



**EVENING PRAYER**

**ON THE**

**ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**Sunday 28 August 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.

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## Information about this Service

- ◆ During the summer the Minster Choir takes a well earned break; during most of that time we have been grateful to our visiting choirs. However, this week the scheduled choir has had to cancel, so our services today 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.
- ◆ Today's service will be live streamed from the Minster. In this service we are immersed in the words of scripture, spoken and sung, and we are given time and space to lose ourselves in prayer and come closer to God.
- ◆ 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

My soul hath longed for thy salvation ♦ and I have a good hope because of thy word.

**Mine eyes long sore for thy word ♦ saying, O when wilt thou comfort me?**

For I am become like a bottle in the smoke ♦ yet do I not forget thy statutes.

**How many are the days of thy servant ♦ when wilt thou be avenged of them that persecute me?**

The proud have digged pits for me ♦ which are not after thy law.

**All thy commandments are true ♦ they persecute me falsely; O be thou my help.**

They had almost made an end of me upon earth ♦ but I forsook not thy commandments.

**O quicken me after thy loving-kindness ♦ and so shall I keep the testimonies of thy mouth.**

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.*

## **First Lesson**

The First Lesson is written in the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Hear, you who are far away, what I have done;  
and you who are near, acknowledge my might.  
The sinners in Zion are afraid;  
trembling has seized the godless:  
'Who among us can live with the devouring fire?  
Who among us can live with everlasting flames?'  
Those who walk righteously and speak uprightly,  
who despise the gain of oppression,  
who wave away a bribe instead of accepting it,  
who stop their ears from hearing of bloodshed  
and shut their eyes from looking on evil,  
they will live on the heights;  
their refuge will be the fortresses of rocks;  
their food will be supplied, their water assured.

Your eyes will see the king in his beauty;  
they will behold a land that stretches far away.  
Your mind will muse on the terror:  
'Where is the one who counted?  
Where is the one who weighed the tribute?  
Where is the one who counted the towers?'  
No longer will you see the insolent people,  
the people of an obscure speech that you cannot comprehend,  
stammering in a language that you cannot understand.  
Look on Zion, the city of our appointed festivals!  
Your eyes will see Jerusalem,  
a quiet habitation, an immovable tent,  
whose stakes will never be pulled up,  
and none of whose ropes will be broken.  
But there the Lord in majesty will be for us  
a place of broad rivers and streams,  
where no galley with oars can go,  
nor stately ship can pass.

For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our ruler,  
the Lord is our king; he will save us.

Here ends the First Lesson.

ISAIAH 33.13–22

*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 John.

After this Jesus and his disciples went into the Judean countryside, and he spent some time there with them and baptized. John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim because water was abundant there; and people kept coming and were being baptized— John, of course, had not yet been thrown into prison.

Now a discussion about purification arose between John's disciples and a Jew. They came to John and said to him, 'Rabbi, the one who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you testified, here he is baptizing, and all are going to him.' John answered, 'No one can receive anything except what has been given from heaven. You yourselves are my witnesses that I said, "I am not the Messiah, but I have been sent ahead of him." He who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. For this reason my joy has been fulfilled. He must increase, but I must decrease.'

The one who comes from above is above all; the one who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks about earthly things. The one who comes from heaven is above all. He testifies to what he has seen and heard, yet no one accepts his testimony. Whoever has accepted his testimony has certified this, that God is true. He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure. The Father loves the Son and has placed all things in his hands. Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever disobeys the Son will not see life, but must endure God's wrath.

Here ends the Second Lesson.

JOHN 3.22–36

*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 God, who declarest thy almighty power most chiefly in shewing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running the way of thy commandments, may obtain thy gracious promises, and be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; 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. Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise:  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways.
2. O loving wisdom of our God!  
when all was sin and shame,  
a second Adam to the fight  
and to the rescue came.
3. O wisest love! that flesh and blood,  
which did in Adam fail,  
should strive afresh against the foe,  
should strive and should prevail;
4. And that a higher gift than grace  
should flesh and blood refine,  
God's presence and his very self,  
and essence all-divine.
5. O generous love! that he, who smote  
in Man for man the foe,  
the double agony in Man  
for man should undergo;
6. And in the garden secretly,  
and on the cross on high,  
should teach his brethren, and inspire  
to suffer and to die.
7. Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise:  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways.

*Words* John Henry Newman (1801–90)

*Tune* GERONTIUS, NEH 439, John Bacchus Dykes (1823–76)

# The Blessing

## Voluntary

Final (*Sonate I*)

Alexandre Guilmant

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