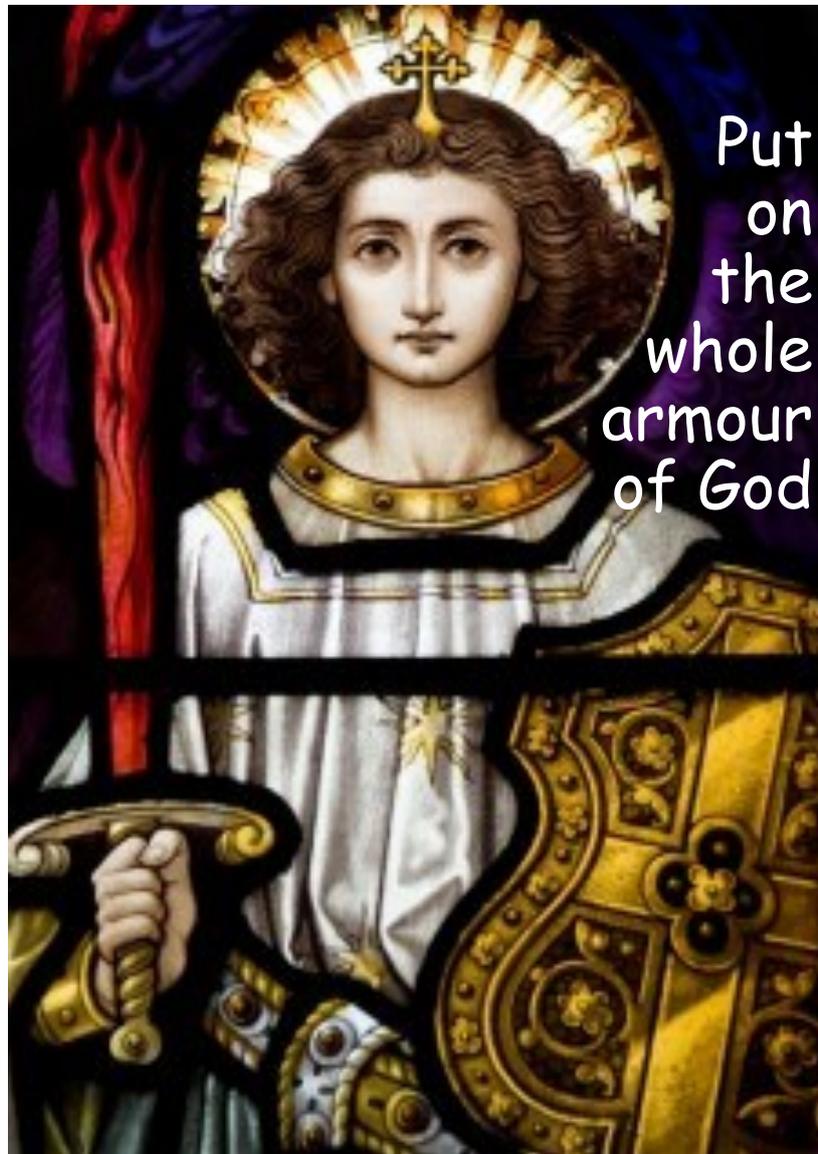


# The Parish Church of St Giles with St Mary's, Pontefract



The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity  
22<sup>nd</sup> August 2021, 10.15 a.m.

Live at St Giles' Church and  
Live Streamed on Facebook

## Moving forward together

On 19<sup>th</sup> 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.
- 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.
- 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

## Hymn (431)

**O Thou who camest from above  
the fire celestial to impart,  
kindle a flame of sacred love  
on the mean altar of my heart.**

**There let it for Thy glory burn  
with inextinguishable blaze,  
and trembling to its source return  
in humble prayer and fervent praise.**

**Jesus, confirm my heart's desire  
to work and speak and think for Thee;  
still let me guard the holy fire  
and still stir up the gift in me.**

**Still let me prove Thy perfect will,  
my acts of faith and love repeat,  
till death Thy endless mercies seal,  
and make the sacrifice complete.**



Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

✠ 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.**

Isaiah 6.3

## Invitation to confession

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin  
and be faithful to Christ.

As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith,  
we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

## Prayer of Penitence

**Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy  
forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly,  
love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.**

*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 the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray  
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:  
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,  
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid  
and giving us those good things  
which we are not worthy to ask  
but through the merits and mediation  
of 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

Ephesians 6.10-20

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Alleluia

## Gospel Reading

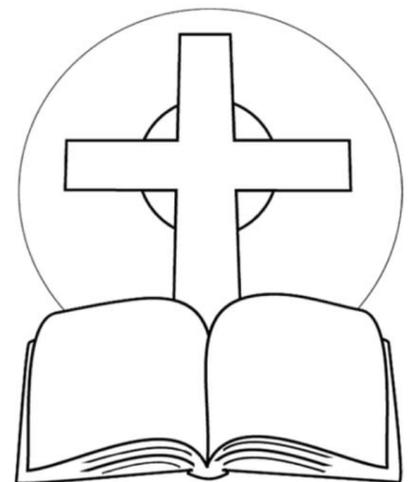
John 6.56-69

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.**

Jesu said to the crowd: "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that



came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

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

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.**

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

Cynthia; Steph; Dawn; Jonathan; Christine; Brenda; Dianne; Dave; Terry, Ian;  
Morag; Ali; Barbara; Mike; Janis Gallagher; Lucy Nichol; Janet Hickling; Tracy  
Birkitt; Rhys Williams; Pat Steel; Maureen Steane; Anita Murray; David Murray;  
John Colvill; Andrew & Jenny Priest; Denzil & David.

*We pray for those who have recently died:*

Barbara Sheldon; Beth Riley; Val Farnsworth;

*Those whose years mind falls at this time:*

Norman Hemstock; Isabella Jackson; John Sanderson; Alice Ainslie; Peter  
Hemstock.

*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 the body of Christ.

In the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.

Let us then pursue all that makes for peace

And builds up our common life.

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

*Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast,  
body of Christ, be thou my saving guest,  
blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,  
wash me with water flowing from thy side.*

*Strength and protection may thy passion be,  
O blessed Jesu, hear and answer me;  
deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,  
so shall I never, never part from thee.*

*Guard and defend me from the foe malign,  
in death's dread moments make me only thine;  
call me and bid me come to thee on high  
where I may praise thee with thy saints for ay.*

Latin C 14<sup>th</sup>; tr. Anonymous

## Taking of the Bread and Wine

Holy God,  
holy and strong, holy and immortal,  
give us the bread of everlasting life,  
and make us branches of the true vine.

**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

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 your Son our Lord.

For he is your living Word;  
through him you have created all things from the beginning,  
and formed us in your own image.

Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin,  
giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross;  
you raised him from the dead  
and exalted him to your right hand on high.

Through him you have sent upon us  
your holy and life-giving Spirit,  
and made us a people for your own possession.

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

## Sanctus & Benedictus Addington

*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:  
Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer

Through the merits of Christ and the power of the Spirit, we have confidence to approach God our Father in the words 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.*

Every time we eat this bread  
and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.**

# Agnus Dei Nardone ~ Addington

*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.*

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 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

*Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness,  
leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,  
come into the daylight's splendour,  
there with joy thy praises render  
unto Him whose grace unbounded  
hath this wondrous banquet founded;  
high o'er all the heavens He reigneth,  
yet to dwell with thee He deigneth.*

*Now I sink before Thee lowly,  
filled with joy most deep and holy,  
as with trembling awe and wonder  
on Thy mighty works I ponder;  
how, by mystery surrounded,  
depths no man hath ever sounded,  
none may dare to pierce unbidden  
secrets that with Thee are hidden.*

*Sun, who all my life dost brighten;  
Light, who dost my soul enlighten;  
Joy, the sweetest man e'er knoweth;  
Fount, whence all my being floweth:  
at Thy feet I cry, my Maker,  
let me a fit partaker  
of this blessed food from heaven,  
for our good, Thy glory, given.*

*Jesus, Bread of life, I pray Thee,  
let me gladly here obey Thee;  
never to my hurt invited,  
be Thy love with love requited;  
from this banquet let me measure,  
Lord, how vast and deep its treasure;  
through the gifts Thou here dost give me,  
as Thy guest in heaven receive me.*

*Johann Franck (1618-1677); trans. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)*

# Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept.*

Let us pray.

**God of all mercy,  
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins  
and given us your healing:  
grant that we who are made whole in Christ  
may bring that healing to this broken world,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen**

*Notices are given*

## The Blessing and Dismissal

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

May the Father from whom every family  
in earth and heaven receives its name  
strengthen you with his Spirit in your inner being,  
so that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith;  
and the blessing ...

**Amen.**

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



## Hymn (478)

**Ye watchers and ye holy ones,  
bright seraphs, cherubim and thrones,  
raise the glad strain, Alleluya!  
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers,  
virtues, archangels, angels' choirs,  
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya,  
Alleluya!**

**O higher than the cherubim,  
more glorious than the seraphim,  
lead their praises, Alleluya!  
Thou Bearer of the eternal Word,  
most gracious, magnify the Lord.**

**Alleluya...**

**Respond, ye souls in endless rest,  
ye patriarchs and prophets blest,  
Alleluya, alleluya!  
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,  
all saints triumphant, raise the song**

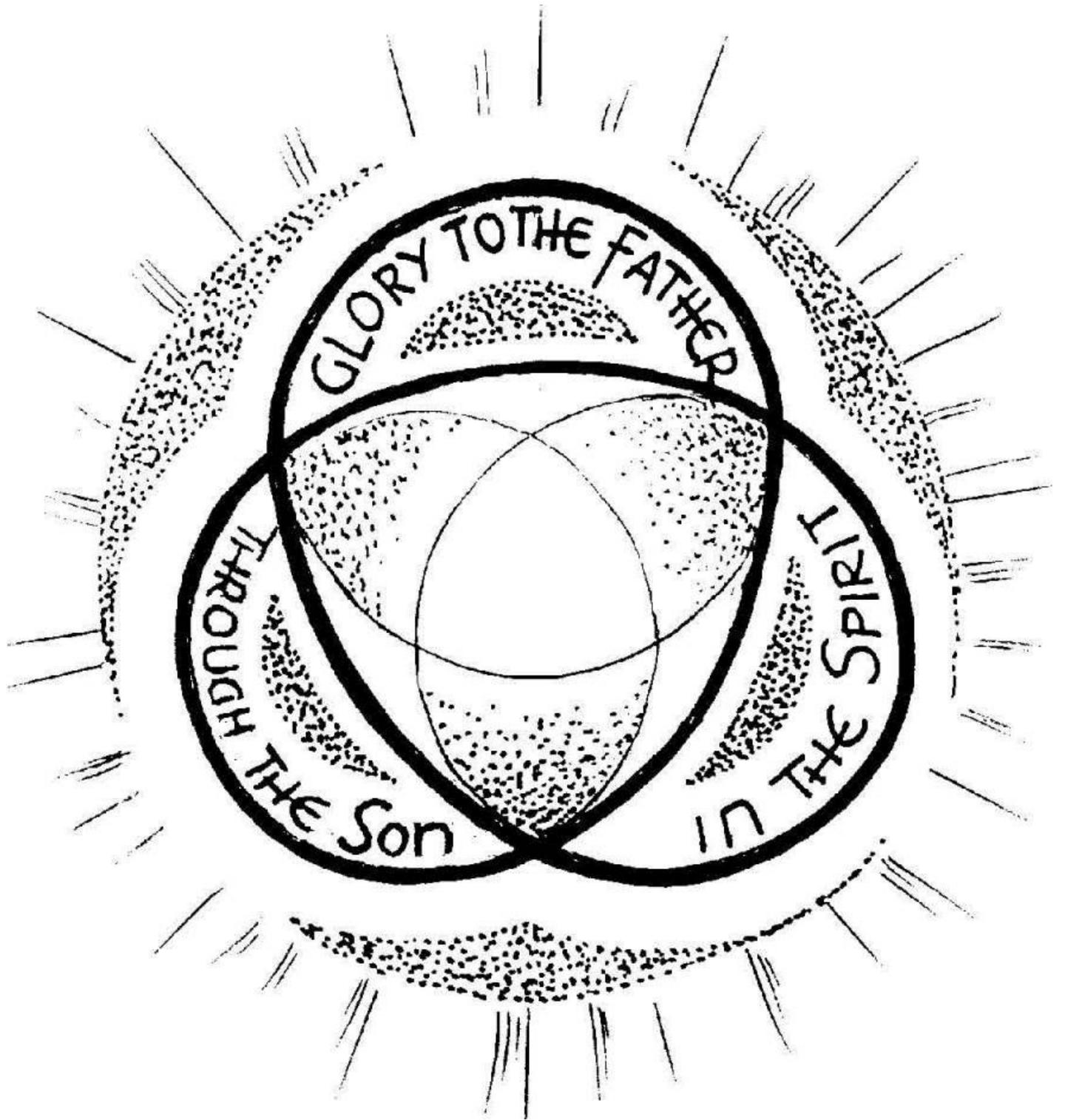
**Alleluya...**

**O friends, in gladness let us sing,  
supernal anthems echoing,  
Alleluya, Alleluya!  
To God the Father, God the Son,  
and God the Spirit, Three in One,  
Alleluya...**

Athelstan Riley, 1858-1945

*The clergy and people depart.*

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