

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



Remembrance Sunday  
12<sup>th</sup> November 2023,  
9.30 a.m.

# Welcome

We welcome you to this celebration of Parish Mass for  
Remembrance Sunday

The setting for today's Mass is -  
Missa de Angelis



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 the Prayer of Preparation.

**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.

# The Gathering

## Hymn (119)

**The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
Now is the Victor's triumph won;  
O let the song of praise begun.**

**Alleluia!**

**Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,  
And Jesus hath His foes dispersed;  
Let shouts of praise and joy outburst.**

**Alleluia!**

**On the third morn He rose again  
Glorious in majesty to reign;  
Oh, let us swell the joyful strain!**

**Alleluia!**

Latin 17c Tr. Francis Pott (1832-1909)

†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 welcome or introduction may be said*

## Acclamation

This I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning.

Lamentations 3.21-23

## Invitation to confession

Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world;  
its pride, its selfishness, its greed; its evil distortions and hatreds.  
Let us confess our share in what is wrong,  
and our failure to seek and establish that peace  
which God wills for all his children.

## 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*

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
✠pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Gloria in Excelsis

*Gloria in excelsis Deo  
et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.  
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,  
adoramus te, glorificamus te,  
gratias agimus tibi  
propter magnam gloriam tuam,*

*Glory to God in the highest  
and on earth peace to men of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give thanks to you  
for your great glory,*

*Domine Deus, Rex cælestis,  
Deus Pater omnipotens.*

*Domine Fili Unigenite, Jesu Christe,  
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis;  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
suscipe deprecationem nostram.  
Qui sedes ad dexteram  
Patris, miserere nobis.*

*Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,  
tu solus Dominus,  
tu solus Altissimus,  
Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu:  
in gloria Dei Patris.  
Amen.*

*O, Lord God, heavenly King,  
God the Almighty Father.*

*O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ,  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
who takes away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
who takes away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
You who are seated at the right hand  
of the Father, have mercy on us.*

*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 Remembrance Sunday

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty Father,  
whose will is to restore all things  
in your beloved Son, the King of all:  
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,  
and bring the families of the nations,  
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,  
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;  
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

1 Thessalonians 4.13-18

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Alleluia

## Gospel Reading

Matthew 25.1-13

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 this parable to the disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept.

But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut.

Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

## Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**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 for all who suffer as a result of conflict,  
and ask that God may give us peace:  
for the service men and women  
who have died in the violence of war,  
each one remembered by and known to God;  
May God give peace.

**God give peace.**

For those who love them in death as in life,  
offering the distress of our grief  
and the sadness of our loss;  
May God give peace.

**God give peace.**

For all members of the armed forces  
who are in danger this day,  
remembering family, friends  
and all who pray for their safe return;  
May God give peace.

**God give peace.**

For civilian women, children and men  
whose lives are disfigured by war or terror,  
calling to mind in penitence  
the anger and hatreds of humanity;  
May God give peace.

**God give peace.**

For peacemakers and peacekeepers,  
who seek to keep this world secure and free;  
May God give peace.

**God give peace.**

For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership,  
political, military and religious;  
asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve  
in the search for reconciliation and peace;  
May God give peace.

**God give peace.**

O God of truth and justice,  
we hold before you those whose memory we cherish,  
and those whose names we will never know.  
Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world,  
and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm.  
As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future;  
for you are the source of life and hope,  
now and for ever.

**Amen.**

*We pray for those for whom prayers have been requested:*

Brenda; Richard; Catriona; Angela; Rachel; Marion; 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; Elma Mangnall.

*We pray for those who have recently died:*

Karen Copithorne.

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

David Fielder; Lucy Nichol; Alan Sambrooks; John Roger Sessford.

*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

Blessed be Christ, the Prince of Peace  
He breaks down the walls that divide us.

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

**For the healing of the nations,  
Lord, we pray with one accord,  
for a just and equal sharing  
of the things that earth affords.  
To a life of love in action  
help us rise and pledge our word.**

**Lead us forward into freedom,  
from despair your world release,  
that, redeemed from war and hatred,  
all may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and goodness  
fear will die and hope increase.**

**All that kills abundant living,  
let it from the earth be banned:  
pride of status, race or schooling,  
dogmas that obscure your plan.  
In our common quest for justice  
may we hallow life's brief span.**

**You, Creator-God, have written  
Your great name on humankind;  
for our growing in your likeness  
bring the life of Christ to mind;  
that by our response and service  
earth its destiny may find.**

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## Taking of the Bread and Wine

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement;  
draw us from hatred to love;  
make the frailty of our praise  
a dwelling place for your glory.

**Amen.**

## 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**

Blessed are you, Lord of life,  
creator of heaven and earth,  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
For through his death on the cross,  
your Son Jesus Christ has broken the power of evil,  
and by his glorious resurrection  
has opened for us the gate of life eternal.  
In him you seek the lost, restoring those whose lives  
have been shattered and torn apart.  
In the fullness of time, he will gather all things to himself,  
enfolding us and all who have died in war in his undying love.  
And so we pray that we who have set our hope on Christ  
may come to the peace of heaven,  
there, with angels and archangels,  
to sing your praise for ever:

## Sanctus & Benedictus

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.  
Osanna in excelsis.*

*Benedictus qui venit  
in nomine Domini.  
Osanna in excelsis.*

*Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord God of hosts.  
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.*

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 Blessed Mary, St 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

In union with the whole company of heaven, 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.*

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

*Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.*

*Agnus Dei.  
Dona nobis pacem.*

*Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God,  
grant us peace.*

## Giving of Communion

This is the lamb of God  
Who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord I am not worthy to receive you,  
But only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*The president and people receive communion.*

## Hymn (378)

**Immortal love, forever full,  
forever flowing free,  
forever shared, forever whole,  
a never-ebbing sea!**

**Our outward lips confess the name  
all other names above;  
love only knoweth whence it came,  
and comprehendeth love.**

**We may not climb the heavenly steeps  
to bring the Lord Christ down;  
in vain we search the lowest deeps,  
for Him no depths can drown.**

**But warm, sweet, tender, even yet,  
a present help is He;  
and faith still has its Olivet,  
and love its Galilee.**

**The healing of His seamless dress  
is by our beds of pain;  
we touch Him in life's throng and press,  
and we are whole again.**

**Through Him the first fond prayers are said  
our lips of childhood frame,  
the last low whispers of our dead  
are burdened with His name.**



**Alone, O Love ineffable,  
Thy saving name is given;  
to turn aside from Thee is hell,  
to walk with Thee is heaven.**

John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)

## Choir Anthem:

*Call to remembrance - Richard Farrant (1525-1580)*

## Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept.*

Let us pray.

**God of peace,  
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom  
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:  
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,  
and by your healing power  
make whole both people and nations;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen. Notices are  
given**

*Notices are given.*

## An Act of Commitment

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God  
and our fellow men and women:  
that we may help, encourage and comfort others,  
and support those working for the relief of the needy  
and for the peace and welfare of the nations.

**Lord God our Father,  
we pledge ourselves to serve you and all humankind,  
in the cause of peace,  
for the relief of want and suffering,  
and for the praise of your name.  
Guide us by your Spirit;  
give us wisdom;  
give us courage;**

**give us hope;  
and keep us faithful  
now and always.  
Amen.**

## The Blessing

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

God grant to the living grace,  
to the departed rest,  
to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth and all people,  
unity, peace and concord,  
and to us and all God's servants,  
life everlasting;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

## Hymn (391)

**King of glory, King of peace,  
I will love Thee;  
And that love may never cease,  
I will love Thee.  
Thou hast granted my request,  
Thou hast heard me;  
Thou didst note my working breast,  
Thou hast spared me.**

**Wherefore with my utmost art  
I will sing Thee,  
And the cream of all my heart  
I will bring Thee.  
Though my sins against me cried,  
Thou didst clear me;  
and alone, when they replied,  
Thou didst hear me.**

**Seven whole days, not one in seven,  
I will praise Thee;  
in my heart, though not in heaven,  
I can raise Thee.  
Small it is, in this poor sort  
To enrol Thee:  
E'en eternity's too short  
To extol Thee.**

George Herbert (1593 – 1632)

## Dismissal

Go in peace to love your neighbour.  
Go in power to work for reconciliation.  
Go in hope to proclaim the resurrection.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## The National Anthem

**God save our gracious King,  
long live our noble King,  
God save the King!  
Send him victorious,  
happy and glorious,  
long to reign over us,  
God save the King!**

**Thy choicest gifts in store  
on him be pleased to pour,  
long may he reign:  
may he defend our laws,  
and ever give us cause  
to sing with heart and voice  
God save the King!**

*The clergy and choir depart.*

## Organ Voluntary

Anonymous

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Alan Sambrooks and Lucy Nichol

In loving memory of Alan and Lucy, from Mary, Mark, Joe and Linda.  
We love you both.



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