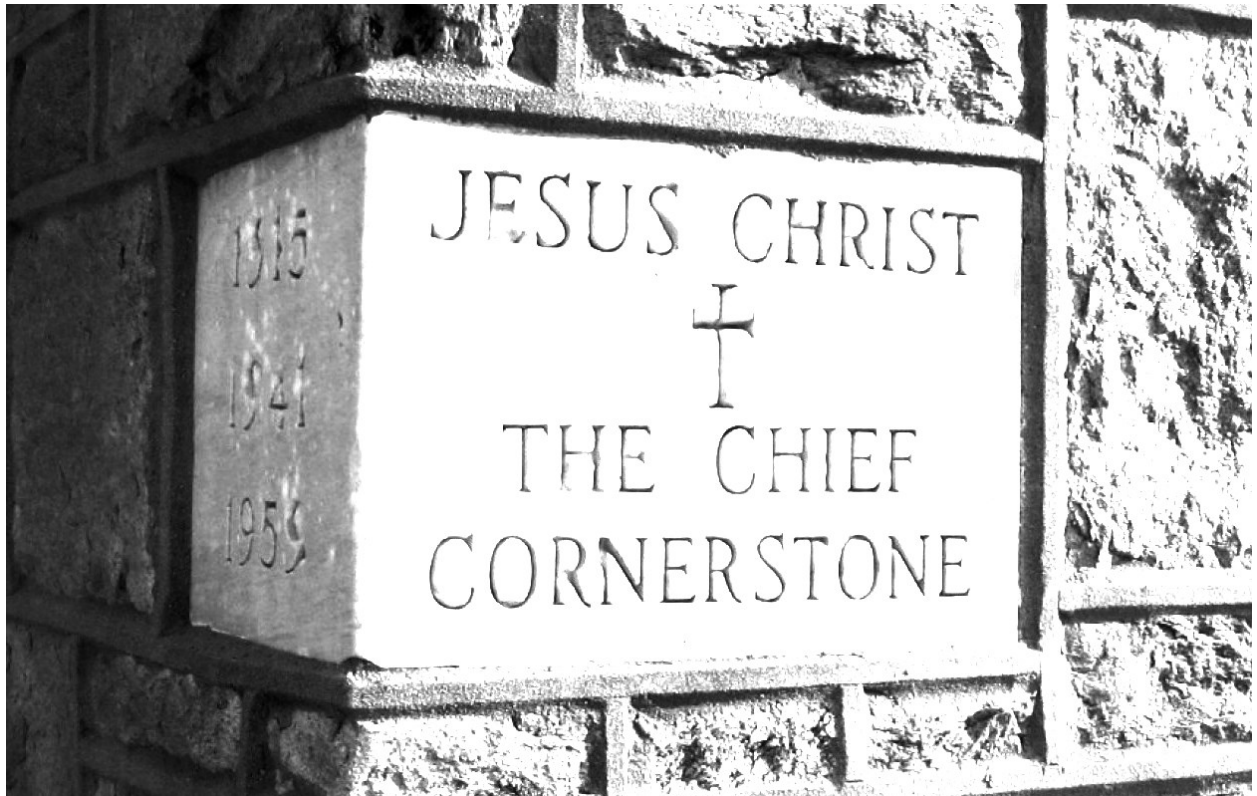


The Parish Church of St Giles with St Mary's, Pontefract



The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
8th October 2023, 10.15 a.m.

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

The setting for today's Mass is Kilcreggan Mass - Peter Nardone (b 1965)
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.

Parish Giving

It costs us at least £2,000 per week to carry out our ministry, mission and basic maintenance of this lovely building. One off cash donations can be made in the box in reception just by the entrance door into church. Contactless payments can be made using our free-standing contactless giving machine located in church. It is also possible to donate using our QR code which links to a safe and secure 'Give a little' payment portal which is compliant with GDPR, PCI & PCI-DSS.

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The Gathering

Hymn (486)

**We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for men in all the earth;
the gospel of a Saviour's name:
we sing His glory, tell His worth.**

**Tell of His birth at Bethlehem,
not in a royal house or hall
but in a stable dark and dim:
the Word made flesh, a light for all**

**Tell of His death at Calvary,
hated by those He came to save;
in lonely suffering on the cross
for all He loved His life He gave.**

**Tell of that glorious Easter morn:
empty the tomb, for He was free.
He broke the power of death and hell
that we might share His victory.**

**Tell of His reign at God's right hand,
by all creation glorified;
He sends His Spirit on His Church
to live for Him, the Lamb who died.**

**Now we rejoice to name Him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.**

**This gospel message we proclaim:
we sing His glory, tell His worth.**

Rev. Edward Burns (1938-)

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.

Prayers of Penitence

Invitation to confession

The word of God is living and active.
It judges the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
All is open and laid bare before the eyes of him
to whom we give account.

We confess our sins in penitence and faith.

cf Hebrews 4.12

May your loving mercy come to me, O Lord,
and your salvation according to your word:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Your word is a lantern to my feet and a light to my path:
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

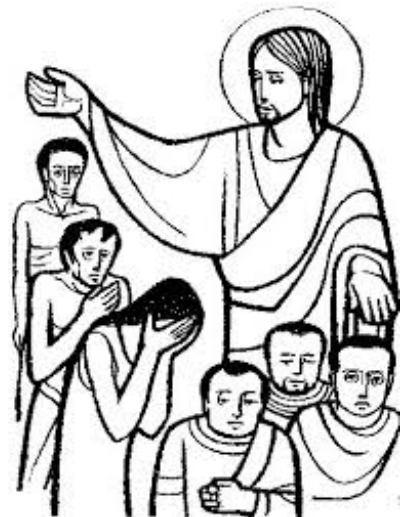
O let your mercy come to me that I may live,
for your law is my delight:
Lord, have mercy.

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 Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through 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 Philippians 3: 4b-14

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more:

circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

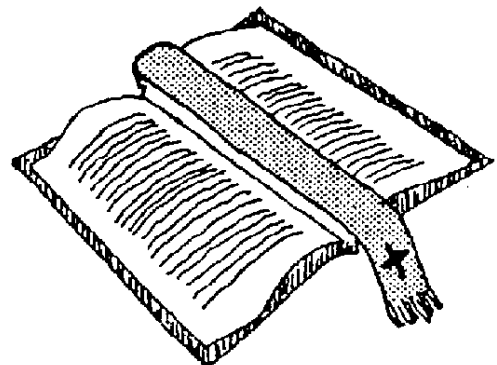
Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Alleluia



Gospel Reading

Matthew 21: 33-end

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 the chief priests and the elders of the people: 'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.'

Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"?' Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.' When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they

realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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:

Brenda; Richard; Catriona; Bob; 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; Barry Sowerby; Brian Ward.

We pray for those who have recently died:

Nora Moore; Janet Taylor.

Those whose year's mind falls at this time

Brian Flanagan; Gary Tonks; David Green; Harold Vine; Doris Davis.

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

The president introduces the Peace

The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

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 ~ (381)

**Jerusalem the golden,
with milk and honey blest,
beneath thy contemplation
sink heart and voice opprest.**

**I know not, O I know not
what social joys are there,
what radiancy of glory,
what light beyond compare.**

**They stand, those halls of Sion,
conjugilant with song,
and bright with many an angel
and all the martyr throng;
the Prince is ever with them,
the daylight is serene,
the pastures of the blessed
are decked in glorious sheen.**

**There is the throne of David;
and there, from care released,
the song of them that triumph,**

*the shout of them that feast;
and they, who with their Leader
have conquered in the fight,
for ever and for ever
are clad in robes of white.*

*O sweet and blessèd country,
shall I ever see thy face?*

*O sweet and blessèd country,
shall I ever win thy grace?*

Exult, O dust and ashes!

the Lord shall be thy part:

His only, His for ever,

thou shalt be, and thou art!

Bernard of Cluny C12th, Tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Lord Jesus,
you nourish us with your word
and at the altar of your sacrament;
as we feed on you, the bread of life,
may we daily grow into your likeness.

Amen.

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 and good,
our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For he is your eternal and creative Word,
through whom all things came into being;
the Word made flesh who dwelt among us,
full of grace and truth.

He fulfils the Law and the Prophets,
dying for our sins and rising again
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He stands among us in his risen power,
opening to us his living word,
and making himself known in the breaking of the bread.

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:

Sanctus Benedictus

***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.***

Lord God, you are the most holy one,
enthroned in splendour and light,
yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ
you reveal the power of your love
made perfect in our human weakness.

Embracing our humanity,
Jesus showed us the way of salvation;
loving us to the end,
he gave himself to death for us;
dying for his own,
he set us free from the bonds of sin,
that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

On the night he gave up himself for us all
he 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 we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross,
we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb,
we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high
and we long for his coming in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption,
Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation
be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
form us into the likeness of Christ
and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Look with favour on your people
and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.
Bless the earth,
heal the sick,
let the oppressed go free
and fill your Church with power from on high.
Gather your people from the ends of the earth
to feast with our Lady, Giles and all your saints
at the table in your kingdom,
where the new creation is brought to perfection
in Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

We praise the Father, and pray in the words of Christ himself.

**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.

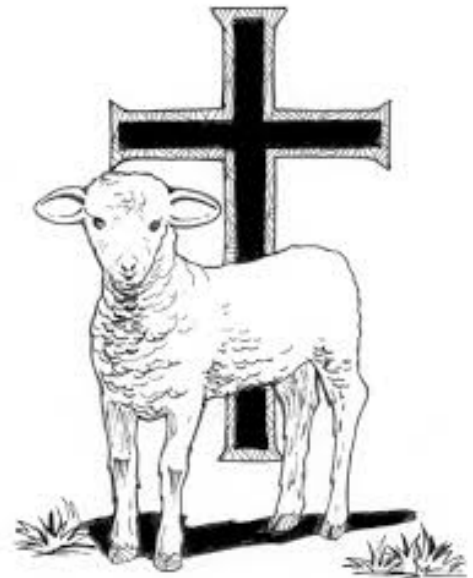
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei

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

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

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,
give us your peace.**



Giving of Communion

The president says the invitation to communion.

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

**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 (270)

**According to Thy gracious word,
in meek humility,
this will I do, my dying Lord,
I will remember Thee.**

**Thy body, broken for my sake,
my bread from heaven shall be;
Thy testamental cup I take,
and thus remember Thee.**

**Gethsemane can I forget?
Or there Thy conflict see,
Thine agony and bloody sweat,
and not remember Thee?**

**When to the cross I turn mine eyes
and rest on Calvary;
O Lamb of God, my sacrifice,
I must remember Thee.**

**Remember Thee, and all Thy pains,
and all Thy love to me;
yea, while a breath, a pulse remains,
will I remember Thee.**

**And when these failing lips grow dumb,
and mind and memory flee,
when Thou shalt in Thy kingdom come,
Jesus, remember me.**

James Montgomery (1771-1854)

Choir Anthem

I will lift up mine eyes - Ernest Walker (1870-1949)

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Let us pray

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever.

Amen.

Notices are given

The Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing...

Amen.

Hymn (186)

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:
unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of His word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His Name:
make known His might, the deeds His arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy Name, the Lord, the Mighty One.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His might:
powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of His word:
firm is His promise, and His mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore.**

Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-) Fr. St Luke 146-55
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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 a lovely Dad and Grandad.
Always in our hearts. Forever loved.

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