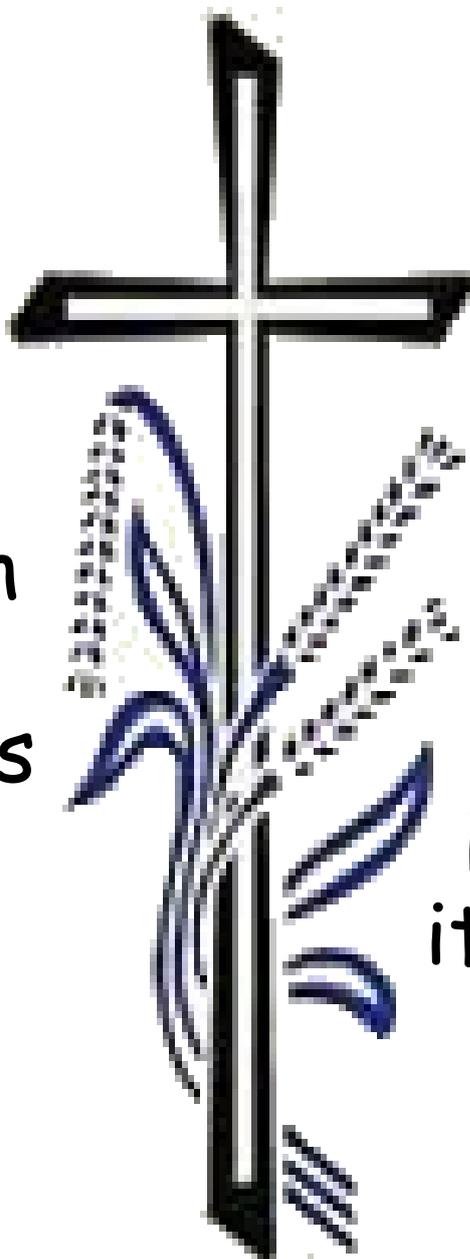


# The Parish Church of St Giles with St Mary's, Pontefract

Unless a  
grain of  
wheat  
falls into  
the earth  
and dies,  
it remains  
just a  
single  
grain



but if  
it dies,  
it bears  
much  
fruit.

The Fifth Sunday of Lent  
21<sup>st</sup> March 2021, 10.15 a.m.

Live at St Giles' Church and  
Live Streamed on Facebook

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP- helping to keep each other safe.

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

# The Gathering

## Introit Hymn (Sung by The Choir)

*Glory be to Jesus,  
Who, in bitter pains,  
Poured for me the life-blood  
From His sacred veins.*

*Grace and life eternal  
In that Blood I find;  
Blest be His compassion,  
Infinitely kind.*

*Blest through endless ages  
Be the precious stream,  
Which from endless torments  
Did the world redeem.*



Italian Tr. Edward Caswall (1814-78)

✠ 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

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God,  
though we have rebelled against him.

Let us then renounce our wilfulness and ask his mercy  
by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

# Prayer of Penitence

**Lord God,  
we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us according to your love.  
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

cf Psalm 51

*The president says*

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.**

## Kyrie Eleison

Lord have mercy  
**Lord have mercy**  
Christ have mercy  
**Christ have mercy**  
Lord have mercy  
**Lord have mercy**



## The Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Lent.

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept*

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ  
delivered and saved the world:  
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross  
we may triumph in the power of his victory;  
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                      Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading                      Hebrews 5:5-10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,  
'You are my Son, today I have begotten you';  
as he says also in another place,  
'You are a priest for ever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.'

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

John 12.20-33

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.**

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

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 in faith to the throne of grace, offering our prayers to God, the source of all life and holiness.

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

*We pray for those for whom prayers have been requested:*

Sebastian; Jonathan; Brenda; Janet; Morag; Catherine; Cynthia; Denzil & David; Andrew & Jenny; Ali & Barbara Berridge; Ann Knox; Gayle Ablethorpe; ; Janis Gallagher; Lucy Nicholl; Rhys Williams; Anita Murray; David Murray; Jonathan Bellamy; Fred Ruddick; Maureen Steane; Pat Steel.

*We pray for those who have recently died:*

Marjorie Pickles; John Edward Green; Gary Hodginson.

*Those whose years mind falls at this time:*

Evelyn Clark; Stanley Taylor; Roger Michael Whitaker; Ida Swann.

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

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## The Peace

Once we were far off,  
but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near  
through the shedding of Christ's blood,  
for he is our peace.

cf Ephesians 2.13

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

### Offertory Hymn (Sung by The Choir)

*Abel's blood for vengeance  
Pleaded to the skies;  
But the blood of Jesus  
For our pardon cries.*

*Oft as it is sprinkled,  
On our guilty hearts;  
Satan in confusion  
Terror-struck departs.*

*Oft as earth exulting  
Wafts its praise on high,  
Hell with terror trembles  
Heaven is filled with joy.*

*Lift ye then your voices;  
Swell the mighty flood;  
Louder still and louder  
Praise the precious blood.*



Italian Tr. Edward Caswall (1814-78)

## Taking of the Bread and Wine

Jesus, true vine and bread of life,  
ever giving yourself that the world might live,  
let us share your death and passion:  
make us perfect in your love.

**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,  
it is our duty and our joy,  
at all times and in all places  
to give you thanks and praise,  
holy Father, heavenly King,  
almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now we give you thanks  
because, for our salvation, he was obedient even to death on the cross.

The tree of shame was made the tree of glory;  
and where life was lost, there life has been restored.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

## 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.**



All glory be to you, our heavenly Father,  
who, in your tender mercy,  
gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption;  
who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered  
a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of  
the whole world;

he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue,  
a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray,  
and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine,  
according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution,  
in remembrance of his death and passion,  
may be partakers of his most blessed body and 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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father,  
in remembrance of the precious death and passion,  
the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension  
of your dear Son Jesus Christ,  
we offer you through him this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Grant that by his merits and death, and through faith in his blood,  
we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins  
and all other benefits of his passion.

Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins,  
to offer you any sacrifice,  
yet we pray that you will accept this the duty and service that we owe.

Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences,  
and fill us all who share in this holy communion  
with your grace and heavenly blessing;

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

With confidence in Christ, our great high priest, we pray as 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.*

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 worry to receive you,**  
**but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*The President and people receive communion.*

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.**

**Hymn** (Sung by The Choir)

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

*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 C14<sup>th</sup> Latin hymn.  
Tr. Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

# Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept.*

Let us pray.

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us  
that what we do for the least of our  
brothers and sisters  
we do also for you:  
give us the will to be the servant of others  
as you were the servant of all,  
and gave up your life and died for us,  
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.**

**Amen**

*Notices are given.*



# The Blessing and Dismissal

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

Christ crucified draw you to himself,  
to find in him a sure ground for faith,  
a firm support for hope,  
and the assurance of sins forgiven;  
and the blessing ...

**Amen.**

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

*The clergy recess.*

**Hymn** (Sung by The Choir)

*Drop, drop, slow tears, and bathe those beautiful feet,  
which brought from heaven the news and Prince of Peace.*

*Cease not, wet eyes, His mercies to entreat;  
to cry for vengeance sin doth never cease.  
In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears;  
nor let His eye see sin, but through my tears.*

Phineas Fletcher (1582-1650)

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