



EVENING PRAYER

**ON THE SECOND
SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

SEXAGESIMA

**Sunday 20 February 2022
at 4.00pm**

Welcome

A warm welcome to York Minster and to this service of Evening Prayer.

In this service we are immersed in the words of scripture, and we are given time and space to lose ourselves in prayer and come closer to God.

Information about this Service

- ◆ During the Half-Term holiday the Minster Choir takes a well earned break, so our services are said but enriched with organ music and congregational singing.
- ◆ York Minster is keeping a number of safety measures in place to help keep our worshippers, visitors, staff and volunteers safe.
- ◆ This service is being live-streamed, but care is taken to focus on the clergy and not the congregation. For licensing and safeguarding reasons, please do not record this service on your own devices.
- ◆ If you would like to make a donation to support the mission and ministry of York Minster, there are contactless donation points and collection boxes available as you leave.

Order of Service

Preces

O Lord, open thou our lips;
And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us;
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end.
Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

Psalm

O praise the Lord, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God ♦ yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.

The Lord doth build up Jerusalem ♦ and gather together the out-casts of Israel.

He healeth those that are broken in heart ♦ and giveth medicine to heal their sickness.

He telleth the number of the stars ♦ and calleth them all by their names.

Great is our Lord, and great is his power ♦ yea, and his wisdom is infinite.

The Lord setteth up the meek ♦ and bringeth the ungodly down to the ground.

O sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving ♦ sing praises upon the harp unto our God;

Who covereth the heavens with clouds, and prepareth rain for the earth ♦ and maketh the grass to grow upon the mountains, and herb for the use of men;

Who giveth fodder unto the cattle ♦ and feedeth the young ravens that call upon him.

He hath no pleasure in the strength of an horse ♦ neither delighteth he in any man's legs.

But the Lord's delight is in them that fear him ♦ and put their trust in his mercy.
Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem ♦ praise thy God, O Sion.

For he hath made fast the bars of thy gates ♦ and hath blessed thy children
within thee.

He maketh peace in thy borders ♦ and filleth thee with the flour of wheat.

He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth ♦ and his word runneth very
swiftly.

He giveth snow like wool ♦ and scattereth the hoar-frost like ashes.

He casteth forth his ice like morsels ♦ who is able to abide his frost?

**He sendeth out his word, and melteth them ♦ he bloweth with his wind, and
the waters flow.**

He sheweth his word unto Jacob ♦ his statutes and ordinances unto Israel.

**He hath not dealt so with any nation ♦ neither have the heathen knowledge
of his laws.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son ♦ and to the Holy Ghost;

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be ♦ world without end.
Amen.**

PSALM 147

Please sit.

First Lesson

The First Lesson is written in the Book Genesis.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, ‘Let there be light’; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, ‘Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.’ So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, ‘Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.’ And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, ‘Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.’ And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, ‘Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.’ And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, ‘Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.’ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, ‘Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.’ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

Here ends the First Lesson.

GENESIS 1.1-2.3

Please stand.

Magnificat

My soul doth magnify the Lord ♦ and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded ♦ the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

For behold from henceforth ♦ all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me ♦ and holy is his name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him ♦ throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm ♦ he hath scattered the proud, in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat ♦ and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things ♦ and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy ♦ hath holpen his servant Israel.

As he promised to our forefathers ♦ Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son ♦ and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be ♦ world without end.

Amen.

Please sit.

Second Lesson

The Second Lesson is written in the Gospel of Matthew.

‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

‘So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

Here ends the Second Lesson.

MATTHEW 6.25–end

Please stand.

Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace ♦ according to thy word,
For mine eyes have seen ♦ thy salvation;

Which thou hast prepared ♦ before the face of all people,
**To be a light to lighten the Gentiles ♦ and to be the glory of thy people
Israel.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son ♦ and to the Holy Ghost;
**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be ♦ world without end.
Amen.**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead,
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lesser Litany and Responses

The Lord be with you;
and with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Please sit or kneel.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
Amen.**

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us;
And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the Queen;
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people;
And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord;
Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us;
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collects

O Lord God, who seest that we put not our trust in any thing that we do:
Mercifully grant that by thy power we may be defended against all adversity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do
proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that
both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee
we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and
quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Please sit. The organist plays a short reflective piece.

Sermon

The Revd Maggie McLean, Canon Missioner

After the sermon, please stand to sing the hymn.

Hymn



1. The spacious firmament on high,
with all the blue ethereal sky,
and spangled heavens, a shining frame,
their great Original proclaim.
The unwearied sun from day to day
does his Creator's power display,
and publishes to every land
the works of an almighty hand.

2. Soon as the evening shades prevail
the moon takes up the wondrous tale,
and nightly to the listening earth
repeats the story of her birth;
whilst all the stars that round her burn,
and all the planets in their turn,
confirm the tidings, as they roll,
and spread the truth from pole to pole.

3. What though in solemn silence all
move round the dark terrestrial ball;
what though nor real voice nor sound
amid their radiant orbs be found;
in reason's ear they all rejoice,
and utter forth a glorious voice;
for ever singing as they shine,
'The hand that made us is divine.'

Words Joseph Addison (1672–1719) based on Psalm 19

Tune ADDISON'S, NEH 267, composed for these words by J Sheeles (1688–1761)

The Blessing

Voluntary

Toccata in F, BWV 540

Johann Sebastian Bach