

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

JUST AS THE
SON OF MAN
CAME NOT TO BE SERVED
BUT TO SERVE,
AND TO GIVE HIS LIFE
A RANSOM FOR MANY.

MATTHEW 20.28

The Eighth Sunday After Trinity
Feast of James the Apostle
25th July 2021, 10.15 a.m.

Live at St Giles' Church and
Live Streamed on Facebook

Moving forward together

On 19th July we reached step 4 of the Government's roadmap. This step removes all legal restrictions on social contact and places greater responsibility on individuals and organisations to make local decisions regarding the continued wearing of masks and social contact with others. Even with these permissions, many organisations are, in coming weeks, still asking people to wear face masks and whilst reducing social distancing are still providing for its continuance in some form to ensure that people feel safe and comfortable. We know that many of the restrictions we undertake are not for our own benefit but for the benefit of others.

These decisions will be reviewed later in August, or sooner if needed, for the start of September.

- Those who use the track & trace app will be encouraged to continue to check in, but we will **no longer** require everyone to sign in and book for services.
- We strongly advise that people continue to wear face masks for worship.
- Hand sanitizer stations will continue to be available and their use encouraged.
- Doors will continue to be left open to improve ventilation.
- After Sunday 25th July, we will invite people to choose their own seats, but advise leaving two seats space between different groups who are seated on the same row. The gaps between rows will be reduced. Strict socially distanced seating will be retained in the café area and balcony should that prove necessary.
- We will slowly introduce limited congregational singing, whilst asking people to remain masked to sing. For July 25th, the congregation will be able to sing the final hymn, leaving the choir to sing any other music.
- We will not, at this point, be making any changes to how we currently share the peace.
- The priest will continue to hand sanitise and wear a face covering when distributing communion.
- We will continue following a one-way system for communion and moving around church.
- We will retain only taking communion in one kind until we can return to the common cup safely.
- The collection will remain as a basket placed near the north door.
- The live streaming of services will be continued in the short term.
- We will hope to return to refreshments after services and on Saturdays, no later than the beginning of September.
- Any church groups seeking to resume meeting in church ahead of September need to speak with the vicar and wardens for advice on risk assessing the activity.

A bell is rung to begin our worship.

The Gathering

Introit Hymn

*Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant, too.*

*We are pilgrims on a journey,
fellow trav'lers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.*

*I will hold the Christlight for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.*

*I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.*

*When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.*

*Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant, too.*



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✠ 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

We run the race set before us,
surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.
Therefore let us lay aside every weight,
and the sin which clings so closely,
bringing them to Jesus in penitence and faith.

Hebrews 12.1

Prayer of Penitence

Lord Jesus, in your love you invite us to be your friends:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, in your joy you choose us to go out and
bear fruit:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, in your power you send us to be your
faithful witnesses:

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 Addington

*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 James the Apostle

Let us pray.

Silence is kept

Merciful God,
whose holy apostle Saint James,
leaving his father and all that he had,
was obedient to the calling of your Son Jesus Christ
and followed him even to death:
help us, forsaking the false attractions of the world,
to be ready at all times to answer your call without delay;
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 Acts 11.27 - 12.2

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Alleluia

Gospel Reading Matthew 20.20-28

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.

The mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favour of him. And he said to her, 'What do you want?' She said to him, 'Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.' But Jesus answered, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?' They said to him, 'We are able.' He said to them, 'You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.'

When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to him and said, 'You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

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

In the power of the Spirit
and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father.

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

Today we pray for Bobbie Beryl Farraker and her family on the occasion of her celebration of the sacrament of baptism.

We pray for those for whom prayers have been requested:

Cynthia; Steph; Dawn; Christine; Brenda; Dianne; Dave; Terry, Ian; Morag; Gayle Ablethorpe; Lucy Nichol; Janet Hickling; Tracy Birkitt; Rhys Williams; Pat Steel; Maureen Steane; Anita Murray; David Murray; Andrew & Jenny Priest; Denzil & David; Val & Stephen.

We pray for those who have recently died:

Barbara Sheldon; Beth Riley.

Those whose years mind falls at this time:

Bob Grice; Clifford Bratt.

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

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near.

Ephesians 2.19,17

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

*YE servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad His wonderful name:
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol:
His kingdom is glorious, and rules over all.*

*God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
and still He is nigh, His presence we have.
The great congregation His triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.*

*Salvation to God Who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud, and honour the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.*

*Then let us adore, and give Him His right:
all glory and power, all wisdom and might,
all honour and blessing, with angels above,
and thanks never-ceasing, and infinite love.*

Charles Wesley, 1707-88

Taking of the Bread and Wine

God our Father,
keep us united in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread and the prayers,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

cf Acts 2.42

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
that we should give you thanks, praise and glory,
almighty and everlasting God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
For after his resurrection
he sent out his apostles and evangelists
to preach the gospel to all nations
and lead us in the way of truth.

Himself the chief cornerstone,
he founded his Church upon the apostles
firmly to stand for ever
as a sign of your holiness upon earth
and a living witness to all
of the way that leads to heaven.
And so with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
we lift our voices
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

Sanctus & Benedictus Nardone - The Kilcreggan Mass

*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 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

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as 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 Nardone - The Kilcreggan Mass

*Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.*

*Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.*

*Jesus, redeemer of the world,
give us your peace.*

Giving of Communion

The president says the invitation to communion.

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you.
Eat in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

**Lord, I am not worthy 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

*For all the saints, O Lord,
who strove in Thee to live,
who followed Thee, obeyed, adored,
our grateful hymn receive.*

*For all the saints, O Lord,
who strove in Thee to die,
and found in Thee a full reward,
accept our thankful cry.*

*Thine earthly members fit
to join Thy saints above,
in one communion ever knit,
one fellowship of love.*

*Jesu, Thy Name we bless,
and humbly pray that we
may follow them in holiness,
who lived and died for Thee.*

*All might, all praise, be Thine,
Father, co-equal Son,
and Spirit, bond of love Divine,
while endless ages run*

Richard Mant (1776-1848)

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Let us pray.

Almighty God

who on the day of Pentecost

sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles

with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,

filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:

by the power of the same Spirit

strengthen us to witness to your truth

and to draw everyone to the fire of your love

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Notices are given

The Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you

and also with you.

Christ, who has nourished us with himself the living bread,

make you one in praise and love, and raise you up at the last day;

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.

Hymn (368)

**Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim though this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
hold me with Thy powerful hand.**

**Bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more.**

**Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.**

**Strong Deliverer,
be Thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.**

**Songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee.**

William Williams (1717-1791); trans. Peter Williams (1727-1796) *et al.*

The altar party departs.

Organ Voluntary

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Much missed Husband, Dad and Grandad

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