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The First Sunday of Lent
18th February 2024, 10.15 a.m.

We welcome you to this celebration of Parish Mass
for the First Sunday of Lent

Today's setting for 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 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 (74)

**O for a heart to praise my God,
A heart from sin set free;
A heart that always feels thy blood
so freely spilt for me:**

**A heart resigned, submissive, meek,
My dear Redeemer's throne;
Where only Christ is heard to speak,
Where Jesus reigns alone:**

**A humble, lowly, contrite heart,
Believing, true, and clean,
Which neither life nor death can part
From him that dwells within:**

**A heart in every thought renewed,
And full of love divine;
Perfect and right and pure and good —
A copy, Lord, of thine.**

**My heart, thou know'st, can never rest
Till thou create my peace;
Till of mine Eden repossess,
From self, and sin, I cease.**

**Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart,
Come quickly from above;
Write thy new name upon my heart,
Thy new best name of Love.**

Charles Wesley

†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

Invitation to confession

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

Prayer of Penitence

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
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.

Kyrie Eleison

Kyrie Eleison

Christe Eleison

Kyrie Eleison



Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy

The Collect for the First Sunday of Lent

Let us pray.

Silence is kept

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save;
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

Genesis 9.8-17

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.'



God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 Peter 3.18-22

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this

prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice.

Harden not your hearts.

cf Psalm 95.3, 8

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory

Gospel Reading

Mark 1.9-15

The Lord be with you

and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

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,
and bless Ian, our next Vicar, as he prepares to join us.**

**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

With confidence and trust let us pray to the Father.

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

We pray for those for whom prayers have been requested:

Beryl; Marion; Richard; Brenda; Victoria; Terry; Joe & Mark; Janis Gallagher; Mary Sambrooks; Linda Sambrooks; Bill Bradley; Cath Godridge; Rhys Williams; Angela Hyomes; David Murray; Andrew Leach; Janet Hickling; Jenny Attwood(Priest); Margaret Kidger; Christine Campbell; Barrie Sowerby.

We pray for those who have recently died:

Owen Murray; Kathleen Battye; Catherine McArdle.

Those whose year's mind falls at this time

Hu Pickard; Irene Gartland; Bernard Goddard; Constance Taylor.

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

Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace.

cf Romans 5.1,2

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 (495)

**God is working His purpose out as year succeeds to year,
God is working His purpose out, and the time is drawing near;
nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover
the sea.**

**From utmost east to utmost west where'er man's foot hath trod,
by the mouth of many messengers goes forth the voice of God,
'Give ear to me, ye continents, ye isles, give ear to me,
that the earth may be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover
the sea.'**

**What can we do to work God's work, to prosper and increase
the brotherhood of all mankind, the reign of the Prince of Peace?
What can we do to hasten the time, the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover
the sea?**

**March we forth in the strength of God with the banner of Christ unfurled,
that the light of the glorious gospel of truth may shine throughout the world.**

**Fight we the fight with sorrow and sin, to set their captives free,
that the earth may be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.**

**All we can do is nothing worth unless God blesses the deed;
vainly we hope for the harvest-tide till God gives life to the seed.
Yet nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.**

Arthur Campbell Ainger (1841-1919)

Taking of the Bread and Wine

God of our journey, as we walk with you on your path of obedience,
sustain us on our way and lead us to your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 be with you
and also with you.

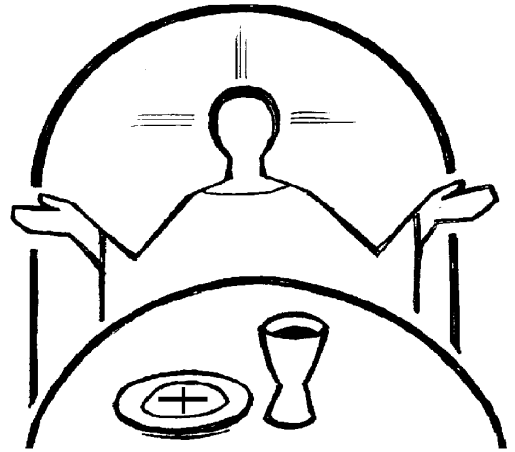
Lift up your hearts.

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,
it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King,
almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord:



And now we give you thanks
because each year you give us this joyful season
when we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery
with mind and heart renewed.

You give us a spirit of loving reverence for you
and of willing service to our neighbour.

As we recall the saving acts that give new life in Christ,
you bring the image of your Son to perfection within our hearts.

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, 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.*

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father,
who, in your tender mercy,
gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption;
who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered
a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction
for the sins of the whole world;
he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray,
and grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
we receiving these gifts of your creation,
this bread and this wine,
according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution,
in remembrance of his death and passion,
may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood;

Who on the same night that he was betrayed,
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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.



Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father,
in remembrance of the precious death and passion,
the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension
of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
we offer you through him this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.
Grant that by his merits and death,
and through faith in his blood,
we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins
and all other benefits of his passion.
Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins,
to offer you any sacrifice,
yet we pray that you will accept this
the duty and service that we owe.
Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences,
and fill us all who share in this holy communion
with your grace and heavenly blessing;
through 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

With confidence and trust let us pray to the Father in our Saviour's words:

**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

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 (307)

**Sweet Sacrament divine,
hid in Thine earthly home,
lo, round Thy lowly shrine,
with suppliant hearts we come.
Jesu, to Thee our voice we raise
in songs of love and heartfelt praise:
Sweet Sacrament divine.**

**Sweet Sacrament of peace,
dear home for every heart,
where restless yearnings cease
and sorrows all depart;
there in Thine ear all trustfully
we tell our tale of misery:
Sweet Sacrament of peace.**

**Sweet Sacrament of rest,
ark from the ocean's roar,
within Thy shelter blest
soon may we reach the shore.
Save us, for still the tempest raves,
save, lest we sink beneath the waves:
Sweet Sacrament of rest.**

**Sweet Sacrament divine,
Earth's light and jubilee,
in Thy far depths doth shine
the Godhead's majesty.
Sweet light, so shine on us, we pray
that earthly joys may fade away:
Sweet Sacrament divine.**

Francis Stanfield, 1835-1914

Choir Anthem

View me, Lord - Richard Lloyd (1933-2021)

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Let us pray.

**Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living bread
from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him
who is the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word
that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Notices are given.

Acclamation

Blessed is the man who endures trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life which God has promised to those who love him.

James 1.12

The Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;
and the blessing ...

Amen.

Hymn (67)

**Forty days and forty nights
Thou wast fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights
tempted still, yet undefiled.**

**Sunbeams scorching all the day;
chilly dew-drops nightly shed;
prowling beasts about Thy way;
stones Thy pillow, earth Thy bed.**

**Let us Thine endurance share,
and awhile from joys abstain,
with Thee watching unto prayer,
strong with Thee to suffer pain?**

**And if Satan, vexing sore,
flesh or spirit should assail,
Thou, his vanquisher before
grant we may not faint nor fail.**

**So shall we have peace divine;
holier gladness ours shall be;
round us too shall angels shine,
such as ministered to Thee.**

**Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,
ever constant by Thy side;
that with Thee we may appear
at the eternal Eastertide.**

George Hunt Smyttan, 1822-18, Francis Pott, 1832-1909

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

The president departs.

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