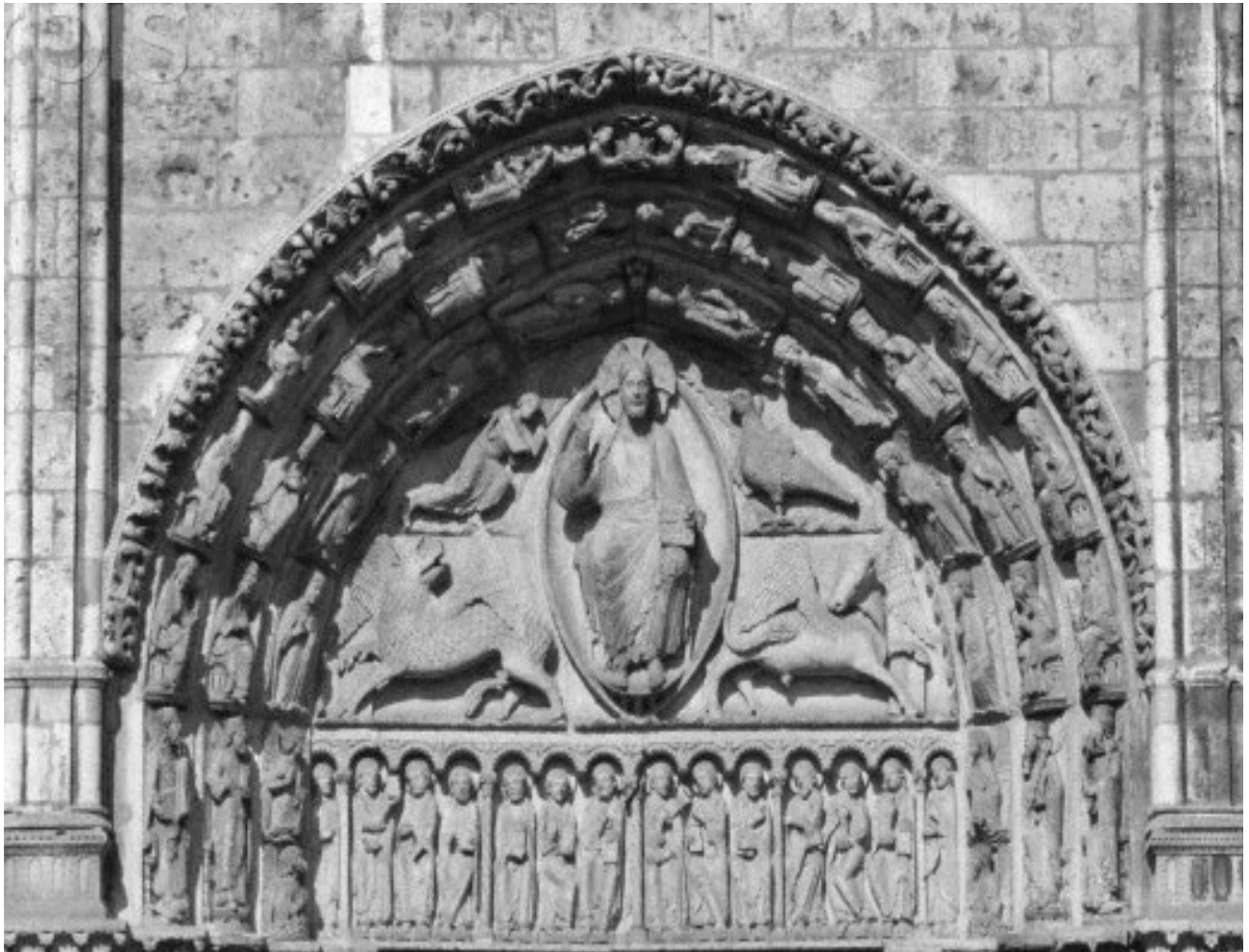


The Parish Church of St Giles with St Mary's, Pontefract



Christ the King

26th November 2023 10.15 a.m.

We welcome you to this celebration of Parish Mass for the Feast of Christ the King

The setting for today's 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.

Christ the King by Malcolm Guite

Our King is calling from the hungry furrows
Whilst we are cruising through the aisles of plenty,
Our hoardings screen us from the man of sorrows,
Our soundtracks drown his murmur: 'I am thirsty.'
He stands in line to sign in as a stranger
And seek a welcome from the world he made,
We see him only as a threat, a danger,
He asks for clothes, we strip-search him instead.
And if he should fall sick then we take care
That he does not infect our private health,
We lock him in the prison of our fear
Lest he unlock the prisons of our wealth.
But still on Sunday we shall stand and sing
The praises of our hidden Lord and King.

The Gathering

Hymn (332)

**All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
to crown Him Lord of all!**

**Crown Him, ye morning stars of light,
who fixed this floating ball;
now hail the Strength of Israel's might,
and crown Him Lord of all!**

**Crown Him ye martyrs of your God,
who from His altar call:
praise Him whose way of pain ye trod,
and crown Him Lord of all!**

**Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
ye ransomed of the fall,
hail Him who saves you by His grace.
and crown Him Lord of all!**

**Hail Him, ye heirs of David's line,
whom David Lord did call,
the God incarnate, Man divine,
and crown Him Lord of all!**

**Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at His feet,
and crown Him Lord of all!**

**Let every tribe and every tongue
to Him their hearts enthrall,
lift high the universal song,
and crown Him Lord of all!**

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

Amen.

Edward Perronet (1725-1792), et al.

The Greeting

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Words of introduction and welcome may be said.

Prayers of Penitence

Invitation to confession

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.

The kingdom is yours,
but we turn away from your just rule:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The power is yours,
but we trust in our own power and strength:
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

The glory is yours,
but we fall short of the glory of God:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The president says

May the Father of all mercies
✠ cleanse you from your sins,
and restore you in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
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 Feast of Christ the King

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

**Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order
to worship at his feet;
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

Ephesians 1.15-23

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Alleluia

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25.31-46

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 said to his disciples:

‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the

sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand,

“Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.”

‘Then the righteous will answer him,

“Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?”

‘And the king will answer them,

“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.”

‘Then he will say to those at his left hand,

“You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.”

‘Then they also will answer,

“Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?”

‘Then he will answer them,

“Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.”

‘And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’

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 Benefice

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

Let us pray to God the almighty, the King of creation.

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

We pray for those for whom prayers have been requested:

Joe; Brenda; Richard; Catriona; Angela; Rachel; 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; Ann Walker; Pam Newbert; Brian Ward; Cath Godridge.

We pray for those who have recently died:

Mike Berridge; Jean Ham; Elma Mangnall; Sandra Barker.

Those whose year's mind falls at this time

Gordon Leng Johnson; Dorothy Sessford; Ann Knox; Vera Wright; Arthur Thomas Hankins.

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

To crown all things there must be love,
to bind all together and complete the whole.
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

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 (465)

**Thou didst leave Thy throne and Thy kingly crown,
When Thou camest to earth for me;
But in Bethlehem's home was there found no room
For Thy holy nativity.**

**O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,
There is room in my heart for Thee.**

**Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang,
Proclaiming Thy royal degree;
But of lowly birth didst Thou come to earth,
And in great humility.**

**Thou camest, O Lord, with the living word
That should set Thy people free;
But with mocking scorn, and with crown of thorn,
They bore Thee to Calvary.**

**When all heaven shall ring, and her choirs shall sing,
At Thy coming to victory,
Let Thy voice call me home, saying "Yet there is room,
There is room at My side for thee."**



E.S.Elliot (1836 - 97)

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Blessed be God,
who enthrones us with Christ in the heavenly realms.
May we feed upon the bread of God
and drink the royal wine of heaven.

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

Please be seated.

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 the oil of gladness
you have anointed Christ the Lord, your only Son,
to be our great high priest and king of all creation.

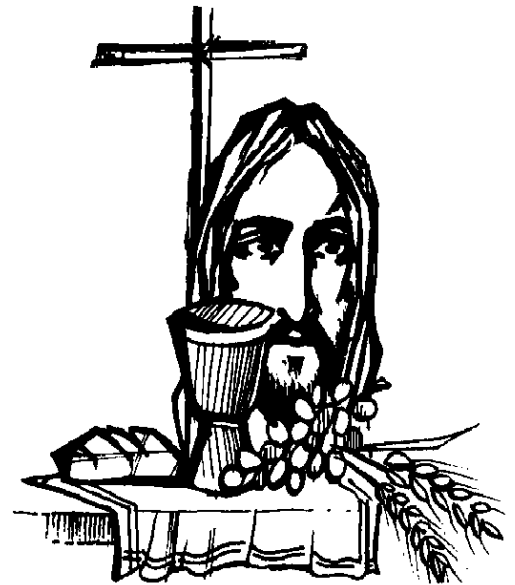
As priest, he offered himself once for all upon the altar of the cross
and redeemed the human race by this perfect sacrifice of peace.

As king he claims dominion over all your creatures,
that he may bring before your infinite majesty
a kingdom of truth and life,
a kingdom of holiness and grace,
a kingdom of justice, love and peace.

And so with angels and archangels
and all the heavenly host,
we proclaim your glory
and join in their unending hymn 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 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

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.

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.

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 (459)

**The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
in pastures green; He leadeth me
the quiet waters by.**

**My soul He doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for His own Name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill;
for Thou art with me; and Thy rod
and staff me comfort still.**

**My table Thou hast furnishèd
in presence of my foes;
my head Thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.**

**Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me;
and in God's house forevermore
my dwelling place shall be.**

Francis Rowe (1579-1659),
revised for Scottish Psalter 1650

Choir Anthem

Above all praise - Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Let us pray.

**Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

Notices are given.

The Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will,
that you may reign with him in glory;
and the blessing ...

Amen.

Hymn (394)

**Let all the world in every corner sing:
my God and King!**

**The heavens are not too high,
His praise may thither fly;
the earth is not too low,
His praises there may grow.**

**Let all the world in every corner sing:
my God and King!**

**Let all the world in every corner sing:
my God and King!**

**The church with psalms must shout,
no door can keep them out;
but above all, the heart
must bear the longest part.**

**Let all the world in every corner sing:
my God and King!**

George Herbert (1593-1633)

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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In loving memory of wonderful parents, grandparents
and great grandparents. Always in our thoughts.



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