

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



The Fifth Sunday after Trinity
including Confirmation

9th July 2023, 10.15 a.m.

President and Preacher: The Rt. Rev'd Mark Sowerby
Assistant Bishop of Leeds.

Welcome

We welcome you to this celebration of Parish Mass for the Fifth Sunday after Trinity, including Confirmation.

Today we celebrate with joy the Confirmation of the following candidates:

Amelia MacDonald

Ewan MacDonald

Caitlín Siddons

Joshua Siddons

Andrew Siddons

The setting for today's Mass is Stainer 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.

The Gathering

Hymn (333)

**All my hope on God is founded;
He doth still my trust renew,
me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
He alone
calls my heart to be His own.**

**Pride of man and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray His trust;
what with care and toil He buildeth,
tower and temple fall to dust.
But God's power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.**

**God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep His wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light and life attend Him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore
from His store
new-born worlds rise and adore.**

**Daily doth th' Almighty giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
His desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
at His hand;
joy doth wait on His command.**

**Still from man to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ, His Son.
Christ doth call
one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.**



Robert Bridges (1844-1930);
based on the German: Joachim Neander (1650-1680)

The Greeting

The Bishop greets the people

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

Amen.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

There is one body and one spirit.

There is one hope to which we were called;

one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

one God and Father of all.

Peace be with you

and also with you.

Invitation to confession

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin
and be faithful to Christ.

As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith,
we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

Prayer of Penitence

**Most merciful God, we confess to you,
before the whole company of heaven and one another,
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed
and in what we have failed to do.**

**Forgive us our sins,
heal us by your Spirit
and raise us to new life in Christ.**

Amen.

The Bishop says the words of forgiveness

The Lord enrich you with his grace,
and nourish you with his blessing;
the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil;
the Lord accept your prayers,
✠ and absolve you from your offences,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.
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 Fifth Sunday after Trinity.

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
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 7.15-25a

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

Gospel Alleluia

Gospel Reading Matthew 11.16-19, 25-30

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.

‘But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,

“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.”

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, “He has a demon”; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, “Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!” Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.’

At that time Jesus said, ‘I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon—The Rt. Rev’d Mark Sowerby, Assistant Bishop of Leeds.

Hymn (138)

**Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
and lighten with celestial fire;
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost Thy sevenfold gifts impart.**

**Thy blessèd unction from above
is comfort, life, and fire of love;
enable with perpetual light
the dullness of our blinded sight:**

**Anoint and cheer our soilèd face
with the abundance of Thy grace.
Keep far our foes, give peace at home;
where Thou art guide no ill can come.**

**Teach us to know the Father, Son,
and Thee, of Both to be but One;
that through the ages all along
this may be our endless song,**

**Praise to Thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen**

Veni, creator Spiritus c776-856, John Cosin, 1594-1672

The Liturgy of Initiation

The candidates come to the front.

The Bishop asks the candidates for confirmation :

Have you been baptized in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit?

I have.

Are you ready with your own mouth and from your
own heart to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ?

I am.

The Bishop addresses the whole congregation

People of God, will you welcome these candidates
and uphold them in their life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

The Decision

The Bishop addresses the candidates

We all wander far from God and lose our way:
Christ comes to find us and welcomes us home.
In baptism we respond to his call.

Therefore I ask:

Do you turn away from sin?

I do.

Do you reject evil?

I do.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I do.

Do you trust in him as Lord?

I do.

May God, who has given you the desire to follow Christ,
give you also strength to continue in the Way.

Amen.

The candidates move to the font.

Organ music is played

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, sovereign God of all,
to you be glory and praise for ever.

You are our light and our salvation.

From the deep waters of death

you have raised your Son to life in triumph.

Grant that all who have been born anew by water and the Spirit,
may daily be renewed in your image,

walk by the light of faith,

and serve you in newness of life;

through your anointed Son, Jesus Christ,

to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
we lift our voices of praise.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

Profession of Faith

The Bishop addresses the congregation

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with these candidates the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**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.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**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.

The Bishop then sprinkles the candidates and the congregation with water. As you are sprinkled you may like to make the sign of the cross as a gesture of receiving God's loving renewal.

After this we say together

**Almighty God, we thank you for our fellowship
in the household of faith with all who have been
baptized into your name.**

**Keep us faithful to our baptism,
and so make us ready for that day
when the whole creation shall be
made perfect in your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

The Confirmation

The Bishop and candidates move to the dais.

The Bishop stands before those who are to be confirmed, and says:

**Our help is in the name of the Lord
who has made heaven and earth.**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord
Now and for ever. Amen.**

The Bishop extends his hands towards those to be confirmed and says:

**Almighty and ever-living God,
you have given these your servants new birth
in baptism by water and the Spirit,
and have forgiven them all their sins.**

**Let your Holy Spirit rest upon them:
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding;
the Spirit of counsel and inward strength;
the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness;
and let their delight be in the fear of the Lord.**

Amen.

The Bishop addresses each candidate by name

N, God has called you by name and made you his own.

The Bishop then lays his hand on the head of each, saying:

Confirm, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Those who have been confirmed are anointed with Holy Oil

The Bishop invites the congregation to pray for all those on whom hands have been laid

**Defend, O Lord, these your servants with your heavenly grace, that they may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more until they come to your everlasting kingdom.
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:

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.

Those whose year's mind falls at this time

Frederick Legay Murray; Elsie May Thompson; Gladys Walker; Margaret Illidge; Anne Taylor.

At the end:

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

We are all one in Christ Jesus.
We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

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 (440)

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation:
come ye who hear,
brothers and sisters draw near,
praise Him in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:
hast thou not seen
all that is needful hath been
granted in what He ordaineth?**

**Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work, and defend thee;
surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
ponder anew
all the Almighty can do,
He who with love doth befriend thee.**

**Praise to the Lord, who, when tempests their warfare are waging,
who, when the elements madly around thee are raging,
biddeth them cease,
turneth their fury to peace,
whirlwinds and waters assuaging.**

**Praise to the Lord, who when darkness and sin is abounding,
who, when the godless do triumph, all virtue confounding,
sheddeth His light,
chaseth the horrors of night,
saints with His mercy surrounding.**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before Him!
Let the 'Amen'
sound from His people again:
gladly for ay we adore Him.**

Joachim Neander, 1650-80, Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Lord Jesus Christ, you emptied yourself, taking the form of a servant.

Through your love, make us servants of one another.

Lord Jesus Christ, for our sake you became poor.

May our lives and gifts enrich the life of your world.

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 truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

From sunrise to sunset this day is holy,
for Christ has risen from the tomb
and scattered the darkness of death
with light that will not fade.

This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people,
unfolds for us your word,
and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread.

And though the night will overtake this day
you summon us to live in endless light,
the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord.

And so, with choirs of angels and with all the heavenly host,
we proclaim your glory and join their unending song of praise:

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.*

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 Blessed Mary, 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

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as 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.

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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 president says the invitation to communion. Those recently confirmed will receive communion first at the chancel step, 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.

Organ Voluntary

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, 1835-1914

Choir Anthem

Come, holy ghost-Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Let us pray.

**Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered
by your governance,
that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

Notices are given.

The Commission

Please stand.

Those who are baptized are called to worship and serve God.
Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you persevere in resisting evil,
and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you proclaim by word and example
the good news of God in Christ?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people,
loving your neighbour as yourself?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society,
by prayer for the world and its leaders,
by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

With the help of God, I will.

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith,
that you may be rooted and grounded in love
and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

Amen.

The Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The God of all grace,
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Hymn

**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.**

**Enlighten with faith's light my heart,
in flame it with love's fire;
then shall I sing and bear a part
with that celestial choir.
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,
with all my fire and light;
yet when Thou dost accept their gold,
Lord, treasure up my mite.**

**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

*Nun danket alle Gott (Marche triomphale) op 65 -
Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)*

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