

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



The Third Sunday of Lent
20th March 2022, 10.15 a.m.

Welcome

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

The Mass setting is the Missa de Angelis

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 (376)

Sung by all as the choir and clergy process in.

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon My breast.'**

**I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in Him a resting place,
and He has made me glad.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink, and live.'
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in Him.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's Light;
look unto Me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright.'
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in Him my Star, my Sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till traveling days are done.**

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

Amen.



Horatius Bonar

The Greeting

The president greets the people

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Acclamation

The Lord does not see as mortals see;
they look on the outward appearance,
but the Lord looks on the heart.

1 Samuel 16.7

Invitation to confession

God our Father,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins.

Prayer of Penitence

For turning away from you,
and ignoring your will for our lives;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish,
without thinking of you;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For failing you by what we do,
and think and say;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you
by temptations in the world about us;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

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.

Kyrie Eleison

Kyrie Eleison

Christe Eleison

Kyrie Eleison



The Collect for the Third Sunday of Lent

Let us pray.

Silence is kept

Almighty God,

whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:

mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;

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 Isaiah 55.1-9

A reading from the book of Isaiah.

Everyone who thirsts,

 come to the waters;

and you that have no money,

 come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

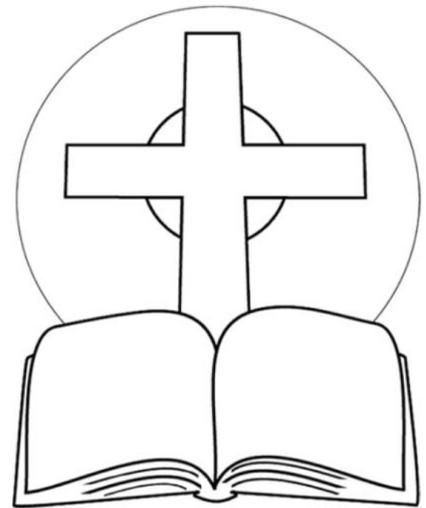
 without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

 and your labour for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have
mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.



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

Psalm—Psalm 63 vv1-9



Oh God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;
my soul is athirst for you.
My flesh also faints for you, as in a dry and thirsty land where there is no
water. So would I gaze upon you in your holy place,
That I might be hold your power and your glory. **Response**

Your loving kindness is better than life itself
and so my lips shall praise you.

I will bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your name.

My soul shall be satisfied, as with marrow and fatness,
and my mouth shall praise you with joyful lips. **Response**

When I remember you up on my bed
and meditate on you in the watches of the night.

For you have been my helper
and under the shadow of your wings will I rejoice.

My soul clings to you; your right hand shall hold me fast. **Response**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10 1-13

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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 13. 1-9

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.

There were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

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:

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; Joyce Richardson; Margaret Street; Maureen Steane.

Those whose years mind falls at this time:

Evelyn Clark; Stanley Taylor; Roger Michael Whitaker; Ida Swann.

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

Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace.

cf Romans 5.1,2

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Altar

Offertory Hymn (65)

**Christian, dost thou see them
on the holy ground,
how the troops of Midian
prowl and prowl around?
Christian, up and smite them,
counting gain but loss,
smite them by the merit
of the holy Cross.**

**Christian, dost thou feel them,
how they work within,
striving, tempting, luring,
goading into sin?
Christian, never tremble;
never be downcast;
smite them by the virtue,
of the Lenten fast.**

**Christian, dost thou hear them,
how they speak thee fair?
"Always fast and vigil?
Always watch and prayer?"
Christian, answer boldly:
"While I breathe I pray!"
Peace shall follow battle,**

night shall end in day.

*"Well I know thy trouble,
O My servant true;
thou art very weary,
I was weary, too;
But that toil shall make thee
some day all Mine own,
and the end of sorrow
shall be near My throne."*

Greek, C7th; tr. John Mason Neale

Taking of the Bread and Wine

God of truth,
accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.
May we share in the wisdom of your eternal Word,
who makes himself known in the breaking of bread,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 indeed right,
it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King,
almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.



And now we give you thanks
because he was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin.
By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil,
and to live no longer for ourselves alone,
but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

Sanctus & Benedictus

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus
Deus Sabaoth.*

*Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
Osanna in excelsis.*

*Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Osanna in excelsis.*

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
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, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

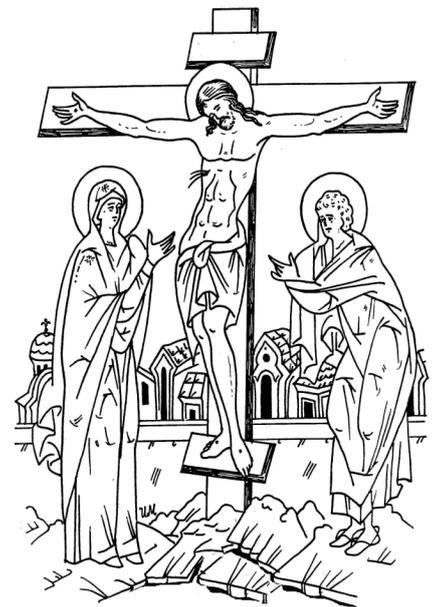
Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,



Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
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

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei.
Dona nobis pacem.

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 (276)

**Bread of heaven, on Thee we feed,
for Thy flesh is meat indeed;
ever may our souls be fed
with this true and living bread,
day by day with strength supplied
through the life of Him who died.**

**Vine of heaven, Thy blood supplies
this blest cup of sacrifice;
'tis Thy wounds our healing give;
to Thy Cross we look and live:
Thou our life! O let us be
rooted, grafted, built on Thee.**

Josiah Conder

Choir Anthem

Hilton - Lord for thy tender mercies' sake

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Let us pray.

**Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations
of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Notices are given.

The Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

God,
who from the death of sin
raised you to new life in Christ,
keep you from falling
and set you in the presence of his glory;
and the blessing ...

Amen.

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

Hymn (63)

*All ye who seek a comfort sure
in trouble and distress,
whatever sorrow vex the mind,
or guilt the soul oppress:*

*Jesus, who gave Himself for you
upon the cross to die,
opens to you His sacred heart;
oh, to that heart draw nigh.*

*Ye hear how kindly He invites;
ye hear His words so blest:
'All ye that labour come to Me,
and I will give you rest.'*

*O Jesus, joy of saints on high,
Thou hope of sinners here,
attracted by those loving words
to Thee I lift my prayer.*

**Wash Thou my wounds in that dear blood,
which forth from Thee doth flow;
new grace, new hope inspire, a new
and better heart bestow.**

Latin, C 18th century, tr. Edward Caswell

The clergy and people depart.

Organ Voluntary

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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.