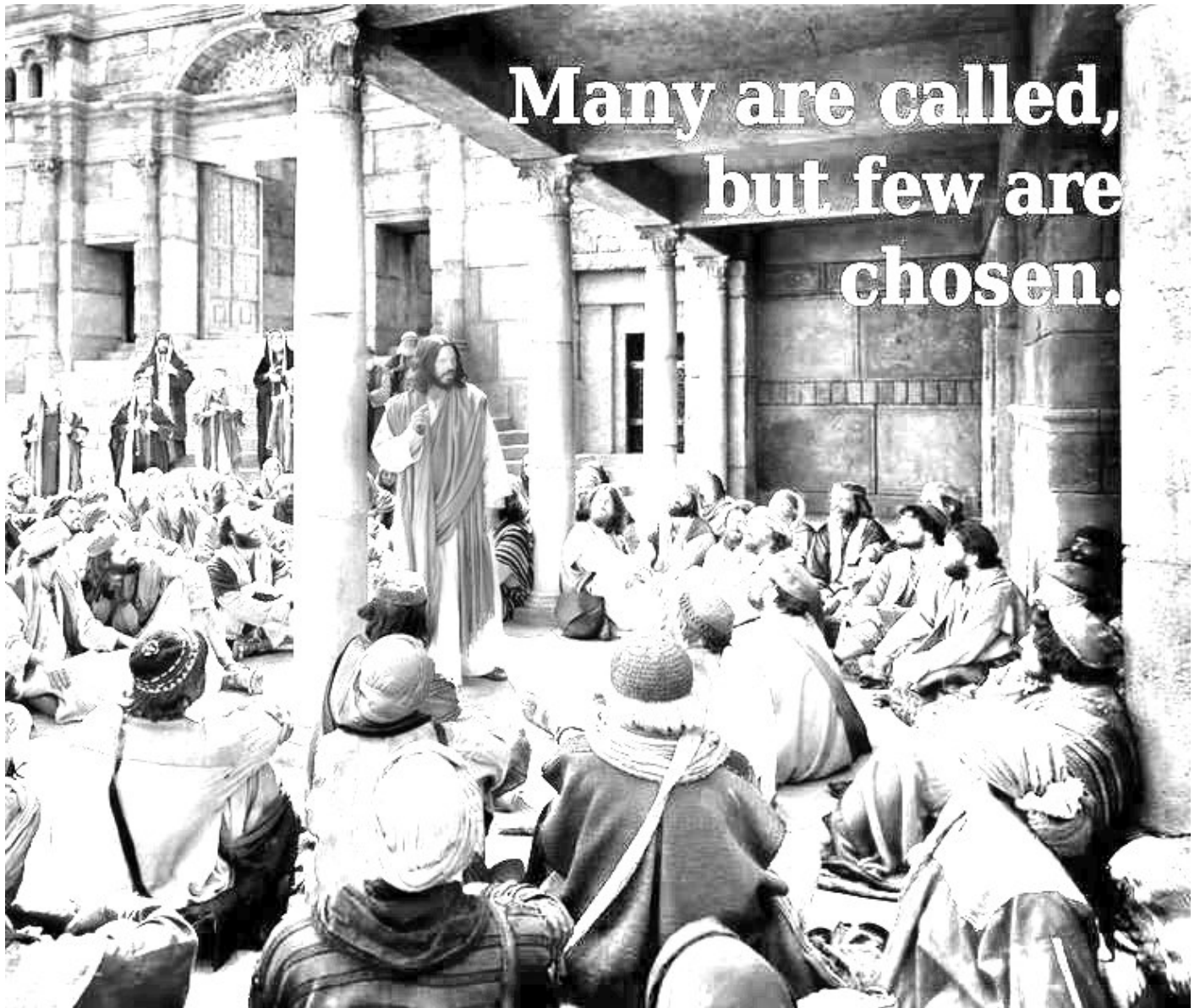


# The Parish Church of St Giles with St Mary's, Pontefract



The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity  
15<sup>th</sup> October 2023, 10.15 a.m.

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

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.

## Parish Giving

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# The Gathering

## Hymn (200)

**Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult  
of our life's wild, restless sea,  
day by day His voice is sounding,  
saying, 'Christian, follow me.'**

**As, of old, Saint Andrew heard it  
by the Galilean lake,  
turned from home and toil and kindred,  
leaving all for His dear sake.**

**Jesus calls us from the worship  
of the vain world's golden store;  
from each idol that would keep us,  
saying, 'Christian, love me more.'**

**In our joys and in our sorrows,  
days of toil and hours of ease,  
still He calls, in cares and pleasures,  
'Christian, love me more than these.'**

**Jesus calls us! By Thy mercies,  
Saviour, may we hear Thy call,  
give our hearts to Thine obedience,  
serve and love Thee best of all.**

†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.*



Mrs C F Alexander (1818-1895)

## Invitation to confession

God the Father forgives us in Christ and heals us by the Holy Spirit.  
Let us therefore put away all anger and bitterness,  
all slander and malice,  
and confess our sins to God our redeemer.

cf Ephesians 4.30,32

## Prayer of Penitence

**Almighty God, long-suffering and of great goodness:  
I confess to you, I confess with my whole heart  
my neglect and forgetfulness of your commandments,  
my wrong doing, thinking, and speaking;  
the hurts I have done to others, and the good I have left undone.  
O God, forgive me, for I have sinned against you;  
and raise me to newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*The president says*

May the God of love and power  
✠forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Gloria in Excelsis (Lourdes)

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.  
Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.**  
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.

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.  
Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.**

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.**

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.

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.**

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.**

*The Collect for the Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity.*

O God, forasmuch as without you  
we are not able to please you;  
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit  
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;  
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 4:1–9

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Philippians

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

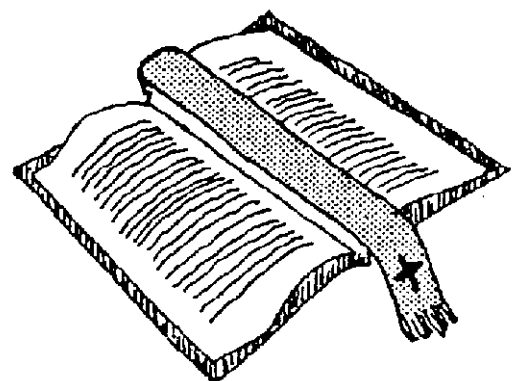
I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



# Gospel Reading

Matthew 22: 1-14

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 spoke to them again in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

“Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’

“But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

“Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’ So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. He asked, ‘How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?’ The man was speechless.

“Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

“For many are invited, but few are chosen.”

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; 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; Bob Beddis.

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

Constance Hester; Jonathan Marcus Worsley; John Henry Laidlaw; Gladys Coverdale; Lilian Sanderson; Frank Mangnall; Frank Edward Whitaker.

*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

Our Lord Jesus Christ says:

If, when you are bringing your gift to the altar,  
you remember your brother or sister has a grievance against you,  
leave your gift where it lies before the altar.

Go, make peace; and only then come and offer your gift.

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 (355)

**Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round  
Of circling planets singing on their way,  
Guide to the nations from the night profound  
Into the glory of the perfect day,  
Rule in our hearts, that we may ever be  
Guided and strengthened and upheld by Thee.**

**We are of Thee, the children of Thy love,  
The brothers of Thy well beloved Son;  
Descend, O Holy Spirit, like a dove  
Into our hearts, that we may be as one;  
As one with Thee, to whom we ever tend;  
As one with Him our brother and our friend.**

**We would be one in hatred of all wrong,  
One in our love of all things sweet and fair;  
One with the joy that breaketh into song,  
One with the grief that trembleth into prayer,  
One in the power that makes the children free  
To follow truth, and thus to follow Thee.**

**O clothe us with Thy heavenly armour, Lord,  
Thy trusty shield, Thy sword of love divine;  
Our inspiration be Thy constant Word;  
We ask no victories that are not Thine;  
Give or withhold, let pain or pleasure be,  
Enough to know that we are serving Thee.**

John Chadwick (1840 – 1904)

## Taking of the Bread and Wine

Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal,  
give us the bread of everlasting life,  
and make us branches of the true vine.

**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:

## 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.*

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

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

**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 (282)

**Faithful Shepherd, feed me  
in the pastures green;  
Faithful Shepherd, lead me  
where Thy steps are seen.**

**Hold me fast, and guide me  
in the narrow way;  
so, with Thee beside me,  
I shall never stray.**

**Daily bring me nearer  
to the heavenly shore;  
may my faith grow clearer,  
may I love Thee more.**

**Hallow every pleasure,  
every gift and pain;  
be Thyself my treasure,  
though none else I gain.**

**Day by day prepare me  
as Thou seest best,  
Then let angels bear me  
to Thy promised rest.**

Thomas B Pollock (1836-1896)

## Choir Anthem

*Ave verum corpus - William Byrd (1543-1623)*



# Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept.*

Let us pray.

**Holy and blessed God,  
you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son  
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:  
may we honour you, not only with our lips  
but in lives dedicated to the service  
of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen**

*Notices are given.*

## The Blessing and Dismissal

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

God has given you the citizenship of heaven,  
with his blessed and beloved, and the whole company of the redeemed.  
**Amen.**

God give you the will to live each day in life eternal.  
**Amen.**

God bring you to the home that Christ prepares for all who love him.  
**Amen.**

and the blessing ...  
**Amen.**

## Hymn (443)

**Rejoice the Lord is King!  
Your Lord and King adore!  
Mortals, give thanks and sing,  
and triumph evermore.**

**Lift up your heart!  
lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**Jesus, the Saviour reigns,  
the God of truth and love:  
when He had purged our stains,  
He took his seat above.**

**Lift up your heart! ...**

**His kingdom cannot fail;  
He rules o'er earth and heaven;  
the keys of death and hell  
are to our Jesus given.**

**Lift up your heart! ...**

**He sits at God's right hand  
till all His foes submit,  
and bow to His command,  
and fall beneath His feet:**

**Lift up your heart! ...**

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

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

*The clergy and people depart.*

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