

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

## A Song of St Anselm

Jesus, like a mother

You gather Your people to You;  
You are gentle with us  
as a mother with her children.

Despair turns to hope  
through Your sweet goodness;  
through Your gentleness  
we find comfort in fear.

Your warmth  
gives life to the dead,  
Your touch  
makes sinners righteous.

Lord Jesus,  
in Your mercy heal us;  
in Your love and tenderness  
remake us.

In Your compassion  
bring grace and forgiveness,  
for the beauty of heaven  
may Your love prepare us.



Mothering Sunday  
The Fourth Sunday of Lent  
27<sup>th</sup> March 2022, 10.15 a.m.

# Welcome

We welcome you to this celebration of Parish Mass  
for Mothering Sunday.

The Mass setting 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

## Introit Hymn (336)

**Angel voices, ever singing,  
round Thy throne of light,  
angel-harps, for ever ringing,  
rest not day nor night;  
thousands only live to bless Thee,  
and confess Thee  
Lord of might.**



**Thou who art beyond the farthest  
mortal eye can scan,  
can it be that Thou regardest  
songs of sinful man?  
Can we know that Thou art near us  
and wilt hear us?  
yea, we can.**

**Yea, we know that Thou rejoicest  
o'er each work of Thine;  
Thou didst ears and hands and voices  
for Thy praise design;  
craftsman's art and music's measure  
for Thy pleasure  
all combine.**

**In Thy house, great God, we offer  
of Thine own to Thee;  
and for Thine acceptance proffer,  
all unworthily,  
hearts and minds and hands and voices,  
in our choicest  
psalmody.**

**Honour, glory, might and merit,  
Thine shall ever be,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,**

**Blessed Trinity!**  
**Of the best which Thou hast given**  
**earth and heaven**  
**render Thee.**

Francis Pott

‡In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## The Greeting

*The president greets the people*

Praise God who loves us.  
**Praise God who cares.**

## Praising and thanking God

We praise you, our God, for all mothers who have loved and laughed and laboured as they cared for their children.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

We praise you, our God, for all mothers who have wept in sorrow and joy for their children.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

We praise you, our God, for Jesus, born of a woman and nurtured in her love, and for Mary, a reminder of your patient, waiting love.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

## Invitation to confession

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God,  
though we have rebelled against him.

Let us then renounce our wilfulness and ask his mercy  
by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

*Silence for reflection*

# Prayer of Penitence

Your love gives us life from the moment of conception.

We fail to live as your children.

Lord have mercy.

**Lord have mercy.**

You call us to do good. We seek our own good.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ have mercy.**

You hear us when we cry for help. We ignore the cries of others.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord have mercy.**

*The president says*

May the God of love and power

✠forgive you and free you from your sins,

heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,

and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

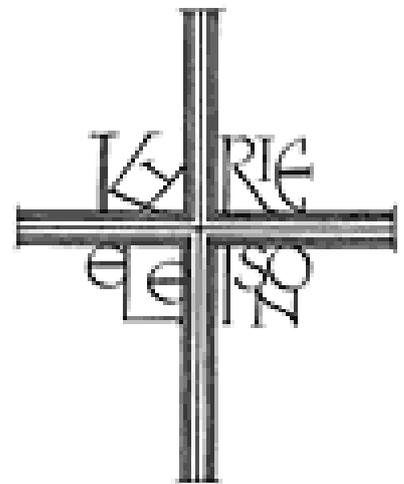
**Amen.**

# Kyrie Eleison

*Lord have mercy upon us.*

*Christ have mercy upon us.*

*Lord have mercy upon us.*



# The Collect for Mothering Sunday

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept*

God of compassion,

whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,

shared the life of a home in Nazareth,

and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:

strengthen us in our daily living

that in joy and in sorrow

we may know the power of your presence

to bind together and to heal;  
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      Exodus 2.1-10

A reading from the book of Exodus.

A man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because,' she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 127**    *The congregation joins the choir in singing the response.*

**Response:**



Chil - dren are an he - ri - tage from the Lord.

*Unless the Lord builds the house,  
those who build it labour in vain.  
Unless the Lord keeps the city,  
the guard keeps watch in vain.*

**Response**

*It is in vain that you hasten to rise up early  
and go so late to rest, eating the bread of toil,  
for he gives his beloved sleep.*

**Response**

*Children are a heritage from the Lord  
and the fruit of the womb is his gift.  
Like arrows in the hand of a warrior,  
so are the children of one's youth.*

**Response**

*Happy are those who have their quiver full of them:  
they shall not be put to shame  
when they dispute with their enemies in the gate.*

**Response**

## Second Reading

Colossians 3.12-17

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Colossians

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

**Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

## Gospel Reading

Luke 2.33-35

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.**

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

### Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.**

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

cf Ephesians 3

# 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 Ivy-Marie Gaskell and her family on the occasion of her celebration of the sacrament of baptism.

*We pray for those for whom prayers have been requested:*

Patrick; Mike; Steven; Terry; Cynthia; Steph; Tracey; Brenda; Dawn; Morag; Janis Gallagher; Lucy Nichol; Carl Thornton; Pat Steel; Janet Hickling; Ann Knox; Fr Mark; David Murray; Rhys Williams; Alan Sambrooks; Linda Sambrooks; Adrian Pope; Jonathan Bellamy; Carl Farraker; Marilyn Spicer; Cath Godridge; Andrew and Jennie Priest; David and Denzil; Ben (child).

*We pray for those who have recently died:*

Patrick Donaldson; Margaret Street; Maureen Steane.

*Those whose years mind falls at this time:*

Donald Richard Chessman; Dorothy Goddard.

*At the end:*                      Merciful Father  
   **accept these prayers  
   for the sake of your Son,  
   our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
   Amen.**



*Our children and young people return (St Giles 3:16 group)*

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## The Peace

Through the prophet Isaiah, God says,  
'As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you.'

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 (137)

**Come down, O Love divine,  
seek Thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with Thine own ardour glowing.**

**O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.**

**O let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;  
and let Thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

**Let holy charity  
mine outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;  
true lowliness of heart,  
which takes the humbler part,  
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.**

**And so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace,**

**till he become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.**

Italian, Santo Bianco da Siena ; tr. Richard Frederick Littledale

## Taking of the Bread and Wine

God of mercy and compassion,  
your Word calls us home to faith and love.  
accept all we offer you this day;  
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

**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.**

Blessed are you, Lord God,  
our light and our salvation;  
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things  
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.  
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,  
the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels  
and all the powers of heaven  
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

*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.*

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.  
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,  
you embraced a people as your own.  
When they turned away and rebelled  
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,  
to be the living bread,  
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,  
and with a love stronger than death  
he opened wide his arms on the cross.



On the night before he died,  
he came to supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.  
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, 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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Father, we plead with confidence  
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;  
we remember his dying and rising in glory,  
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you  
these gifts of your creation;  
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,  
form us in the likeness of Christ,  
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with Our Lady, Giles and all the saints  
to the vision of that eternal splendour  
for which you have created us;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
by whom, with whom, and in whom,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

# The Lord's Prayer

Jesus is our advocate with the Father, and as he 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

*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

***I come with joy to meet my Lord,  
forgiven, loved, and free,  
in awe and wonder to recall  
His life laid down for me.***

***I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread.***

***As Christ breaks bread and bids us share  
each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends.***

**And thus with joy we meet our Lord.  
His presence, always near,  
is in such friendship better known:  
we see and praise Him here.**

**Together met, together bound,  
we'll go our different ways,  
and as his people in the world  
we'll live and speak his praise.**

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Choir Anthem - Aiblinger - Ave maria

## Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept.*

Let us pray.

**Loving God,  
as a mother feeds her children at the breast  
you feed us in this sacrament with the food  
and drink of eternal life:  
help us who have tasted your goodness  
to grow in grace within the household of faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*Notices are given.*

## Distribution of Flowers

Loving God may your blessing be upon the flowers which have been distributed in your name. We give thanks for all mothers and those who have been as mothers to us in our lives. May the flowers also remind us how much you value each one of us, because we are all your children. Amen.

# The Blessing and Dismissal

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

Praise God who loves us.

**Praise God who cares.**

May God, who gave birth to all creation, bless you:

may God, who became incarnate by an earthly mother, bless you:

may God, who broods as a mother over her children, bless you.

May almighty God bless you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
now and for ever.

**Amen.**

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

## Hymn (185)

*Sing we of the blessèd Mother  
who received the angel's word,  
and obedient to his summons  
bore in love the infant Lord.*

*Sing we of the joys of Mary  
at whose breast that child was fed  
Who is Son of God eternal  
and the everlasting Bread.*

*Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,  
of the sword that pierced her through,  
when beneath the cross of Jesus  
she His weight of suffering knew,  
looked upon her Son and Saviour  
reigning high on Calvary's tree,  
saw the price of man's redemption  
paid to set the sinner free.*

**Sing again the joys of Mary  
when she saw the risen Lord,  
and in prayer with Christ's apostles,  
waited on His promised word.  
From on high the blazing glory  
of the Spirit's presence came,  
heavenly Breath of God's own being,  
manifest through wind and flame.**

**Sing the chiefest joy of Mary  
when on earth her work was done,  
and the Lord of all creation  
brought her to His heavenly home.  
Virgin Mother, Mary blessed,  
raised on high and crowned with grace,  
may your Son, the world's Redeemer,  
grant us all to see His face.**

*George B Timms, 1910-97 © Oxford University Press*

*The clergy and people depart.*

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## Treasured Memories of My Dear Husband

Donald Richard Chessman

Passed away 28/03/2020

Rest in Peace

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## **A FURTHER UPDATE FROM MARCH 13TH.**

At St Giles', in the **next few weeks** we will be seeking to resume more normality as Covid recedes in the local community.

So....

- The wearing of masks will be down to individual judgements, there will be no requirement to wear masks in the church, including when singing.
- The current spacing will be retained but will slowly change in the coming weeks. The balcony area and North Aisle continues to be available for more socially distanced seating for those who prefer it.
- Sanitisation stations will still be present; use is advised but individuals must make their own choice.
- Service in the café will continue to be at tables.
- The sharing of the Peace solely with those immediately around you continues to be the wisest practice. Please respect that your neighbours may not wish to have physical contact.
- Please note that wardens will still direct people to come up for communion in the ways that we have become used to.
- It is hoped that from Easter Sunday offering the chalice will once again be offered along with the host. There will be no provision to intinct (dip) wafers in the chalice but individuals are able to simply continue receiving just the host if that is their preference.
- Also, from Easter Sunday refreshments after Sunday worship will resume. Volunteers may well be needed!
- Lunch With Us hopes also to resume indoor service around the Easter period.
- We would hope that if you test positive for Covid you will be mindful of taking care not to transmit it within a community of people and staying at home until you feel better.