

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



The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity  
27<sup>th</sup> August 2023, 10.15 a.m.

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

The setting for today's Mass 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.

**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

**Lift high the cross,  
the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world  
adore His sacred name!**

**Come, brethren follow where our Saviour trod,  
our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God.**

**Lift high the cross...**

**O Lord, once lifted on the tree of pain,  
draw all the world to seek Thee once again.**

**Lift high the cross...**

**Thy kingdom come, that earth's despair may cease  
beneath the shadow of its healing peace:**

**Lift high the cross...**

**So let the world proclaim with one accord  
the praises of our ever-living Lord.**

**Lift high the cross...**

MR Newbolt, G W Kitchin

†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

God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ  
to save us from our sins,  
to be our advocate in heaven,  
and to bring us to eternal life.

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

**Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy  
forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly,  
love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.**

*The president says*

May the God of love  
bring you back to himself,  
✠forgive you your sins,  
and assure you of his eternal love  
in 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 Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray  
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:  
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,  
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid  
and giving us those good things  
which we are not worthy to ask  
but through the merits and mediation  
of 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

Romans 12.1-8

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

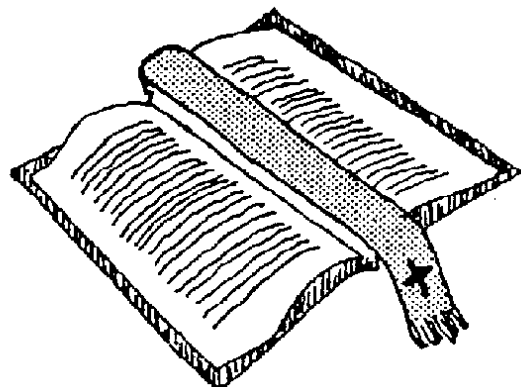
I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Alleluia



# Gospel Reading

Matthew 16. 13-20

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.**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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.**



# A Prayer for the Parish

**Faithful God,**

**During this vacancy, fill us with vision and joy  
and keep us faithful in prayer, word and worship.**

**Guard and grow our church as we serve you together.**

**Help us to share responsibility, grow in faith,  
love one another, care for those in need,  
reach out to others, and welcome newcomers and visitors.**

**Sustain those in interim leadership; give wisdom  
to those involved in the process of appointing  
our new Vicar, and prepare the heart of the right person.**

**Ever-living God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
may we see your kingdom come here in Pontefract,  
to the glory of your name.**

**Amen.**

# Prayers of Intercession

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

Ephesians 6.10, 18

Let us pray to almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for mercy and grace.

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

Today we pray for Ollie Geoffrey Bryan and Ella Louise Susan Bryan and their families on the occasion of their celebration of the sacrament of baptism.

*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; Sally Brown; Oliver Harrop.

*We pray for those who have recently died:*

Barry Pinfield; Tom Godridge.

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

Peter Hemstock; Alan Cutting; Annie Hayward; Gerry Davis; Bill Worsley.

*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

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy,  
that you may be kept safe and blameless in spirit, soul and body,  
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

**Be still, my soul: the Lord is at your side;  
bear patiently the cross of grief and pain;  
leave to your God to order and provide;  
in ev'ry change He faithful will remain.**

**Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend,  
through thorny ways, leads to a joyful end.**

**Be still, my soul: your God will undertake  
to guide the future as He has the past.**

**Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake,  
all now mysterious shall be clear at last.**

**Be still, my soul: the tempests still obey  
His voice, Who ruled them once on Galilee.**

**Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on  
when we shall be for ever with the Lord,  
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone,  
sorrow forgotten, love's pure joy restored.**

**Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,  
All safe and blessèd we shall meet at last.**

Katherine A D Von Schlegel (b. 1697)

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# Taking of the Bread and Wine

Pour upon the poverty of our love, and the weakness of our praise,  
the transforming fire of your presence.

**Amen.**

# Prayer over the Gifts

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

# 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:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

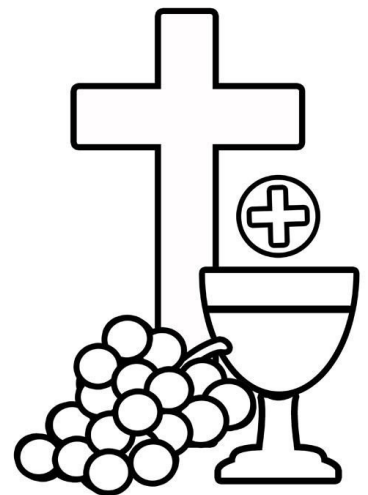
***Hosanna in the highest.***

***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

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has 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

**Jesus, Lamb of God,  
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
grant us your 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 (513)

**Here is Christ, we gather, love of Christ our calling.  
Christ, our love, is with us, gladness be His greeting.  
Let us all revere and love Him, God eternal.  
Loving Him, let each love Christ in all his brothers.  
God is love and where true love is God himself is there.  
When we Christians gather, members of one body,  
let there be in us no discord, but one spirit.  
Banish now be anger, strife and every quarrel.  
Christ our God be present always here among us.  
God is love and where true love is God himself is there.  
Grant us love's fulfillment, joy with all the blessed.  
When we see your face, O Saviour, in its glory;  
shine on us, O purest Light of all creation.  
Be our bliss while endless ages sing Your praises.  
God is love and where true love is God himself is there.**

From Latin liturgy of Maundy Thursday; tr. James Quinn (1919-)



# Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept.*

Let us pray.

**God of all mercy,  
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins  
and given us your healing:  
grant that we who are made whole in Christ  
may bring that healing to this broken world,  
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.**

## Hymn (272)

**All for Jesus! All for Jesus!  
This our song shall ever be;  
for we have no hope, nor Saviour,  
if we have not hope in Thee.**

**All for Jesus! Thou wilt give us  
strength to serve Thee, hour by hour:  
none can move us from Thy presence  
while we trust Thy love and pow'r.**

**All for Jesus! At Thine altar  
Thou dost give us sweet content;  
there, dear Saviour, we receive Thee  
in the holy sacrament.**

**All for Jesus! Thou hast loved us,  
all for Jesus! Thou hast died,  
all for Jesus! Thou art with us;  
all for Jesus glorified!**

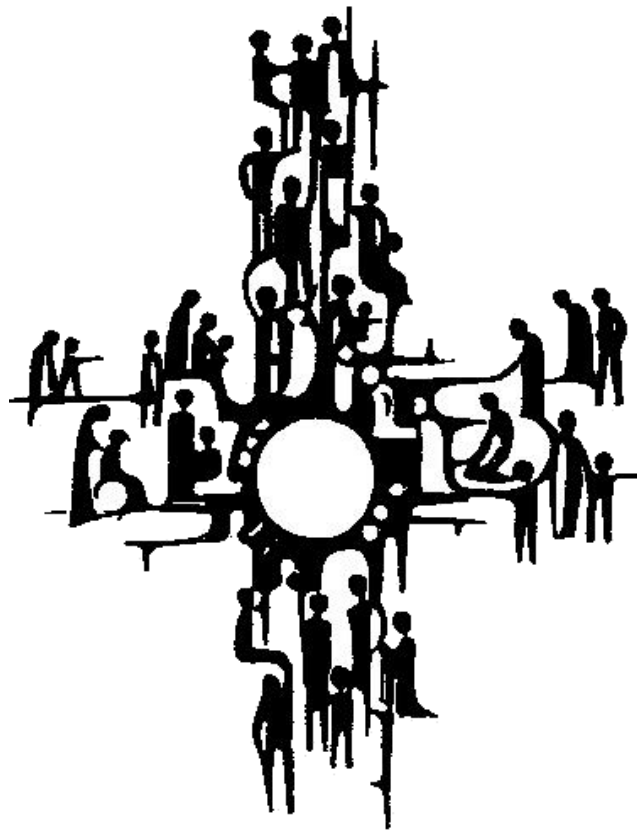
**All for Jesus! All for Jesus!  
This the Church's song shall be,  
till at last the flock is gathered  
one in love, and one in Thee.**

William John Sparrow-Simpson (1859-1952)

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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