
Here wounding heals and fastening makes free
Earth breathes in heaven, heaven roots in earth.
And here we see the length, the breadth, the height
Where love and hatred meet and love stays true
Where sin meets grace and darkness turns to light
We see what love can bear and be and do,
And here our saviour calls us to his side
His love is free, his arms are open wide.

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