

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



The Fourth Sunday before Lent  
6<sup>th</sup> February 2022

10.15 a.m.

# Welcome to this celebration of Parish Mass for the Fourth Sunday before Lent.

The setting for Mass today is Schubert in E flat and Lourdes Gloria

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

**Will you come and follow Me  
if I but call your name?**

**Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?**

**Will you let My love be shown,  
will you let My name be known,  
will you let My life be grown,  
in you and you in Me?**

**Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?**

**Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?**

**Will you risk the hostile stare  
should your life attract or scare?**

**Will you let Me answer prayer  
in you and you in Me?**

**Will you let the blinded see  
if I but call your name?**

**Will you set the pris'ners free  
and never be the same?**

**Will you kiss the leper clean,  
and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean  
in you and you in Me?**

**Will you love the 'you' you hide  
if I but call your name?**

**Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?**

**Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around,  
through My sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in Me?**

**Lord, Your summons echoes true  
when You but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow You**

**and never be the same.**

**In Your company I'll go**

**where Your love and footsteps show.**

**Thus I'll move and live and grow**

**in You and You in me.** John L Bell b. 1949 © 1987 WGRG, Iona

Community

†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

For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel:

In returning and rest you shall be saved;

in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.

Isaiah 30:15

You then, who truly and earnestly repent of your sins,

and are in love and charity with your neighbours,

and intend to lead a new life,

following the commandments of God

and walking from henceforth in his holy ways:

draw near with faith,

and take this holy sacrament to your comfort;

and make your humble confession to almighty God.

## Prayer of Penitence

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,**

**we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,**

in what we have thought, in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.

**We have wounded your love, and marred your image in us.**

**We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,**

**forgive us all that is past;**

**and lead us out from darkness**

**to walk as children of light.**

**Amen.**

*The president says*

God, the Father of mercies,  
has reconciled the world to himself  
through the death and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ,  
not counting our trespasses against us,  
but sending his Holy Spirit  
to shed abroad his love among us.  
By the ministry of reconciliation  
entrusted by Christ to his Church,  
receive his pardon and peace  
to stand before him in his strength alone,  
this day and evermore.

**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 the Fourth Sunday before Lent

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept*

O God,  
you know us to be set  
in the midst of so many and great dangers,  
that by reason of the frailty of our nature  
we cannot always stand upright:  
grant to us such strength and protection  
as may support us in all dangers  
and carry us through all temptations;  
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

1 Corinthians 15.1-11

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Alleluia



## Gospel Reading      Luke 5.1-11

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.**

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

# The 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,  
and the life of the world to come.**

**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:*

Mike; Steven; Terry; Robert; Janice; Cynthia; Steph; Tracey; Brenda; Dawn;  
Morag; Robert Metcalfe; Janis Gallagher; Lucy Nichol; Ann Webb; Marjorie  
Sanderson; Carl Thornton; Pat Steel; Maureen Steane; Janet Hickling; Ann  
Knox; Fr Mark; David Murray; Rhys Williams; Alan Sambrooks; Linda  
Sambrooks; Adrian Pope; Jonathan Bellamy; Carl Farraker; Tony Williams;  
Andrew and Jennie Priest; David and Denzil.

*We pray for those who have recently died:*

Margaret Hayward; Jeremy Johnson; Sally Cooper; Roy Cutts; Charles William  
Chapman; Barbara Berridge; Janet Robinson; Paul Radley.

*Those whose years mind falls at this time:*

Bea Jordan; Sheila Ward; Hugh Fletcher Cutting.

*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

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy,  
that you may be kept safe and blameless in spirit, soul and body,  
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

**Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here;  
come bow before Him now with reverence and fear.**

**In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground;  
be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.**

**Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;  
He burns with holy fire, with splendour He is crowned.**

**How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.**

**Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;  
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace.**

**No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him;  
be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.**

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## Taking of the Bread and Wine

Pour upon the poverty of our love,  
and the weakness of our praise,  
the transforming power of your presence.

**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 truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

From sunrise to sunset this day is holy,  
for Christ has risen from the tomb  
and scattered the darkness of death  
with light that will not fade.

This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people,  
unfolds for us your word,  
and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread.

And though the night will overtake this day  
you summon us to live in endless light,  
the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord.

And so, with choirs of angels  
and with all the heavenly host,  
we proclaim your glory  
and join their unending song of praise:

## Sanctus & Benedictus Schubert in E Flat

*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.*

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 Our Lady, 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

The love of Christ urges us on,  
because we are convinced that one has died for all.

2 Corinthians 5.14

So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God, praying in the  
words our Saviour 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 Schubert in E Flat

**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.*

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**

**Christ be the Lord of all our days,  
the swiftly-passing years;  
Lord of our unremembered birth,  
heirs to the brightness of the earth;  
Lord of our griefs and fears.**

**Christ be the source of all our deeds,  
the life our living shares;  
the fount which flows from worlds above  
to never-failing springs of love;  
the ground of all our prayers.**

**Christ be the goal of all our hopes,  
the end to whom we come;  
guide of each pilgrim Christian soul  
which seeks, as compass seeks the pole,  
our many-mansioned home.**

**Christ be the vision of our lives,  
of all we think and are;  
to shine upon our spirits' sight  
as light of everlasting light:  
the bright and morning star.**

Timothy Dudley-Smith

**Choir Anthem Fairest Lord Jesus - Martin How**

# Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept.*

Let us pray.

**Go before us, Lord, in all we do  
with your most gracious favour,  
and guide us with your continual help,  
that in all our works  
begun, continued and ended in you,  
we may glorify your holy name,  
and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen**

*Notices are given.*

## The Blessing and Dismissal

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

Now to him who is able to do  
immeasurably more than all we can ask or conceive,  
by the power which is at work among us,  
to him be glory in the Church  
and in Christ Jesus throughout all ages.

**Amen.**

And the blessing ...

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## Hymn

**And can it be that I should gain  
an int'rest in the Saviour's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain?  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be  
that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
Amazing love! How can it be  
that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?**

**'Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies!  
Who can explore His strange design?  
In vain the firstborn seraph tries  
to sound the depths of love Divine!**

**'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,  
let angel minds inquire no more.**

**'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,  
let angel minds inquire no more.**

**He left His Father's throne above,  
so free, so infinite His grace;  
emptied Himself of all but love,  
and bled for Adam's helpless race.**

**'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
for, O my God, it found out me.**

**'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
for, O my God, it found out me.**

**Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray,  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
my chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.  
My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.**

**No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
and clothed in righteousness Divine.**

**Bold I approach the eternal throne,  
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.  
Bold I approach the eternal throne,  
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.**

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

*The clergy and people depart.*

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## A FURTHER UPDATE FROM January 26<sup>th</sup> 2022

'Within the church we believe that everyone is known and loved individually by God and that as many members within one body we are called to be responsible to and for one another, respecting the most vulnerable'. *Covid-19 Opening and managing church buildings 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022.*

Following the latest update from the UK Government and Church of England, the wearing of masks whilst entering, leaving or moving around the church building is no longer mandatory, but 'recommended in enclosed or crowded places, particularly where you come into contact with people you don't normally meet'. This is now a matter for personal judgement underpinned by considering what helps each other.

At St Giles', in the **next four weeks** we are not making any big changes to our present covid safe practices. Our hope is that in coming weeks the current high rates of infection in our District will reduce, making for safer public spaces.

So....

- The government still advises that the safest way of public mingling is outdoors, bear that in mind when worship ends.
- Hand sanitizer stations will continue to be available and their use encouraged.
- The wearing of masks throughout services (including the singing of hymns) continues to be advised, but is not mandatory.
- Those leading worship, or singing in the choirs will 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 are encouraged for movement around the café.
- The above information applies to all other services in church, but we recognise that it proves difficult to ensure compliance at funerals and baptisms.
- Government guidance still advises increased frequency of cleaning to reduce contact transmission.