

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

# Peace



Fourth Sunday of Advent  
19<sup>th</sup> December 2021, 10.15 a.m.

Canon June is at All Saints' for their service this morning.

# Welcome

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

Today's setting for mass is 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 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 (10)

**Long ago, prophets knew  
Christ would come, born a Jew.  
Come to make all things new;  
Bear his People's burden,  
Freely love and pardon.**

**Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!  
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!  
When he comes,  
When he comes,  
Who will make him welcome?**

**God in time, God in man,  
This is God's timeless plan:  
He will come, as a man,  
Born himself of woman,  
God divinely human.  
Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!....**

**Mary, hail! Though afraid;  
She believed, she obeyed.  
In her womb God is laid;  
Till the time expected  
Nurtured and protected.  
Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!.....**

**Journey ends! Where afar  
Bethlem shines, like a star,  
Stable door stands ajar.  
Unborn Son of Mary,  
Saviour, do not tarry!**

**Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!  
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!  
Jesus comes!  
Jesus comes!  
We will make him welcome!**



‡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**

## Acclamation

Our Lord says, 'Surely, I come quickly.'  
Even so; come, Lord Jesus.

Revelation 22.20

## 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

Heavenly Father, you exalted the humble and meek:  
give us humble and contrite hearts.  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you grew towards birth in the Virgin's womb:  
be planted also in our hearts and lives.  
Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Holy Spirit,  
you overshadowed Mary, that she might become the God-bearer:  
fill us with your heavenly gifts.  
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.**

Kyrie Eleison      Missa de angelis

*Kyrie Eleison.*

*Christe Eleison.*

*Kyrie Eleison.*



The Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

God our redeemer,  
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son:  
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,  
so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge;  
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      Micah 5.2-5a

A reading from the book of the prophet Micah.

The LORD says to his people:  
But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to rule in Israel,



Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said,

'My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,  
for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

# Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**Though he was divine,  
he did not cling to equality with God,  
but made himself nothing.  
Taking the form of a slave,  
he was born in human likeness.  
He humbled himself  
and was obedient to death,  
even the death of the cross.  
Therefore God has raised him on high,  
and given him the name above every name:  
that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bow,  
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father  
Amen.**

*cf Philipians 2.6-11*

# 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; 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 Metcalfe;  
Andrew & Jenny Priest; Denzil & David.

*We pray for those who have recently died:*

Bernadette Guiney; Brenda Joyce Milthorpe.

*Those whose years mind falls at this time:*

Elizabeth Reed; Bessie Walsh; George Robert Hyomes

*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, merciful and gentle:  
to you be praise and glory for ever.

Your light has shone in our darkened world  
through the child-bearing of blessed Mary;  
grant that we who have seen your glory  
may daily be renewed in your image  
and prepared like her for the coming of your Son,  
who is the Lord and Saviour of all.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

*The Fourth Candle of the advent wreath is lit, and then we say together:*

**Lord Jesus, Light of the world,  
blessed is Gabriel who brought good news;  
blessed is Mary your mother and ours.  
Bless your Church preparing for Christmas;  
and bless us your children,  
who long for your coming.  
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.

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 (188)

**Ye who own the faith of Jesus  
sing the wonders that were done,  
when the love of God the Father  
o'er our sin the victory won,  
when He made the Virgin Mary  
Mother of His only Son.**

**Hail Mary, full of grace.**

**Blessèd were the chosen people  
out of whom the Lord did come,  
blessèd was the land of promise  
fashioned for His earthly home;  
but more blessèd far the Mother  
she who bare Him in her womb.**

**Hail Mary, full of grace.**

**Wherefore let all faithful people  
tell the honour of her name,  
let the Church in her foreshadowed  
part in her thanksgiving claim;  
what Christ's Mother sang in gladness  
let Christ's people sing the same.**

**Hail Mary, full of grace.**

**Let us weave our supplications,  
she with us and we with her,  
for the advancement of the faithful,  
for each faithful worshipper,  
for the doubting, for the sinful,  
for each heedless wanderer.**

**Hail Mary, full of grace.**

**May the Mother's intercessions  
on our homes a blessing win,  
that the children all be prospered,  
strong and fair and pure within,  
following our Lord's own footsteps,  
firm in faith and free from sin.**

***Hail Mary, full of grace.***

***For the sick and for the aged,  
for our dear ones far away,  
for the hearts that mourn in secret,  
all who need our prayers today,  
for the faithful gone before us,  
may the holy Virgin pray.***

***Hail Mary, full of grace.***

***Praise, O Mary, praise the Father,  
praise thy Saviour and thy Son,  
praise the everlasting Spirit,  
Who hath made thee ark and throne;  
o'er all creatures high exalted,  
lowly praise the Three in One,  
Hail Mary, full of grace.***

Vincent S S Coles (1845-1929)

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.

He is the one foretold by all the prophets,  
whom the Virgin Mother bore with love beyond all telling.

John the Baptist was his herald  
and made him known when at last he came.

In his love Christ fills us with joy  
as we prepare to celebrate his birth,  
so that when he comes again he may find us watching in prayer,  
our hearts filled with wonder and praise.

And so, with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your glory,  
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

**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 God, you are the most holy one,  
enthroned in splendour and light,  
yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ  
you reveal the power of your love  
made perfect in our human weakness.

Embracing our humanity,  
Jesus showed us the way of salvation;  
loving us to the end,  
he gave himself to death for us;  
dying for his own,  
he set us free from the bonds of sin,  
that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

On the night he gave up himself for us all  
he 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 we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross,  
we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb,  
we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high  
and we long for his coming in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

***Christ has died:***

***Christ is risen:***

***Christ will come again.***

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption,  
Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation  
be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
form us into the likeness of Christ  
and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Look with favour on your people  
and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.

Bless the earth,  
heal the sick,  
let the oppressed go free  
and fill your Church with power from on high.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth  
to feast with Our Lady, John the Baptist, Giles and all your saints  
at the table in your kingdom,  
where the new creation is brought to perfection  
in 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

Awaiting his coming in glory, 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 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      Missa de angelis

*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

*The president says the invitation to communion.*

Jesus 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.**

*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 (297)

**Lord Jesus Christ  
You have come to us  
You are one with us,  
Mary's Son.  
Cleansing our souls from all their sin  
pouring Your love and goodness in  
Jesus our love for You we sing,  
Living Lord.**

**Lord Jesus Christ  
Now and every day  
Teach us how to pray,  
Son of God.**

**You have commanded us to do  
This in remembrance Lord of you:  
Into our lives your power breaks through,  
Living Lord.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
You have come to us  
Born as one with us,  
Mary's Son.**

**Led out to die on Calvary,  
Risen from death to set us free,  
Living Lord Jesus help us see  
You are Lord.**

**Lord Jesus Christ  
I would come to You  
Live my life for you,  
Son of God.**

**All your commands I know are true,  
Your many gifts will make me new,  
Into my life your power breaks through,  
Living Lord.**

Patrick Appleford (1925-2018)

## Choir Anthem

A tender shoot - Otto Goldschmidt (1829-1907)

## Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept.*

Let us pray

**Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of the promised saviour:**

**fill us your servants with your grace,  
that in all things we may embrace your holy will  
and with her rejoice in your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

*Notices are given*

# The Blessing and Dismissal

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

People of God: prepare!

God, above all, maker of all, is one with us in Christ.

Maranatha!

**Come, Lord Jesus!**

God, the mighty God, bends down in love to earth.

Maranatha!

**Come, Lord Jesus!**

God with us, God beside us, comes soon to the world he has made.

Maranatha!

**Come, Lord Jesus!**

We are God's children, we seek the coming Christ.

Maranatha!

**Come, Lord Jesus!**

May God himself, the God of peace,

make you perfect and holy,

and keep you safe and blameless, in spirit, soul and body,

for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ;

and the blessing ...

**Amen**

Hymn (186)

***Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:***

***unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;***

***tender to me the promise of His word;***

***in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.***

***Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His Name:***

***make known His might, the deeds His arm has done;***

***His mercy sure, from age to age the same;***

***His holy Name, the Lord, the Mighty One.***

***Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His might:***

**powers and dominions lay their glory by;  
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of His word:  
firm is His promise, and His mercy sure.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and for evermore.**

Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-) Fr. St Luke 146-55  
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*The Clergy and people depart.*

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## 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.