

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



The Sunday next before Lent
27th February 2022,
10.15 a.m.

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

The setting for Mass today is Kilcreggan 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 (436)

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to His feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven
who like me His praise should sing?**

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Praise the everlasting King!

**Praise Him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;**

**praise Him still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless:**

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Glorious in His faithfulness!

**Father-like He tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame He knows;**

**in his hands He gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:**

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Widely as His mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore Him,

ye behold Him face to face;

**sun and moon, bow down before Him,
dwellers all in time and space:**

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Praise with us the God of grace!



RANSOMED
HEALED
RESTORED
FORGIVEN

Henry Francis Lyte

†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

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you,
through our own fault,
in thought, and word, and deed,
and in what we have left undone.**

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

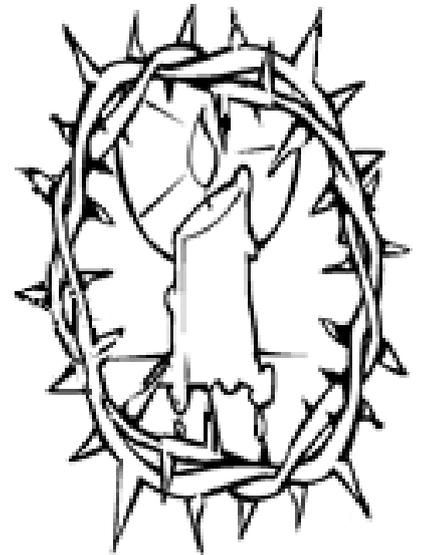
**For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.**

Amen.

The president says

May almighty God,
who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,
✠bring you his pardon and peace, now and for ever.

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 Sunday next before Lent

Let us pray.

Silence is kept

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
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 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Alleluia

Gospel Reading

Luke 9.28-36

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

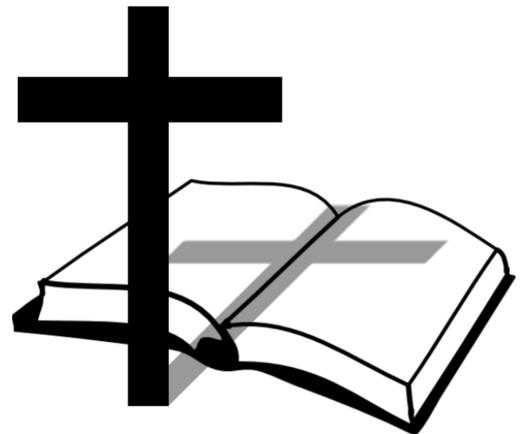
Glory to you, O Lord.

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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,
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.

Today we pray for Darragh Michael David Kidger, Jacks Mountain, Ashleigh Butters and their families on the occasion of their celebration of the sacrament of baptism.

We pray for those for whom prayers have been requested:

Mike; Steven; Terry; 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; Marilyn Spicer; Margaret Street; Andrew and Jennie Priest; David and Denzil.

We pray for those who have recently died:

Jeremy Johnson; Sally Cooper; Janet Robinson; Paul Radley; Patrick Donaldson; Joyce Richardson; Robert Metcalfe.

Those whose years mind falls at this time:

Annie Cooksey; Allan Turner; Nancy Atkinson; Arthur Haigh; Beatrice Hopwood; Olive May Hyomes; Irene Lavine; Josiah Worrell; Margaret Carter; Charles Henry Coverdale; Ernest Sambrooks.

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

God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself,
not counting our trespasses against us,
and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

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

Hymn (302)

**O Thou, Who at Thy Eucharist didst pray
that all Thy Church might be for ever one,
grant us at every Eucharist to say
with longing heart and soul, 'Thy will be
done.'**

**O may we all one Bread, one Body be,
one through this Sacrament of unity.**

**For all Thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;
make Thou our sad divisions soon to cease;
draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
by drawing all to Thee, O Prince of Peace;
thus may we all one Bread, one Body be,
one through this Sacrament of unity.**

**We pray Thee too for wanderers from Thy fold;
O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep,
back to the faith which saints believed of old,
back to the Church which still that faith doth keep;
soon may we all one Bread, one Body be,
one through this Sacrament of unity.**

**So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,
may we be one with all Thy Church above,**



*one with Thy saints in one unbroken peace,
one with Thy saints in one unbounded love;
more blessed still, in peace and love to be
one with the Trinity in Unity.*

William Harry Turton

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Heavenly Father,
as we set before you these gifts of bread and wine,
bless also the gift of our hearts and minds
as we offer our lives in your service;
for Jesus Christ's sake.

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.

You are worthy of our thanks and praise,
Lord God of truth,
for by the breath of your mouth
you have spoken your word,
and all things have come into being.

You fashioned us in your image
and placed us in the garden of your delight.
Though we chose the path of rebellion
you would not abandon your own.

Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace.
You gave your people the law and taught us by your prophets
to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace.

As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on
earth,
we echo the song of the angels in heaven,
evermore praising you and singing:

Sanctus & Benedictus Kilcreggan

*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, 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

We look to the LORD and his strength; seeking his face always.

So we come boldly to the throne of grace 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 Kilcreggan

*Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.*

*Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.*

*Jesus, redeemer of the world,
give 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 (389)

**Jesus, these eyes have never seen
that radiant form of Thine;
the veil of sense hangs dark between
Thy blessed face and mine.**

**I see Thee not, I hear Thee not,
yet art Thou oft with me;
and earth hath ne'er so dear a spot
as where I meet with Thee.**

**Yet, though I have not seen, and still
must rest in faith alone,
I love Thee, dearest Lord, and will,
unseen, but not unknown.**

**When death these mortal eyes shall seal,
and still this throbbing heart,
the rending veil shall Thee reveal
all glorious as Thou art.**

Ray Palmer

Choir Anthem Blessed are the pure in heart -
Henry Walford Davies

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Let us pray.

**Merciful Father,
who gave Jesus Christ to be for us
the bread of life,
that those who come to him
should never hunger:
draw us to the Lord in faith and love,
that we may eat and drink with him
at his table in the kingdom,
where he 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.

May God keep you in all your days.

May Christ shield you in all your ways.

May the Spirit bring you healing and peace.

May God the Holy Trinity drive all darkness from you
and pour upon you blessing and light.

Amen.

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

Hymn (234)

**Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise!
Triumph o'er the shades of night:
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.**

**Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by Thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till Thy mercy's beams I see;
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.**

**Visit then this soul of mine!
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!
Fill me, Radiancy Divine;
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more Thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.**

Charles Wesley



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A FURTHER UPDATE FROM January 26th 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 25th 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.