

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



Epiphany  
2<sup>nd</sup> January 2022

10.15 a.m.

# Welcome

We welcome you to this celebration of Parish Mass  
for the Feast of the Epiphany.

Today's Mass setting is Addington.

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 (52)

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!  
Bow down before Him, His glory proclaim;  
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,  
kneel and adore Him, the Lord is His name!**

**Low at His feet lay thy burden of carefulness,  
high on His heart He will bear it for thee,  
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,  
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.**

**Fear not to enter His courts in the slenderness  
of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:  
truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,  
these are the offerings to lay on His shrine.**

**These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,  
He will accept for the name that is dear;  
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,  
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.**

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!  
Bow down before Him, His glory proclaim;  
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,  
Kneel and adore Him, the Lord is His name!**

*John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-1875)*

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

**Amen.**

# The Greeting

*The president greets the people*

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.

**From the rising of the sun to its setting  
your name is proclaimed in all the world.**

The Lord of glory be with you.

**The Lord bless you.**

## The Gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh are offered at the Crib

The magi came from the east  
to worship your Son:  
From them the infant Christ  
received gifts of gold, incense and myrrh.  
Father, grant to Christians everywhere  
the spirit of adoration  
and accept the offering of our hearts and minds.  
Lord of glory,  
**hear our prayer.**



## Invitation to confession

The grace of God has dawned upon the world  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.  
Let us confess our sins.

cf Titus 2.11-14

## Prayers of Penitence

God be gracious to us and bless us, and make your face shine upon us:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

May your ways be known on the earth, your saving power among the nations:  
Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

You, Lord, have made known your salvation, and reveal your justice in the  
sight of the nations:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw you to himself,  
that you may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh,  
and be † cleansed from all your sins through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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 Feast of the Epiphany

Grateful for the glory revealed to us through God made flesh, let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

O God, who by the leading of a star  
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:  
mercifully grant that we,  
who know you now by faith,  
may at last behold your glory face to face;  
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

Isaiah 60.1-6

A reading from the book of Isaiah.

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon  
you.

For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the Lord will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**



## Second Reading

Ephesians 3.1-12

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles - for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I

wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ.

In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Alleluia

Gospel Reading

Matthew 2.1-12

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.**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.'

When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

“And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler

who is to shepherd my people Israel.”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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:*

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

*We pray for those who have recently died:*

Brenda Joyce Milthorpe.

*Those whose years mind falls at this time:*

Gladys Worrell; Francis Leslie Schofield.

*At the end:*

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

*Junior Church Return*



# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## The Peace

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
since as members of one body you are called to  
peace.

*cf Colossians 3.15*

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 (55)

**Hail to the Lord's Anointed,  
great David's greater Son.  
Hail, in the time appointed,  
His reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
to set the captive free;  
to take away transgression,  
and rule in equity.**

**He comes with succour speedy  
to those who suffer wrong;  
to help the poor and needy,  
and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing,  
their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying,  
were precious in his sight.**

**He shall come down like showers  
upon the fruitful earth,  
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,  
spring in His path to birth.  
Before Him on the mountains  
shall peace the herald go;**

*and righteousness in fountains  
from hill to valley flow.*

*Kings shall fall down before Him,  
and gold and incense bring.  
All nations shall adore Him,  
His praise all people sing.  
To Him shall prayer unceasing  
and daily vows ascend;  
His kingdom still increasing,  
a kingdom without end.*

*O'er every foe victorious,  
He on His throne shall rest,  
from age to age more glorious,  
all-blessing and all-blest:  
the tide of time shall never  
His covenant remove;  
His name shall stand for ever;  
that name to us is Love.*

James Montgomery (1771-1854)

## Taking of the Bread and Wine

Lord, accept your people's gifts,  
not gold, frankincense or myrrh,  
but hearts and voices raised in praise  
of Jesus Christ, our light and our salvation.

**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.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise  
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things;  
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;  
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,  
he lived on earth and went about among us;  
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;  
he put an end to death by dying for us;  
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;  
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks  
for, by the leading of a star,  
you have revealed your only Son to the world,  
that in following him  
we are led from darkness into his marvellous light.

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 - 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.*

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
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.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on  
the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins  
the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and  
glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our  
redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise  
and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of Our Lady, Giles and all the saints,



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may praise and glorify you for ever,  
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

Believing the promises of God, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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 the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**God here among us, light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.**

# Agnus Dei - Addington

*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.*

Christ is the true bread  
which has come down from heaven.

**Lord, give us this bread always.**

*The president and people receive communion.*

The body of Christ broken for you. **Amen.**

*If you would prefer not to receive Holy Communion, please use this prayer of spiritual communion.*



**My Jesus, I believe that you  
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love you above all things,  
and I desire to receive you into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment  
receive you sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace you as if you were already there  
and unite myself wholly to you.  
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

## Hymn (49)

**Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,  
dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;  
star of the east, the horizon adorning,  
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.**

**Cold on His cradle the dew-drops are shining,  
low lies His head with the beasts of the stall:  
angels adore Him in slumber reclining,  
Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all.**

**Say, shall we yield Him, in costly devotion,  
odours of Edom and offerings divine;  
gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,  
myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?**

**Vainly we offer each ample oblation,  
vainly with gifts would His favour secure;  
richer by far is the heart's adoration,  
dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.**

**Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,  
dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;  
star of the east, the horizon adorning,  
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.**

*Reginald Heber (1783-1826)*

## Hymn (48)

**Bethlehem, of noblest cities  
none can once with thee compare;  
thou alone the Lord from heaven  
didst for us incarnate bear.**

**Fairer than the sun at morning  
was the star that told His birth;  
to the lands their God announcing,  
seen in fleshly form on earth.**

**By its lambent beauty guided  
see the eastern kings appear;  
see them bend, their gifts to offer,  
gifts of incense, gold and myrrh.**

**Solemn things of mystic meaning:  
incense doth the God disclose,  
gold a royal child proclaimeth,  
myrrh a future tomb foreshows.**

**Holy Jesus, in Thy brightness  
to the Gentile world displayed,  
with the Father and the Spirit  
endless praise to Thee be paid.    Amen.**

Prudentius (348-410), *O sola magnarum urbium*;  
tr. Edward Caswall (1814-1878).

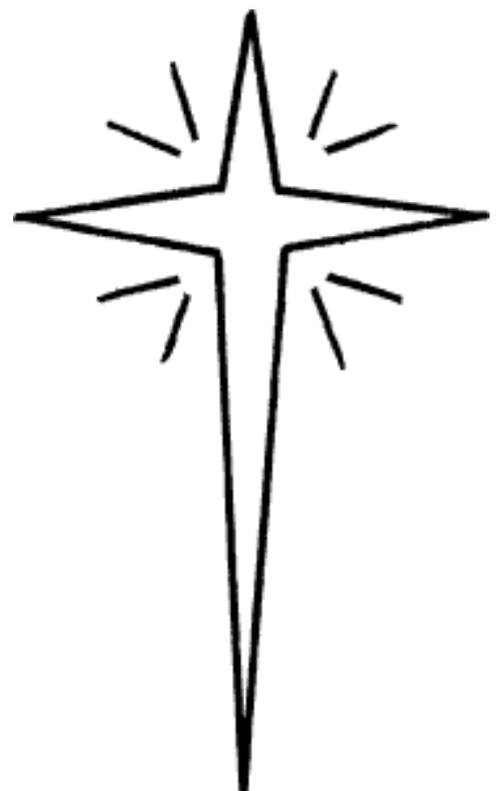
## Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept.*

Let us pray.

**Lord God,  
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:  
may we who with the wise men  
have been drawn by your light  
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,  
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*Notices are given*



# The Blessing and Dismissal

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

May God the Father,  
who led the wise men by the shining of a star  
to find the Christ, the Light from light,  
lead you in your pilgrimage to find the Lord.

**Amen.**

May God, who has delivered us from the dominion of darkness,  
give us a place with the saints in light  
in the kingdom of his beloved Son.

**Amen.**

May the light of the glorious gospel of Christ  
shine in your hearts and fill our lives  
with his joy and peace.

**Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

We have seen his glory,  
the glory revealed to all the nations.  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

**In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

## Hymn (47)

**As with gladness men of old  
did the guiding star behold;  
as with joy they hailed its light,  
leading onward, beaming bright;  
So, most gracious God, may we  
evermore be led to Thee.**

**As with joyful steps they sped,  
to that lowly manger-bed,  
there to bend the knee before  
Him whom heaven and earth adore;  
so may we with willing feet  
ever seek Thy mercy-seat.**

**As they offered gifts most rare  
at that manger rude and bare,  
so may we with holy joy,  
pure, and free from sin's alloy;  
all our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to Thee our heavenly King.**

**Holy Jesus, every day  
keep us in the narrow way;  
and, when earthly things are past,  
bring our ransomed souls at last  
where they need no star to guide,  
where no clouds Thy glory hide.**

**In the heavenly country bright  
need they no created light;  
Thou its light, its joy, its crown,  
Thou its sun which goes not down:  
there for ever may we sing  
Alleluyas to our King.**

*William Chatterton Dix, 1837-98*

*The clergy and people depart.*

## Organ Voluntary

## A Further Update From December 8<sup>th</sup> 2021

Following the latest update from the UK Government and Church of England, all are now required to wear masks whilst entering, leaving or moving around the church building (including the Centre spaces), unless exempt or aged under 11.

- Hand sanitizer stations will continue to be available and their use encouraged.
- The wearing of masks throughout services (including the singing of hymns) is required for the congregation.
- It is still permissible for those leading worship, or singing in groups or choirs to remove masks for these purposes.
- We will continue following a one-way system for coming up for communion and moving around church.
- Doors will continue to be opened at certain points during worship in order to improve ventilation. Please wrap up if you are near to an exit.
- 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.
- 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.
- When seated in the café taking refreshments, masks are not required, but they are for movement around the café.
- The above information applies to all other services in church, including funerals and baptisms.
- Masks are to be worn for any group meetings in the building and when working closely with others in the kitchen area.