

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



Trinity Sunday  
4<sup>th</sup> June 2023, 10.15 a.m.

We welcome you to this celebration of Parish Mass  
for Trinity Sunday

Today's setting for mass is Ireland in C

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.

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# The Gathering

## Introit Hymn (146)

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**  
**Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.**  
**Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!**  
**God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**



**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,**  
**casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;**  
**cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,**  
**which wert and art and evermore shalt be.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,**  
**though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,**  
**only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee,**  
**perfect in power, in love, and purity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**  
**All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.**  
**Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!**  
**God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.**

Reginald Heber, 1783-1826

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

# The Greeting

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

*Words of welcome or introduction may be said*

# Prayer of Penitence

## Invitation to confession

We have too often exchanged the worship of the living God for idols of our own imagining.

As we gather to offer our praises to the holy and undivided Trinity, and to worship him in spirit and in truth, let us call to mind our sins.

Father, you come to meet us when we return to you:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus, you died on the cross for our sins:  
Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Spirit, you give us life and peace:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**



*The president says*

May the Father ☩ forgive you by the death of his Son and strengthen you to live in the power of the Spirit all your days.

**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 Trinity Sunday

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty and everlasting God,

you have given us your servants grace,

by the confession of a true faith,

to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity

and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity:

keep us steadfast in this faith,

that we may evermore be defended from all adversities;

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 40.12-17, 27-31*

*A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.*

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand  
and marked off the heavens with a span,  
enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure,  
and weighed the mountains in scales  
and the hills in a balance?

Who has directed the spirit of the Lord,  
or as his counsellor has instructed him?  
Whom did he consult for his enlightenment,  
and who taught him the path of justice?

Who taught him knowledge,  
and showed him the way of understanding?

Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket,  
and are accounted as dust on the scales;  
see, he takes up the isles like fine dust.

Lebanon would not provide fuel enough,  
nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering.

All the nations are as nothing before him;  
they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.

Why do you say, O Jacob,  
and speak, O Israel,

My way is hidden from the Lord,  
and my right is disregarded by my God?  
Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint,  
and strengthens the powerless.

Even youths will faint and be weary,  
and the young will fall exhausted;  
but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,

they shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not faint.

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

## Second Reading *2 Corinthians 13.11-13*

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

Brothers and sisters, put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

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

## Gospel Alleluia

## Gospel Reading *Matthew 28.16-20*

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

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon



# The 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 pray for God to fill us with his Spirit that we may receive new confidence and joy in sharing our faith.



*After each prayer:* Lord, come to bless us  
**Fill us with your Spirit**

Today we pray for Ada Judith Hunter and her family on the occasion of her celebration of the sacrament of baptism.

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

Tina; Bob; Brenda; Pippa; Catriona; Doris; Elliot; Angela; Richard Fletcher; Jillian Hickman; Pat Steel; Mary Wass; David Murray; Owen Murray; Janis Gallagher; Rhys Williams; Angela Hyomes; Frank Foley; Mary Sambrooks; Linda Sambrooks; Cath Godridge; Janet Hickling; Mike Dade; Christine Campbell; Linda Mumford; Denise & Ian Beckett; Mark & Joe; Alex & Ebony.

*We pray for those who have recently died:*

Peter Higgins; Edward Benson Bradley; Margaret Skidmore.

*Those whose year's mind falls at this time:*

Madge Hankins; Kathleen Jones; John Anthony Storr; Russ Hunter.

*At the end:*

We commend ourselves and all for whom we pray to the mercy and protection of our heavenly Father.

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

*St Giles 3:16 Return.*

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## The Peace

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.  
Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.  
Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.  
The peace of the triune God 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 (159)

### St Patrick's Breastplate

***I bind unto myself today  
the strong name of the Trinity,  
by invocation of the same,  
the Three in One, and One in Three.***

***I bind this day to me for ever,  
by power of faith, Christ's Incarnation;  
His Baptism in Jordan river;  
His death on Cross for my salvation;  
His bursting from the spiced tomb,  
His riding up the heavenly way;  
His coming at the day of doom;  
I bind unto myself today.***

***I bind unto myself the power  
of the great love of cherubim;  
the sweet 'Well done!' in judgement hour;  
the service of the seraphim,  
confessors' faith, apostles' word,  
the patriarchs' prayers, the prophets' scrolls,  
all good deeds done unto the Lord,  
and purity of virgin souls.***

***I bind unto myself to-day  
the virtues of the star-lit heaven,  
the glorious sun's life-giving ray,  
the whiteness of the moon at even,  
the flashing of the lightning free,  
the whirling wind's tempestuous shocks,  
the stable earth, the deep salt sea  
around the old eternal rocks.***

***I bind unto myself to-day  
the power of God to hold and lead,  
His eye to watch, His might to stay,  
His ear to hearken to my need;  
the wisdom of my God to teach,  
His hand to guide, His shield to ward;  
the Word of God to give me speech,  
His heavenly host to be my guard.***

***I bind unto myself the name,  
the strong name of the Trinity;  
by Invocation of the same,  
the Three in One, and One in Three,  
of whom all nature hath creation;  
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word:  
praise to the Lord of my salvation,  
salvation is of Christ the Lord.***

*St Patrick (372-466); tr. Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)*

## **Taking of the Bread and Wine**

**Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
give us the bread of everlasting life,  
and make us branches of the true vine.**

**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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For with your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit  
you are one God, one Lord.

All that you reveal of your glory,  
the same we believe of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit, without any difference or inequality.  
We, your holy Church, acclaim you,  
Father of majesty unbounded,  
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

Three Persons we adore,  
one in being and equal in majesty.

And so with angels and archangels,  
with cherubim and seraphim,  
we sing for ever of your glory:

## Sanctus & Benedictus

*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.*

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

As God's children, and heirs with Christ, we cry in the Spirit, 'Abba', Father.

**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

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.*

# Giving of Communion

*The president says the invitation to communion.*

God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*The clergy and people receive communion.*

# Organ Voluntary

## Hymn (358)

**Father of heaven, whose love profound  
a ransom for our souls hath found,  
before Thy throne we sinners bend:  
to us Thy pardoning love extend.**

**Almighty Son, incarnate Word,  
our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord,  
before Thy throne we sinners bend:  
to us Thy saving grace extend.**

**Eternal Spirit, by whose breath  
the soul is raised from sin and death,  
before Thy throne we sinners bend:  
to us Thy quickening power extend.**

**Thrice holy! Father, Spirit, Son -  
mysterious Godhead, Three in One,  
before Thy throne we sinners bend;  
grace, pardon, life to us extend. Amen.**

Words: Edward Cooper (1770-1833)

# Choir Anthem

*Hymn to the Trinity - Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)*



## Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept.*

Let us pray.

**Almighty and eternal God,  
you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:  
hold us firm in this faith,  
that we may know you in all your ways  
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,  
who are three Persons yet one God,  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

*Notices are given.*

## The Blessing and Dismissal

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

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace;  
and the blessing of God...  
**Amen.**

**Hymn** (373)

**How shall I sing that Majesty  
which angels do admire?  
Let dust in dust and silence lie;  
sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.  
Thousands of thousands stand around  
Thy throne, O God most high;  
ten thousand times ten thousand sound  
Thy praise; but who am I?**

**Thy brightness unto them appears,  
whilst I Thy footsteps trace;  
a sound of God comes to my ears,  
but they behold Thy face.  
They sing because Thou art their Sun;  
Lord, send a beam on me;  
for where heaven is but once begun,  
there alleluyas be.**

**How great a being, Lord, is Thine,  
which doth all beings keep!  
Thy knowledge is the only line  
to sound so vast a deep.  
Thou art a sea without a shore,  
a sun without a sphere;  
Thy time is now and evermore,  
Thy place is everywhere.**

John Mason (c1645-1694)

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

*The clergy and people depart.*

Organ Voluntary

Choral Evensong 4pm

Office Hymn 343

Psalm 150 - Charles Villiers Stanford

Evening Canticles - Stanford in C

Anthem - Alta Trinita Beata (anon. 14th century)

Hymn 466



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