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The Second Sunday of Lent  
25<sup>th</sup> February 2024, 10.15 a.m.

We welcome you to this celebration of Parish Mass  
for the Second 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.

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# The Gathering

## Hymn (338)

**At the name of Jesus  
every knee shall bow,  
every tongue confess Him  
King of Glory now.**

**'Tis the Father's pleasure  
we should call Him Lord,  
Who from the beginning  
was the mighty Word.**

**At His voice creation  
sprang at once to sight,  
all the angel faces,  
all the hosts of light,  
thrones and dominations,  
stars upon their way,  
all the heavenly orders  
in their great array.**

**Humbled for a season,  
to receive a name  
from the lips of sinners  
unto whom He came,  
faithfully He bore it  
spotless to the last,  
brought it back victorious  
when from death He passed:**

**Bore it up triumphant  
with its human light,  
through all ranks of creatures  
to the central height,  
to the throne of Godhead,  
to the Father's breast;  
filled it with the glory  
of that perfect rest.**



**In your hearts enthrone Him;  
there let Him subdue  
all that is not holy,  
all that is not true:  
He is God the Saviour,  
He is Christ the Lord,  
ever to be worshipped,  
trusted and adored.**

**Brothers, this Lord Jesus  
shall return again,  
with the Father's glory,  
with His angel train;  
for all wreaths of empire  
meet upon His brow,  
and our hearts confess Him  
King of Glory now.**

Caroline Maria Noel (1817-1877)

‡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 Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance,  
but the Lord looks on the heart.

1 Samuel 16.7

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins.

# Prayer of Penitence

For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our lives;

Father, forgive us:

**save us and help us.**

For behaving just as we wish, without thinking of you;

Father, forgive us:

**save us and help us.**

For failing you by what we do, and think and say;

Father, forgive us:

**save us and help us.**

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you by temptations in the world about us;

Father, forgive us:

**save us and help us.**

For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son;

Father, forgive us:

**save us and help us.**

*The president says*

May almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,  
✠bring you his pardon and peace, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

# Kyrie Eleison

*Kyrie Eleison*

*Christe Eleison*

*Kyrie Eleison*



*Lord have mercy  
Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy*

# The Collect for the Second Sunday of Lent

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept*

Almighty God,  
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,  
that they may return to the way of righteousness:  
grant to all those who are admitted  
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,  
that they may reject those things  
that are contrary to their profession,  
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
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 17.1-7, 15-16

A reading from the book of Genesis.

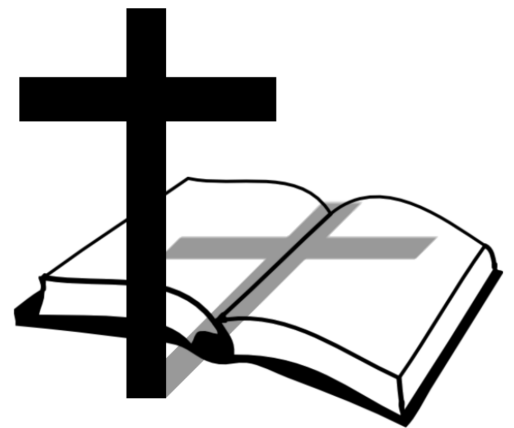
When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him,

‘I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.’

Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him,

‘As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you.

‘I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.’



God said to Abraham,

‘As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.’

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading      Romans 4.13-25

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith.

If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, ‘I have made you the father of many nations’) – Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become ‘the father of many nations’, according to what was said, ‘So numerous shall your descendants be.’ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

Therefore his faith ‘was reckoned to him as righteousness.’ Now the words, ‘it was reckoned to him’, were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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 8.31-38

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said,

‘Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.’

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them,

‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon



# The Apostles' Creed

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**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

With confidence and trust let us pray to the Father.

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

Today we pray for Bonnie Mae Whittaker and her family on the occasion of her celebration of the sacrament of baptism.

*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; Margaret Tonks.

*We pray for those who have recently died:*

Owen Murray; Kathleen Battye; Catherine McArdle; Margaret Edwards.

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

Dorothy Barnett; Annie Cooksey; Frances Kemp; Allan Turner; Nancy Atkinson; Arthur Haigh; Beatrice Hopwood; Olive May Hyomes.

*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

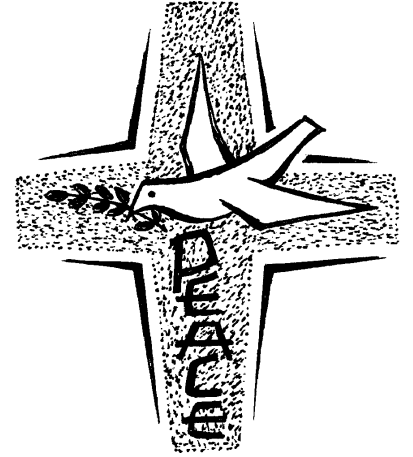
Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has given us access to his grace.

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

**Will you come and follow Me  
if I but call your name?**

**Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?**

**Will you let My love be shown,  
will you let My name be known,  
will you let My life be grown,  
in you and you in Me?**

**Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?**

**Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?**

**Will you risk the hostile stare  
should your life attract or scare?**

**Will you let Me answer prayer  
in you and you in Me?**

**Will you let the blinded see  
if I but call your name?  
Will you set the pris'ners free  
and never be the same?**

**Will you kiss the leper clean,  
and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean  
in you and you in Me?**

**Will you love the 'you' you hide  
if I but call your name?**

**Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?**

**Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around,  
through My sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in Me?**

**Lord, Your summons echoes true  
when You but call my name.**

**Let me turn and follow You  
and never be the same.**

**In Your company I'll go  
where Your love and footsteps show.**

**Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in You and You in me.**

John L Bell b. 1949 © 1987 WGRG, Iona Community

## 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 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,  
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 your Son our Lord.

And now we give you thanks  
because he was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin.  
By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil,  
and to live no longer for ourselves alone,  
but for him who died for us and rose again.

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.*

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in 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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit,  
inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
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

Jesus is our advocate with the Father, and as he 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

*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 (382)

**Jesu, grant me this, I pray,  
ever in Thy heart to stay;  
let me evermore abide  
hidden in Thy wounded side.**

**If the evil one prepare,  
or the world, a tempting snare,  
I am safe when I abide  
in Thy heart and wounded side.**



***If the flesh, more dangerous still,  
tempt my soul to deeds of ill,  
naught I fear when I abide  
in Thy heart and wounded side.***

***Death will come one day to me;  
Jesus, cast me not from Thee:  
dying let me still abide  
in Thy heart and wounded side.***

Latin, 17th century, Tr. Henry Williams Baker, 1821-77

## Choir Anthem

*Lord, for thy tender mercies' sake - John Hilton (1565-1608)*

## Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept.*

Let us pray.

**Almighty God,  
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:  
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,  
and inwardly in our souls;  
that we may be defended from all adversities  
which may happen to the body,  
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*Notices are given.*

*The Blessing and Dismissal*

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

God,  
who from the death of sin raised you to new life in Christ,  
keep you from falling and set you in the presence of his glory;  
and the blessing ...

**Amen.**

**H**ymn (476)

**YE servants of God, your Master proclaim,  
and publish abroad His wonderful name:  
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol:  
His kingdom is glorious, and rules over all.**

**God ruleth on high, almighty to save;  
and still He is nigh, His presence we have.  
The great congregation His triumph shall sing,  
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.**

**Salvation to God Who sits on the throne!  
Let all cry aloud, and honour the Son.  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,  
fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.**

**Then let us adore, and give Him His right:  
all glory and power, all wisdom and might,  
all honour and blessing, with angels above,  
and thanks never-ceasing, and infinite love.**

Charles Wesley, 1707-88

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

*The clergy and people depart.*



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