

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



Beatitudes

The Third Sunday before Lent  
13<sup>th</sup> February 2022,  
10.15 a.m.

# Welcome to this celebration of Parish Mass for the Third Sunday 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 (333)

**All my hope on God is founded;  
He doth still my trust renew,  
me through change and chance he guideth,  
only good and only true.**

**God unknown,  
He alone  
calls my heart to be His own.**

**Pride of man and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray His trust;  
what with care and toil He buildeth,  
tower and temple fall to dust.**

**But God's power,  
hour by hour,  
is my temple and my tower.**

**God's great goodness aye endureth,  
deep His wisdom, passing thought:  
splendour, light and life attend Him,  
beauty springeth out of naught.**

**Evermore  
from His store  
new-born worlds rise and adore.**

**Daily doth th' Almighty giver  
bounteous gifts on us bestow;  
His desire our soul delighteth,  
pleasure leads us where we go.  
Love doth stand  
at His hand;  
joy doth wait on His command.**

**Still from man to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ, His Son.  
Christ doth call  
one and all:  
ye who follow shall not fall.**



RANSOMED  
HEALED  
RESTORED  
FORGIVEN

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

**Amen.**

## The Greeting

*The president greets the people*

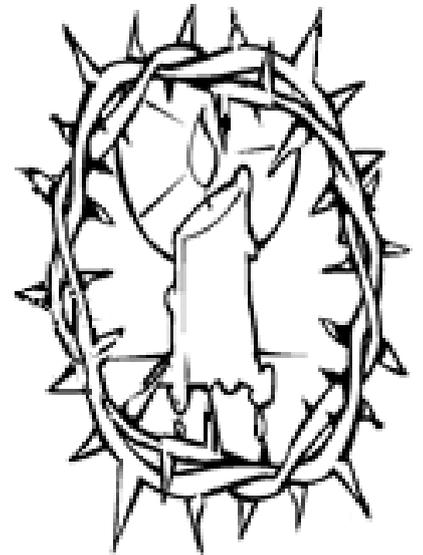
The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

## 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.**

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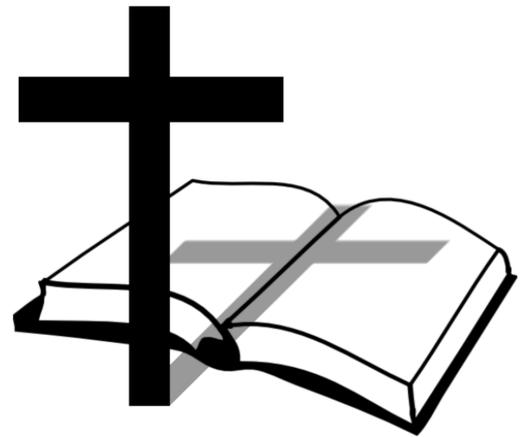
# The Collect for the Third Sunday before Lent

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept*

Almighty God,  
who alone can bring order  
to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity:  
give your people grace  
so to love what you command  
and to desire what you promise,  
that, among the many changes of this world,  
our hearts may surely there be fixed  
where true joys are to be found;  
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 15.12-20

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Alleluia

### Gospel Reading      Luke 6.17-26

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.**

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

‘Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

‘Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

‘Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

‘Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

‘But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

‘Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

‘Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

‘Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

### Affirmation of Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?

**We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**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 Myles Harrison and Harper Rose Gill 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; Robert; Janice; Cynthia; Steph; Tracey; Brenda; Dawn; Morag; Robert Metcalfe; Janis Gallagher; Lucy Nichol; 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; Clive Wood,; Andrew and Jennie Priest; David and Denzil.

*We pray for those who have recently died:*

Margaret Hayward; Roy Cutts; Charles William Chapman; Barbara Berridge; Janet Robinson; Paul Radley.

*Those whose years mind falls at this time:*

Diane Lynn Howarth; Albert Roydhouse; Derrick Anthony Lemmon

*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 (103)

**Alleluya, Alleluya!**

**Hearts to heaven and voices raise;  
sing to God a hymn of gladness,  
sing to God a hymn of praise:  
He who on the Cross a Victim  
for the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ the King of glory,  
now is risen from the dead.**

**Christ is risen, Christ the First-fruits  
of the holy harvest field,  
which will all its full abundance  
at His second coming yield;  
then the golden ears of harvest  
will their heads before Him wave,  
ripened by His glorious sunshine,  
from the furrows of the grave.**

**Christ is risen, we are risen;  
shed upon us heavenly grace,  
rain and dew, and gleams of glory  
from the brightness of Thy face;  
that we, Lord, with hearts in heaven,  
here on earth may fruitful be,**



**and by angel-hands be gathered,  
and be ever safe with Thee.**

**Alleluya, Alleluya!**

**Glory be to God on high;  
to the Father and the Saviour,  
who has gained the victory;  
glory to the Holy Spirit,  
Fount of love and sanctity;  
Alleluya, Alleluya,  
to the Triune Majesty. Amen.**

Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)

## 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 (365)

*God moves in a mysterious way  
His wonders to perform  
He plants His footsteps in the sea  
And rides upon the storm  
Deep in unfathomable mines  
Of never-failing skill  
He treasures up His bright designs  
And works His sovereign will  
Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take  
The clouds ye so much dread  
Are big with mercy and shall break  
In blessings on your head.  
Judge not the Lord by feeble sense  
But trust Him for His grace  
Behind a frowning providence  
He hides a smiling face  
His purposes will ripen fast  
Unfolding every hour  
The bud may have a bitter taste  
But sweet will be the flower  
Blind unbelief is sure to err  
And scan His work in vain  
God is His own interpreter  
And He will make it plain*

Robert William Cowper

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 (114)

**Now is eternal life,  
if risen with Christ we stand,  
in Him to life reborn,  
and holden in His hand;  
no more we fear death's ancient dread,  
in Christ arisen from the dead.**

**For God, the living God,  
stooped down to man's estate;  
by death destroying death,  
Christ opened wide life's gate.  
He lives, who died; He reigns on high;  
who lives in Him shall never die.**

**Unfathomed Love divine,  
reign Thou within my heart;  
from Thee nor depth nor height,  
nor life nor death can part.  
Our life is hid with God in Thee,  
now and through all eternity.**

G. W. Briggs

*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.