

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



The one  
who sows  
the good  
seed is the  
Son of  
Man

The Sixth Sunday after Trinity  
16<sup>th</sup> July 2023, 10.15 a.m.

We welcome you to this celebration of Parish Mass  
for the Sixth 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 (137)

**Come down, O Love divine,  
seek Thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with Thine own ardour glowing.**

**O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.**

**O let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;  
and let Thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

**Let holy charity  
mine outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;  
true lowliness of heart,  
which takes the humbler part,  
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.**

**And so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace,  
till he become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.**

Italian, Santo Bianco da Siena (d. 1434); tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890)

†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

### Prayer of Penitence

My brothers and sisters,  
as we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ  
in word and sacrament,  
let us call to mind and confess our sins.

Christ came in humility to share our lives:  
forgive our pride.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ came with good news for all people:  
forgive our silence.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Christ came in love to a world of suffering:  
forgive our self-centredness.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**



The president says

Almighty God,  
who in Jesus Christ has given us  
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,  
forgive you your sins,  
open your eyes to God's truth,  
strengthen you to do God's will  
and give you the joy of his kingdom,  
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 Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Merciful God,  
you have prepared for those who love you  
such good things as pass our understanding:  
pour into our hearts such love toward you  
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,  
may obtain your promises,  
which exceed all that we can desire;  
through Jesus Christ 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

Romans 8; 1-11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

## Gospel Alleluia



# Gospel Reading

Matthew 13: 1 - 9, 18 - 23

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 went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!'

'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

# Sermon



# The Nicene 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:*

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.

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

Stan Mann; Violet Crosland; Brian Johnson Lawson; Doreen Shorthouse.

*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 (271)

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
His the sceptre, His the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph,  
His the victory alone!  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Sion  
thunder like a mighty flood:  
'Jesus out of every nation  
hath redeemed us by His blood.'**

**Alleluia! Not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! He is near us;  
faith believes nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received Him,  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget His promise:  
'I am with you evermore'?**

*Alleluia! Bread of angels,  
Thou on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! Here the sinful  
flee to thee from day to day.  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.*

*Alleluia! King eternal,  
Lord omnipotent we own;  
Alleluia! Born of Mary,  
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne.  
Thou within the veil hast entered,  
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;  
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim  
in the Eucharistic Feast.*

W Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

## Taking of the Bread and Wine

Blessed be God,  
who feeds the hungry,  
who raises the poor,  
who fills our praise.

**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.**

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.

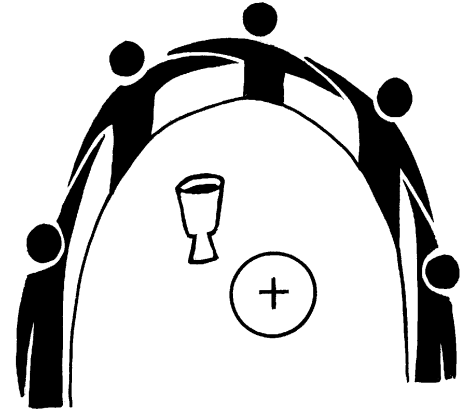
For he is your living Word;  
through him you have created all things from the beginning,  
and formed us in your own image.

Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin,  
giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross;  
you raised him from the dead  
and exalted him to your right hand on high.

Through him you have sent upon us  
your holy and life-giving Spirit,  
and made us a people for your own possession.

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:

*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

Jesus taught us to call God our Father, and so we have the courage to say:

**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 (407)

**Lord, Thy word abideth,  
and our footsteps guideth;  
who its truth believeth  
light and joy receiveth.**

**When our foes are near us,  
then Thy word doth cheer us,  
word of consolation,  
message of salvation.**

**When the storms are o'er us,  
and dark clouds before us,  
then its light directeth,  
and our way protecteth.**

**Who can tell the pleasure,  
who recount the treasure,  
by Thy word imparted  
to the simple-hearted?**



**Word of mercy, giving  
succour to the living;  
word of life, supplying  
comfort to the dying!**

**O that we discerning  
its most holy learning,  
Lord, may love and fear Thee,  
evermore be near Thee.**

Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877)

## Choir Anthem

*Lead me, Lord - Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)*

## Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept.*

Let us pray.

**God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water:  
refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

*Notices are given.*

# The Blessing and Dismissal

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

Go forth into the world in peace;  
be of good courage;  
hold fast that which is good;  
render to no one evil for evil;  
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;  
help the afflicted; honour everyone;  
love and serve the Lord,  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;  
and the blessing ...

**Amen**

1 Thessalonians 5:13-22

## Hymn (461)

***There's a wideness in God's mercy  
like the wideness of the sea.***

***There's a kindness in His justice  
which is more than liberty.***

***There is no place where earth's sorrows  
are more felt than up in heaven.***

***There is no place where earth's failings  
have such kindly judgement given.***

***For the love of God is broader  
than the measure of man's mind;  
and the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.***

***But we make His love too narrow  
by false limits of our own;  
and we magnify His strictness  
with a zeal He will not own.***

**There is plentiful redemption  
in the blood that has been shed.  
There is joy for all the members  
in the sorrows of the Head.**

**There is grace enough for thousands  
of new worlds as great as this.  
There is room for fresh creations  
in that upper home of bliss.**

**If our love were but more simple,  
we should take Him at His word;  
and our lives would be all gladness,  
in the joy of Christ our Lord.**

Frederick William Faber (1814-1863)

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

*The clergy and people depart.*

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