

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



Remembrance Sunday  
14<sup>th</sup> November 2021,  
9.30 a.m.

# Welcome

We welcome you to this celebration of Parish Mass for  
Remembrance Sunday

The settings for today's Mass are -  
Lourdes and Missa de Angelis



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 the Prayer of Preparation.

**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 (119)

***The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
Now is the Victor's triumph won;  
O let the song of praise begun.***

***Alleluia!***

***Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,  
And Jesus hath His foes dispersed;  
Let shouts of praise and joy outburst.***

***Alleluia!***

***On the third morn He rose again  
Glorious in majesty to reign;  
Oh, let us swell the joyful strain!***

***Alleluia!***

Latin 17c Tr. Francis Pott (1832-1909)

God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble.

Psalm 46.1

This I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning.

Lamentations 3.21-23

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6.8

†In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## The Greeting

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

*The president continues,*

We meet in the presence of God. We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith for reconciliation between the nations, that all people may, together, live in freedom, justice and peace. We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror. We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away.

## Invitation to confession

Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world; its pride, its selfishness, its greed; its evil distortions and hatreds.

Let us confess our share in what is wrong, and our failure to seek and establish that peace which God wills for all his children.

## 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*

May the God of love and power  
✠forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Gloria in Excelsis (Lourdes)

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.**

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.**

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.

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.**

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.**

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.**

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.

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.**

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.**



# The Collect for Remembrance Sunday

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty Father,  
whose will is to restore all things  
in your beloved Son, the King of all:  
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,  
and bring the families of the nations,  
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,  
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;  
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

Hebrews 10.11-14, 19-25

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Hebrews

And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God', and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading      Mark 13.1-8

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

# Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

# Act of Remembrance

In peace let us remember....

They shall grow not old,  
as we that are left grow old;  
age shall not weary them,  
nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun  
and in the morning,  
we will remember them.

**We will remember them.**

*A short period of silence is kept and 3 candles are lit.*

# The Kohima Epitaph

'When you go home tell them of us and say, for your tomorrow we gave our today.'

*We continue with prayers of Intercession*

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict,  
and ask that God may give us peace:  
for the service men and women  
who have died in the violence of war,  
each one remembered by and known to God;

May God give peace.

**God give peace.**

For those who love them in death as in life,  
offering the distress of our grief  
and the sadness of our loss;

May God give peace.

**God give peace.**

For all members of the armed forces  
who are in danger this day,  
remembering family, friends  
and all who pray for their safe return;

May God give peace.

**God give peace.**

For civilian women, children and men  
whose lives are disfigured by war or terror,  
calling to mind in penitence  
the anger and hatreds of humanity;

May God give peace.

**God give peace.**

For peacemakers and peacekeepers,  
who seek to keep this world secure and free;

May God give peace.

**God give peace.**

For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership,  
political, military and religious;  
asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve  
in the search for reconciliation and peace;

May God give peace.

**God give peace.**

O God of truth and justice,  
we hold before you those whose memory we cherish,  
and those whose names we will never know.  
Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world,  
and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm.  
As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future;  
for you are the source of life and hope,  
now and for ever.

**Amen.**

*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; Andrew & Jenny Priest; Denzil & David.

*We pray for those who have recently died:*

Rosemary Mitchell.

*Those whose years mind falls at this time:*

Maud Rita Hill; Joan Mary Lemmon.

*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

Blessed be Christ, the Prince of Peace  
He breaks down the walls that divide us.

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 (417)

**O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home:**

**Under the shadow of Thy throne,  
Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is Thine arm alone,  
and our defence is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood,  
or earth received her frame,  
from everlasting Thou art God,  
to endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in Thy sight  
are like an evening gone;  
short as the watch that ends the night  
before the rising sun.**

**Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
bears all its sons away;  
they fly, forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the opening day.**

**O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
be Thou our guide while troubles last,  
and our eternal home!**

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

## 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.**

Blessed are you, Lord of life,  
creator of heaven and earth,  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
For through his death on the cross,  
your Son Jesus Christ has broken the power of evil,  
and by his glorious resurrection  
has opened for us the gate of life eternal.  
In him you seek the lost, restoring those whose lives  
have been shattered and torn apart.  
In the fullness of time, he will gather all things to himself,  
enfolding us and all who have died in war in his undying love.  
And so we pray that we who have set our hope on Christ  
may come to the peace of heaven,  
there, with angels and archangels,  
to sing your praise for ever:

## Sanctus & Benedictus

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.  
Osanna in excelsis.*

*Benedictus qui venit  
in nomine Domini.  
Osanna in excelsis.*

*Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord God of hosts.  
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 St Giles and 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

Trusting in the compassion of God,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has 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

*Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.*

*Agnus Dei.  
Dona nobis pacem.*

*Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God,  
grant us peace.*

# Giving of Communion

This 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 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.**

## Hymn (273)

*And now, O Father, mindful of the love  
that bought us, once for all, on Calvary's Tree,  
and having with us Him that pleads above,  
we here present, we here spread forth to Thee  
that only Offering perfect in Thine eyes,  
the one, true, pure, immortal Sacrifice.*

*Look, Father, look on His anointed face,  
and only look on us as found in Him;  
look not on our misusings of Thy grace,  
our prayer so languid, and our faith so dim:  
for lo, between our sins and their reward  
we set the Passion of thy Son our Lord.*

*And then for those, our dearest and our best,  
by this prevailing Presence we appeal:  
O fold them closer to Thy mercy's breast,  
O do Thine utmost for their souls' true weal;  
from tainting mischief keep them white and clear,  
and crown Thy gifts with strength to persevere.*

*And so we come: O draw us to Thy feet,  
most patient Saviour, who canst love us still;  
and by this food, so awful and so sweet,  
deliver us from every touch of ill:  
in Thine own service make us glad and free,  
and grant us nevermore to part from Thee.*

William Bright (1824-1901)

# Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept.*

Let us pray.

**God our father, your son is our peace  
And his cross the sign of reconciliation.  
Help us, who have shared the broken bread,  
To bring together what is scattered  
And to bind up the wounded;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen**

*Notices are given*

# An Act of Commitment

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God  
and our fellow men and women:  
that we may help, encourage and comfort others,  
and support those working for the relief of the needy  
and for the peace and welfare of the nations.

**Lord God our Father,  
we pledge ourselves to serve you and all humankind,  
in the cause of peace,  
for the relief of want and suffering,  
and for the praise of your name.  
Guide us by your Spirit;  
give us wisdom;  
give us courage;  
give us hope;  
and keep us faithful  
now and always.  
Amen.**

# The National Anthem

*God save our gracious Queen,  
Long live our noble Queen,  
God save the Queen.  
Send her victorious,  
happy and glorious,  
long to reign over us:  
God save the Queen.*

# The Blessing and Dismissal

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

God grant to the living, grace;  
to the departed, rest;  
to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth, and all humankind,  
peace and concord;  
and to us and all his servants, life everlasting;  
and the blessing ...

**Amen.**

Go in peace to love your neighbour.  
Go in power to work for reconciliation.  
Go in hope to proclaim the resurrection.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn (391)

**King of glory, King of peace,  
I will love Thee;  
And that love may never cease,  
I will move Thee.  
Thou hast granted my request,  
Thou hast heard me;  
Thou didst note my working breast,  
Thou hast spared me.**

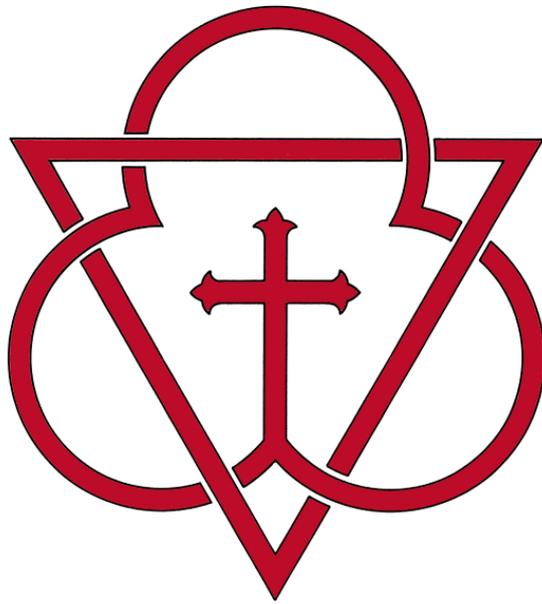
**Wherefore with my utmost art  
I will sing Thee,  
And the cream of all my heart  
I will bring Thee.  
Though my sins against me cried,  
Thou didst clear me;  
and alone, when they replied,  
Thou didst hear me.**

**Seven whole days, not one in seven,  
I will praise Thee;  
in my heart, though not in heaven,  
I can raise Thee.  
Small it is, in this poor sort  
To enrol Thee:  
E'en eternity's too short  
To extol Thee.**

George Herbert (1593 – 1632)

*The clergy and choir depart.*





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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.