

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



The Fourth Sunday of Easter
8th May 2022, 10.15 a.m.

Welcome

We welcome you to this celebration of Parish Mass
for the Fourth Sunday of Easter.
This morning's setting is Addington

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.

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**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 (106)

**Come, ye faithful, raise the strain
Of triumphant gladness;
God hath brought his Israel
Into joy from sadness;
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters;
Led them with unmoistened foot
Through the Red Sea waters.**

**'Tis the spring of souls today;
Christ hath burst his prison,
And from three days' sleep in death
As a sun hath risen;
All the winter of our sins,
Long and dark, is flying
From his light, to whom we give
Laud and praise undying.**

**Now the queen of seasons, bright
With the day of splendour,
With the royal feast of feasts,
Comes its joy to render;
Comes to glad Jerusalem,
Who with true affection
Welcomes in unwearied strains
Jesus' Resurrection.**

**Neither might the gates of death,
Nor the tomb's dark portal,
Nor the watchers, nor the seal
Hold thee as a mortal:
But today amidst thine own
Thou didst stand, bestowing
That thy peace, which evermore
Passeth human knowing.**

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

Amen.

The Greeting

The president greets the people

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Invitation to confession

In baptism we died with Christ,
so that as Christ was raised from the dead,
we might walk in newness of life.

Let us receive new life in him
as we confess our sins in penitence and faith

Prayer of Penitence

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.**

We are truly sorry

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 grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.**

Amen.

The president says



cf Romans 6.4

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.

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 of Easter

Let us pray.

Silence is kept

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Acts 9:36-end

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Alleluia

Gospel Reading

John 10:22-30

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

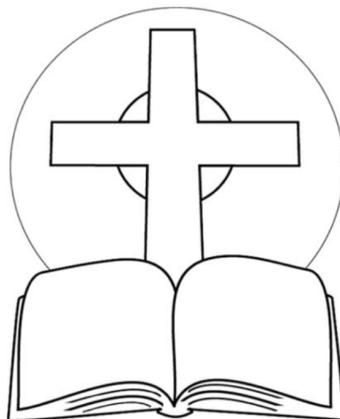
Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

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

In joy and hope let us pray to the Father.

After each prayer: Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Today we pray for Hattie Oglesby and Lyla Irene Prince and their families on the occasion of their 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; Josie; 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; Christopher Bright; Marion Cranswick; Lynda Ross; May Weston; John Fowler Place; Ken Harrison; Lilian Brown.

Those whose years mind falls at this time:

Matthew Cookson; Andrew Savage Beveridge.

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

God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us,
and as a pledge of what is to come
has given us the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

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 (307)

**Sweet Sacrament divine,
hid in Thine earthly home,
lo, round Thy lowly shrine,
with suppliant hearts we come.
Jesu, to Thee our voice we raise
in songs of love and heartfelt praise:
Sweet Sacrament divine.**

**Sweet Sacrament of peace,
dear home for every heart,
where restless yearnings cease
and sorrows all depart;
there in Thine ear all trustfully
we tell our tale of misery:
Sweet Sacrament of peace.**

**Sweet Sacrament of rest,
ark from the ocean's roar,
within Thy shelter blest
soon may we reach the shore.
Save us, for still the tempest raves,**

*save, lest we sink beneath the waves:
Sweet Sacrament of rest.*

*Sweet Sacrament divine,
Earth's light and jubilee,
in Thy far depths doth shine
the Godhead's majesty.*

*Sweet light, so shine on us, we pray
that earthly joys may fade away:
Sweet Sacrament divine.*

Francis Stanfield

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.
In your loving care you spread before us the table of life
and give us the cup of salvation to drink.
Keep us always in the fold of our Saviour and our Shepherd,
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Blessed be God for ever.



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:

Sanctus & Benedictus

***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.***

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

Christ Jesus is the good shepherd, through him we have confidence to 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,
give us your peace.**

Giving of Communion

The president says the invitation to communion.

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The president and people receive communion.

Communion is now offered in both kinds. Please walk past the chalice if you do not wish to receive the wine.

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.**

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Hymn (282)

**Faithful Shepherd, feed me
in the pastures green;
Faithful Shepherd, lead me
where Thy steps are seen.**

**Hold me fast, and guide me
in the narrow way;
so, with Thee beside me,
I shall never stray.**

**Daily bring me nearer
to the heavenly shore;
may my faith grow clearer,
may I love Thee more.**

**Hallow every pleasure,
every gift and pain;
be Thyself my treasure,
though none else I gain.**

**Day by day prepare me
as Thou seest best,
Then let angels bear me
to Thy promised rest.**

Thomas B Pollock

Choir Anthem

Ley - The strife is o'er

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Let us pray.

**Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

Notices are given.

Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

Those who believe in him shall never die. Alleluia.

The Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
and the blessing ...

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

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

The clergy and people depart.

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