

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



The Third Sunday of Advent
12th December 2021, 10.15 a.m.

Welcome

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

Today's setting for 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 (345)

**Christ is the King! O friends rejoice!
Brothers and sisters, with one voice
make all men know He is your choice.**

Alleluya

**The first Apostles round them drew
thousands of faithful men and true,
sharing a faith for ever new.**

Alleluya

**Then magnify the Lord, and raise
anthems of joy and holy praise
for Christ's brave saints of ancient days.**

Alleluya

**O Christian women, Christian men,
all the world over, seek again
The Way disciples followed then.**

Alleluya

**Christ through all ages is the same:
place the same hope in His great name,
with the same faith His word proclaim.**

Alleluya

**Let love's unconquerable might
God's people everywhere unite
in service to the Lord of light:**

Alleluya

George Bell (1883-1958)

✠ 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

My brothers and sisters, as we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ in word and sacrament, let us call to mind and confess our sins.

Prayer of Penitence

**Lord our God,
in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us;
deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds
and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The president says

May the God of love bring you back to himself,
✠ forgive you your sins, and assure you of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Kyrie Eleison Oldroyd - The Mass of the Quiet Hour.

Kyrie Eleison

Christe Eleison

Kyrie Eleison



The Collect for the Third Sunday of Advent

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Zephaniah 3.14-20

A reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah.

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,

O daughter Jerusalem!

The LORD has taken away the judgments against you,
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion;

do not let your hands grow weak.

The LORD, your God, is in your midst,

a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,

he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing

as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,

so that you will not bear reproach for it.

I will deal with all your oppressors at that time.

And I will save the lame and gather the outcast,

and I will change their shame into praise and renown in

all the earth.

At that time I will bring you home,

at the time when I gather you;

for I will make you renowned

and praised among all the peoples of the earth,

when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the

LORD.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Philippians 4.4-7

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Alleluia



Gospel Reading

Luke 3.7-18

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.

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him,

“You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying,

“I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Nicene 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,

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; 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:

Elliott Lemm; David Anthony Leslie Hartless; Bernadette Guiney.

Those whose years mind falls at this time:

Michael Barry Plumbley.



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, just and true:
to you be praise and glory for ever.

Your prophet John the Baptist was witness to the truth
as a burning and shining light.

May we your servants rejoice in his light,
and so be led to witness to him
who is the Lord of our coming kingdom,
Jesus our Saviour and King of the ages.

Blessed be God for ever.



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

**Lord Jesus, Light of the world,
John told the people to prepare, for you were very near:
as Christmas grows closer day by day,
help us to be ready to welcome you now.**

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

God will speak peace to his people,
to those who turn to him in their hearts.

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 (16)

**Wake, O wake! With tidings thrilling
The watchmen all the air are filling,
Arise, Jerusalem, arise!**

**Midnight strikes! No more delaying,
'The hour has come!' we hear them saying,**

**'Where are ye all, ye virgins wise?
The Bridegroom comes in sight,
Raise high your torches bright!
Alleluya!
The wedding song
Swells loud and strong:
Go forth and join the festal throng.**

**Sion hears the watchmen shouting,
Her heart leaps up with joy undoubting,
She stands and waits with eager eyes;
See her Friend from heaven descending,
Adorned with truth and grace unending!
Her light burns clear, her star doth rise.
Now come, thou precious Crown,
Lord Jesus, God's own Son!
Hosanna!
Let us prepare
To follow there,
Where in thy supper we may share.**

**Every soul in thee rejoices;
From men and from angelic voices
Be glory given to thee alone!
Now the gates of pearl receive us,
Thy presence never more shall leave us,
We stand with angels round thy throne.
Earth cannot give below
The bliss thou dost bestow.
Alleluya!
Grant us to raise,
To length of days,
The triumph-chorus of thy praise.**

Words Phillip Nicolai (1556-1608)
Tr F.C. Burkitt (1864-1935)

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Blessed be God,
by whose grace creation is renewed,
by whose love heaven is opened,
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

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.
Amen.**

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.

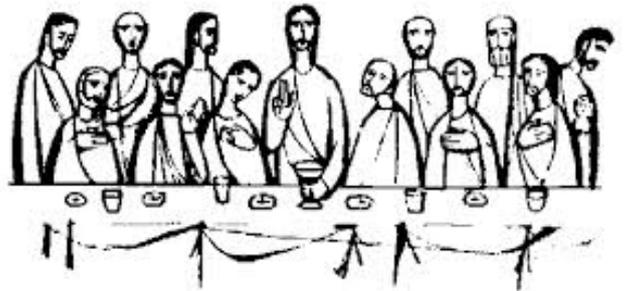
It is right to give thanks and praise.

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:

Sanctus & Benedictus Oldroyd - The Mass of the Quiet Hour.

*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.*

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

As we look for the coming of the kingdom, 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 Oldroyd - The Mass of the Quiet Hour.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy 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.**

Hymn (415)

**O for a thousand tongues to sing
my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of His grace!**

**Jesus! - the Name that charms our fears
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.**

**He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood availed for me.**

**He speaks, and listening to His voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.**

**Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb,
your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold, your Saviour come;
and leap, ye lame, for joy!**

**My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim
and spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of Thy name.**

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

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Choir Anthem

Tollite hostias - Charles-Camille Saint-Saëns (1825-1931)

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray

Silence is kept.

**We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.**

Amen.

Notices are given

The Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

People of God: be glad!

Your God delights in you,
giving you joy for sadness
and turning the dark to light.

Be strong in hope therefore; for your God comes to save.

You are God's children.

Lord, make us one in the love of Christ today and for ever.

Amen.

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 ...

As we await our coming Saviour,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ.

Amen.

Hymn (443)

**Rejoice the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore!
Mortals, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore.**

**Lift up your heart!
lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**Jesus, the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love:
when He had purged our stains,
He took his seat above.**

Lift up your heart! ...

**His kingdom cannot fail;
He rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given.**

Lift up your heart! ...

**He sits at God's right hand
till all His foes submit,
and bow to His command,
and fall beneath His feet:**

Lift up your heart! ...

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

The clergy and people depart.

Organ Voluntary

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Michael Plumbley

A much loved husband.

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A Further Update From December 8th 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.