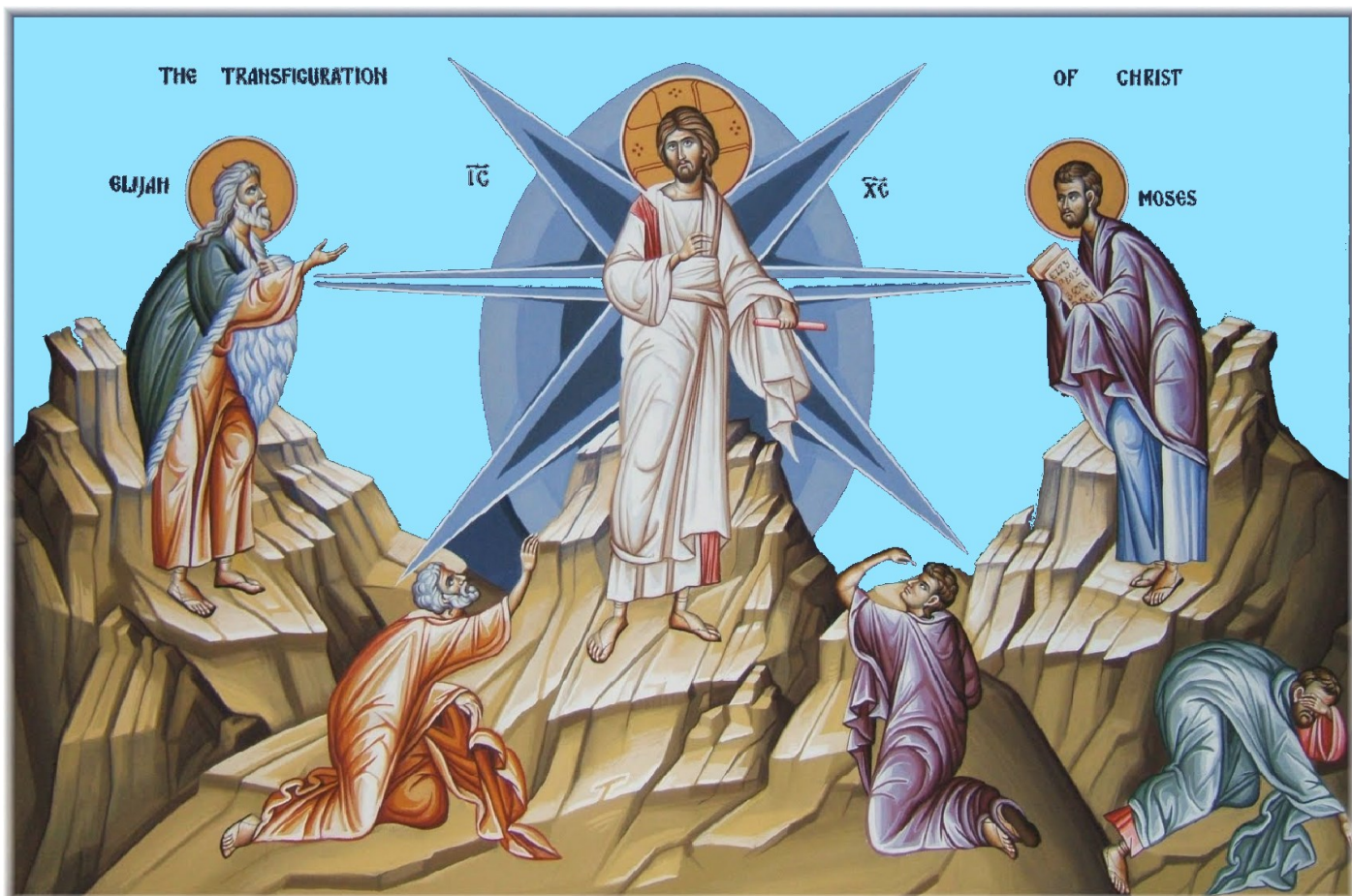




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**ST GILES'**  
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The Sunday next before Lent  
11<sup>th</sup> February 2024, 10.15 a.m.

We welcome you to this celebration of Parish Mass  
for the Sunday Next before Lent  
Today's setting for mass is Sumsion in F.

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 (234)

**Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ the true, the only Light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise!  
Triumph o'er the shades of night:  
Dayspring from on high, be near;  
Daystar, in my heart appear.**

**Dark and cheerless is the morn  
unaccompanied by Thee;  
joyless is the day's return,  
till Thy mercy's beams I see;  
till they inward light impart,  
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.**

**Visit then this soul of mine!  
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!  
Fill me, Radiance Divine;  
scatter all my unbelief;  
more and more Thyself display,  
shining to the perfect day.**

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

†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

Hear what Saint Paul says:

This saying is true, and worthy of full acceptance,  
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1.15

Brothers and sisters, as we prepare to celebrate,  
let us call to mind our sins.

## 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.**

## 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 Sunday next before Lent

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept*

**Almighty Father,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross:  
give us grace to perceive his glory,  
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him  
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;  
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

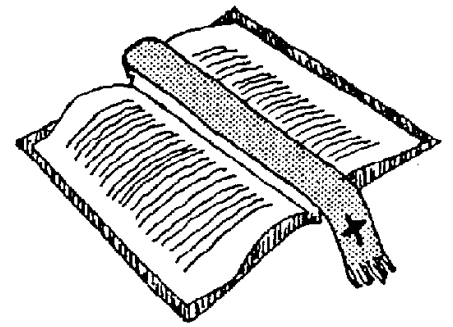
2 Corinthians 4.3-6

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**



## Gospel Alleluia

## Gospel Reading

Mark 9.2-9

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.**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

# Sermon

## The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

**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

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,  
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; Flora Brook.

*We pray for those who have recently died:*

Jean Ganner; Owen Murray; Kathleen Battye; Catherine McArdle; Janice Power.

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

Diane Lynn Howarth; Albert Roydhouse; Derrick Anthony Lemmon

*At the end:*                            Merciful Father  
**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.            Amen.**

*St Giles 3:16 Return.*

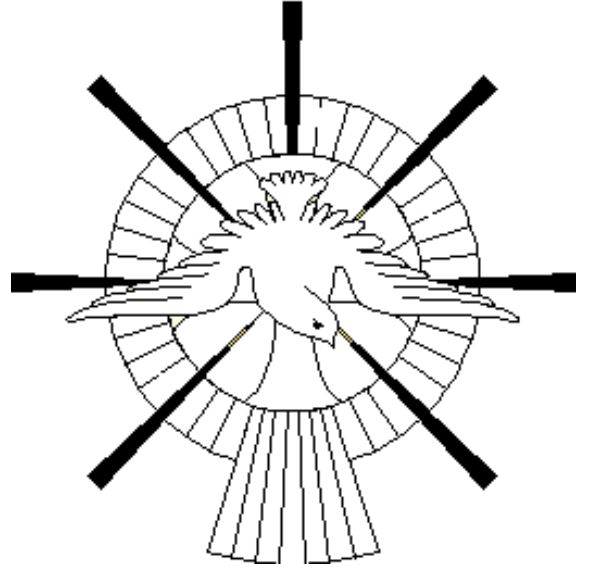
# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## The Peace

God will speak peace to his people,  
to those who turn to him in their hearts.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
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 (494)

**Christ is the world's true light,  
Its Captain of salvation,  
The Daystar shining bright  
To every man and nation;  
New life, new hope awakes,  
Where'er men own his sway;  
Freedom her bondage breaks,  
And night is turned to day.**

**In Christ all races meet,  
Their ancient feuds forgetting,  
The whole round world complete,  
From sunrise to its setting:  
When Christ is throned as Lord,  
Men shall forsake their fear,  
To ploughshare bear the sword,  
To pruning-hook the spear.**

**One Lord, in one great Name  
Unite us all who own thee;  
Cast out our pride and shame  
That hinder to enthrone thee;  
The world has waited long,  
Has travailed long in pain;  
To heal its ancient wrong,  
Come, Prince of Peace, and reign.**

G.W. Briggs (1875-1959)  
Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

## 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

*Please be seated.*

Let us pray

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:

For he is our great high priest,  
who has loosed us from our sins  
and has made us to be a royal priesthood to you,  
our God and Father.

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 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.*

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

As our Saviour taught us, we are bold 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.*

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

*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.*

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.*

## Organ Voluntary

## Hymn (389)

**Jesus, these eyes have never seen  
that radiant form of Thine;  
the veil of sense hangs dark between  
Thy blessed face and mine.**

**I see Thee not, I hear Thee not,  
yet art Thou oft with me;  
and earth hath ne'er so dear a spot  
as where I meet with Thee.**

**Yet, though I have not seen, and still  
must rest in faith alone,  
I love Thee, dearest Lord, and will,  
unseen, but not unknown.**

**When death these mortal eyes shall seal,  
and still this throbbing heart,  
the rending veil shall Thee reveal  
all glorious as Thou art.**

Ray Palmer (1808-1887)

## Choir Anthem

*O nata lux - Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)*



# Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept.*

Let us pray.

**Holy God,  
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:  
may we who are partakers at his table  
reflect his life in word and deed,  
that all the world may know his power to change and save.  
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen**

*Notices are given.*

## The Blessing and Dismissal

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

The Lord bless you and watch over you,  
the Lord make his face shine upon you  
and be gracious to you,  
the Lord look kindly on you and give you peace;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
Amen.

## Hymn (343)

**Bright the vision that delighted  
Once the sight of Judah's seer;  
Sweet the countless tongues united  
To entrance the prophet's ear.**

**Round the Lord in glory seated  
Cherubim and seraphim  
Filled his temple, and repeated  
Each to each the alternate hymn:**

**'Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;  
Earth is with its fullness stored;  
Unto thee be glory given,  
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord.'**

**Heaven is still with glory ringing,  
Earth takes up the angels' cry,  
'Holy, Holy, Holy,' singing,  
'Lord of hosts, the Lord most high.'**

**With his seraph train before him,  
With his holy Church below,  
Thus unite we to adore him,  
Bid we thus our anthem flow:**


**'Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;  
Earth is with its fullness stored;  
Unto thee be glory given,  
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord.'**

Richard Mant (1776-1848)

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

*The clergy and people depart.*

# A PRAYER FOR THE KING



Father of mercies,  
grant to Charles our King  
comfort and sure confidence in you,  
and keep him in perpetual peace and safety,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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Forever in our hearts, always loved.

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