

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



Advent Sunday

28<sup>th</sup> November 2021 10.15 a.m.

# Welcome

We welcome you to this celebration of Parish Mass  
for Advent Sunday.

The setting for today's Mass is Oldroyd -  
The Mass of The Quiet Hour

People of all denominations who are in good standing with their own  
church are welcome to come and receive communion.  
If you wish to receive a blessing, please come to the altar carrying this  
order of service.

Please let clergy or a churchwarden know at the beginning of the  
service if you need a gluten-free host.

5 minutes before the service begins,  
a bell will ring to signal that a period of quiet reflection is kept  
during which you may wish to use this prayer.

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen**

A bell is rung to begin our worship.

# The Gathering

## Hymn (11)

**O come, O come, Emmanuel!  
Redeem Thy captive Israel,  
that into exile drear is gone  
far from the face of God's dear Son.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice!**

**Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,  
who madest all in earth and sky;  
creating man from dust and clay:  
to us reveal salvation's Way.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice!**

**O come, O come, Adonai,  
who in Thy glorious majesty,  
from Sinai's mountain, clothed in awe,  
gavest Thy folk the ancient law.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice!**

**O come, Thou Root of Jesse! Draw  
the quarry from the lion's claw;  
from those dread caverns of the grave,  
from nether hell, Thy people save.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice!**

**O come, Thou Lord of David's Key!  
The royal door fling wide and free;  
safeguard for us the heavenward road,  
and bar the way to death's abode.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice!**

**O come, O come, Thou Dayspring bright!  
Pour on our souls Thy healing light;  
dispel the long night's lingering gloom,  
and pierce the shadows of the tomb.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice!**

**O come, Desire of nations, show**

**Thy kingly reign on earth below;  
Thou Corner-stone, uniting all,  
restore the ruin of our fall.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice!**

Cologne 1710;  
based on ancient Advent Antiphons  
tr. T A Lacey (1853-1931)

✠ 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

When the Lord comes,  
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,  
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.  
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

## Prayer of Penitence

God our Father,  
we come to you in sorrow for our sins.

Heavenly Father,  
you have created a universe of light:  
forgive us when we return to darkness.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**



Lord Jesus,  
you are the light of the world:  
cleanse and heal our blinded sight.  
Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Holy Spirit,  
you give us light in our hearts:  
renew us in faith and love.  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

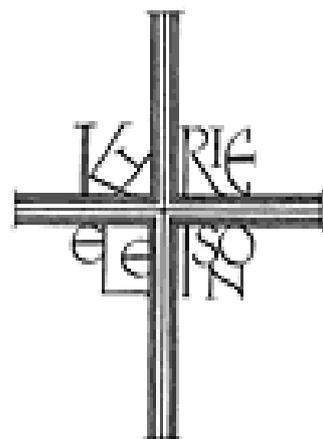
*The president says*

Almighty God,  
who in Jesus Christ has given us  
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,  
forgive you your sins,  
open your eyes to God's truth,  
strengthen you to do God's will  
and give you the joy of his kingdom,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison

*Lord have mercy upon us.  
Christ have mercy upon us.  
Lord have mercy upon us.*



# The Collect for Advent Sunday

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him 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 33.14-16

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading**                      1 Thessalonians 3.9-13

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one

another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Alleluia

Gospel Reading

Luke 21.25-36



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.**

Jesus said to his disciples, “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

# The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**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.**

**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

We come boldly to the throne of grace,  
praying to the almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for mercy and grace.

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

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

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

*We pray for those who have recently died:*

Elliott Lemm; David Anthony Leslie Hartless.

*Those whose years mind falls at this time:*

Vera Wright; Arthur Thomas Hankins; Lorna Brooks.

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

*Junior Church Return*

# Advent Preparation

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors:  
to you be praise and glory for ever.

You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith  
and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfilment.

May we be obedient to your call  
and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ,  
a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;  
for you are our light and our salvation.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

*The first candle of the Advent wreath is lit, and then we say together:*

**Lord Jesus, Light of the world,  
born in David's city of Bethlehem,  
born like him to be a king:  
be born in our hearts this Christmas-tide,  
be king of our lives today.**

**Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### The Peace

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

*cf Luke 1.78,79*

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.*

# Preparation of the Altar

## Offertory Hymn (7)

**Hills of the North, rejoice,  
echoing songs arise,  
hail with united voice  
Him who made earth and skies;  
He comes in righteousness and love,  
He brings salvation from above.**

**Isles of the Southern seas,  
sing to the listening earth,  
carry on every breeze  
hope of a world's new birth:  
in Christ shall all be made anew,  
His word is sure, his promise true.**

**Lands of the East, arise,  
He is your brightest morn,  
Greet Him with joyous eyes,  
Praise shall His path adorn:  
the God whom you have longed to know  
in Christ draws near, and calls you now.**

**Shores of the utmost West,  
lands of the setting sun,  
welcome the heavenly guest  
in whom the dawn has come:  
He brings a never-ending light  
Who triumphed o'er our darkest night.**

**Shout, as you journey on,  
songs be in every mouth.  
Lo, from the North they come,  
from East and West and South:  
in Jesus all shall find their rest,  
in Him the sons of earth be blest.**

## Taking of the Bread and Wine

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement;  
draw us from hatred to love;  
make the frailty of our praise  
a dwelling place for your glory.

**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 and good to give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God and everlasting Father,  
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh,  
he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world  
to open for us the way of salvation.

Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,  
we now watch for the day  
when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.

And so we join our voices with angels and archangels  
and with all the company of heaven  
to proclaim your glory,

for ever praising you and singing:

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of thy glory:  
Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.  
Blessed is he that cometh 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:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.**



## The Lord's Prayer

As we look to the coming of our Saviour, we pray in the words 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.*

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.**

**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.*

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.**

# Hymn (15)

The Lord will come and not be slow,  
His footsteps cannot err;  
before Him righteousness shall go,  
His royal harbinger.

Truth from the earth, like to a flower,  
shall bud and blossom then;  
and justice, from her heavenly bower,  
look down on mortal men.

Rise, God, judge Thou the earth in might,  
this wicked earth redress;  
for Thou art He who shalt by right

*the nations all possess.*

*The nations all whom Thou hast made  
shall come, and all shall frame  
to bow them low before Thee, Lord,  
and glorify Thy name.*

*For great Thou art, and wonders great  
by Thy strong hand are done;  
Thou in Thine everlasting seat  
remainest God alone.*

John Milton (1608-1674)

## Choir Anthem The Advent Prose

### Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept.*

Let us pray.

**O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;  
that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

*Notices are given*

### Acclamation

With love and compassion,  
**come, Lord Jesus.**

With judgement and mercy,  
**come, Lord Jesus.**

In power and glory,  
**come, Lord Jesus.**

In wisdom and truth,  
**come, Lord Jesus.**

# The Blessing and Dismissal

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

May God the Father, judge all-merciful,  
make us worthy of a place in his kingdom.

**Amen.**

May God the Son, coming among us in power,  
reveal in our midst the promise of his glory.

**Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit make us steadfast in faith,  
joyful in hope and constant in love.

**Amen.**

And the blessing ...

**Amen.**

As we await our coming Saviour,  
go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn (9)

***Lo! He comes with clouds descending,  
once for favoured sinners slain;  
thousand thousand saints attending  
swell the triumph of His train:***

***Alleluia!***

***God appears on earth to reign.***

***Every eye shall now behold Him  
robed in dreadful majesty;  
those who set at naught and sold Him,  
pierced and nailed Him to the Tree,***

***Deeply wailing,  
shall the true Messiah see.***

***Those dear tokens of His passion  
still His dazzling body bears,  
cause of endless exultation***

**to His ransomed worshippers:  
With what rapture  
gaze we on those glorious scars!  
Yea, Amen! Let all adore Thee,  
high on Thine eternal throne;  
Saviour, take the power and glory,  
claim the kingdom for Thine own:  
O come quickly!  
Alleluia! Come Lord, come!**

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

*The clergy and people depart.*

Organ Voluntary

# Hope



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- We hope that people will continue to wear masks whilst entering, leaving or moving around the church building, especially when larger numbers are present.
- For services, if you would like seat spaces left between you and the next person, please take a card(s) from reception to place on the seats beside you. Strict socially distanced seating will be retained in the balcony.
- Wearing of masks throughout the services and whilst seated is still advised as covid numbers increase in our area, but we do expect the wearing of masks for the singing of hymns and when moving around to receive communion. The congregational singing of the offertory hymn is to be reinstated on All Saints Day (31st October).
- The physical sharing of the peace with family seated alongside you is fine.
- We will continue to retain only taking communion in one kind.
- The collection will remain as a basket/plate placed near the north door.
- Church groups to make their own decisions on the necessity of masks whilst the group is meeting.
- When seated in the café, masks are not required.
- Hand sanitizer stations will continue to be available and their use encouraged. We will continue following a one-way system for communion and moving around church. Doors will continue to be left open to improve ventilation. Please wrap up if you are near to an exit.

Please note that it has proved very difficult to get all guests to continue with the wearing of masks for funerals and baptisms. Each family is however responsible for informing their guests about the continued government advice that masks are worn when part of larger groups. This continues to be wise advice as we enter the winter season. It is also possible that the government will reinstate the wearing of masks if numbers continue to rise.