

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



The Eighth Sunday after Trinity  
30<sup>th</sup> July 2023, 10:15 a.m.

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

The setting for today's Mass is *Sungion in F*

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

## Hymn (364)

**God is love: let heaven adore Him;  
God is love: let earth rejoice;  
let creation sing before Him,  
and exalt Him with one voice.  
He who laid the earth's foundation,  
He who spread the heavens above,  
He who breathes through all creation,  
He is Love eternal Love.**

**God is Love, and He enfoldeth  
all the world in one embrace;  
with unfailing grasp He holdeth  
every child of every race.  
And when human hearts are breaking  
under sorrow's iron rod,  
then they find that selfsame aching  
deep within the heart of God.**

**God is Love: and though with blindness  
sin afflicts and clouds the will,  
God's eternal loving-kindness  
holds and guides them even then.  
Sin and death and hell shall never  
o'er us final triumph gain;  
God is Love, so Love for ever  
o'er the universe must reign.**

Timothy Rees (1874-1939)

†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 introduction and welcome may be said.*

## Invitation to confession

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments  
and to live in love and peace with all.

## 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 assures us of God's forgiveness.*

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Gloria in Excelsis

**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.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**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.**



## The Collect for the Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,  
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern  
both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws  
and the works of your commandments;  
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,  
we may be preserved in body and soul;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
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

Romans 8: 26 - end

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

'For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.



This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

# Gospel Alleluia

## Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

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.**

Jesus put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

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

In joy and hope let us pray to the Father.

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

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

Barry; Brenda; Richard; Alex; Catriona; Bob; Mark & Joe; Janet Hickling; Linda Mumford; Richard Fletcher; Janis Gallagher; Mary Sambrooks; Linda Sambrooks; David Murray; Owen Murray; Ellen Adamosky; Margaret Kidger; Rhys Williams; Angela Hyomes; Pat Steele; Christine Campbell.

*We pray for those who have recently died:*

Edward Benson Bradley; Mike Skerritt; Tina Louise Edwards;  
Brian Henderson; Val Midgley; George Garbutt.

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

Marina Schorah; John Malcolm Darling; Norman Tetlow.

*At the end:*

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

God will speak peace to his people,  
to those who turn to him in their hearts.

*cf Psalm 85.8; 1 Samuel 12.20*

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 (495)

**God is working His purpose out as year succeeds to year,  
God is working His purpose out, and the time is drawing near;  
nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover  
the sea.**

**From utmost east to utmost west where'er man's foot hath trod,  
by the mouth of many messengers goes forth the voice of God,  
'Give ear to me, ye continents, ye isles, give ear to me,  
that the earth may be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover  
the sea.'**

**What can we do to work God's work, to prosper and increase  
the brotherhood of all mankind, the reign of the Prince of Peace?  
What can we do to hasten the time, the time that shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover  
the sea?**

**March we forth in the strength of God with the banner of Christ unfurled,  
that the light of the glorious gospel of truth may shine throughout the world.**

**Fight we the fight with sorrow and sin, to set their captives free,  
that the earth may be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.**

**All we can do is nothing worth unless God blesses the deed;  
vainly we hope for the harvest-tide till God gives life to the seed.  
Yet nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.**

Arthur Campbell Ainger (1841-1919)

## Taking of the Bread and Wine

God our sustainer,  
receive the gifts we bring before you,  
and feed us continually with that bread which satisfies all hunger,  
your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. **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,  
almighty and eternal Father,  
enthroned upon the praises of your people.

We thank you for this house of prayer,  
in which you bless your family  
as we come to you in pilgrimage.

Here you reveal your presence in sacramental signs,  
and make us one with you through the unseen bond of grace.

Here you build your temple of living stones,  
and bring the Church to its full stature  
as the body of Christ throughout the world,  
to reach its perfection at last  
in the heavenly city of Jerusalem,  
which is the vision of your peace.

Therefore, in union with the heavenly Jerusalem,  
with angels in joyful assembly,  
with all whose names are written in heaven,  
and with the spirits of the righteous made perfect,  
we lift up our voices to join in the triumphal song of 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.*

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died, he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.  
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with our Lady, Giles and all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.  
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.       **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

We come boldly to the throne of grace, praying to God our Father, 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

*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:*

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 clergy and people receive communion.*

## Organ Voluntary

## Hymn. (320)

**O Perfect Love, all human thought transcending,  
Lowly we kneel in prayer before thy throne,  
That theirs may be the love that knows no ending,  
Whom thou for evermore dost join in one.**

**O perfect Life, be thou their full assurance  
Of tender charity and steadfast faith,  
Of patient hope and quiet, brave endurance,  
With childlike trust that fears nor pain nor death.**

**Grant them the joy which brightens earthly sorrow;  
Grant them the peace which calms all earthly strife,  
And to life's day the glorious unknown morrow  
That dawns upon eternal love and life.**

*Dorothy F Gurney (1858–1932)*

## Choir Anthem

*God be in my head - John Rutter (b. 1945)*



# Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept.*

Let us pray.

**Strengthen for service, Lord,  
the hands that have taken holy things;  
may the ears which have heard your word  
be deaf to clamour and dispute;  
may the tongues which have sung your praise  
be free from deceit;  
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love  
shine with the light of hope;  
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body  
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;  
glory to you for ever.**

**Amen.**

*Notices are given.*

## The Blessing and Dismissal

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

Christ, whose glory is in the heavens,  
fill this house and illuminate your hearts;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

## Hymn (391)

**King of glory, King of peace,  
I will love Thee;  
And that love may never cease,  
I will move Thee.  
Thou hast granted my request,  
Thou hast heard me;  
Thou didst note my working breast,  
Thou hast spared me.**

**Wherefore with my utmost art  
I will sing Thee,  
And the cream of all my heart  
I will bring Thee.  
Though my sins against me cried,  
Thou didst clear me;  
and alone, when they replied,  
Thou didst hear me.**

**Seven whole days, not one in seven,  
I will praise Thee;  
in my heart, though not in heaven,  
I can raise Thee.  
Small it is, in this poor sort  
To enrol Thee:  
E'en eternity's too short  
To extol Thee.**

George Herbert (1593 – 1632)

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

*The clergy and people depart.*

## Organ Voluntary

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