



**EVENING PRAYER**

**ON THE TWENTY-FIRST  
SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**BIBLE SUNDAY**

**Sunday 24 October 2021  
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 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.
- ◆ Our staff and volunteers will continue to wear face masks and we strongly encourage worshippers to wear face coverings unless they are exempt.
- ◆ To allow people to maintain physical distancing, we continue to limit the capacity in the building.
- ◆ We will continue to operate a one way system around the building to aid social distancing, please follow the directions of the stewards.
- ◆ We will continue to carry out additional cleaning of high contact areas of the cathedral throughout the day. Hand sanitizer is available for your use.
- ◆ We will continue to display QR code posters near the entrance to the Minster so worshippers can check in using the NHS COVID-19 app.
- ◆ 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

Blessed are those that are undefiled in the way ♦ and walk in the law of the Lord.  
**Blessed are they that keep his testimonies ♦ and seek him with their whole heart.**

For they who do no wickedness ♦ walk in his ways.  
**Thou hast charged ♦ that we shall diligently keep thy commandments.**

O that my ways were made so direct ♦ that I might keep thy statutes!  
**So shall I not be confounded ♦ while I have respect unto all thy commandments.**

I will thank thee with an unfeigned heart ♦ when I shall have learned the judgements of thy righteousness.  
**I will keep thy ceremonies ♦ O forsake me not utterly.**

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way ♦ even by ruling himself after thy word.  
**With my whole heart have I sought thee ♦ O let me not go wrong out of thy commandments.**

Thy words have I hid within my heart ♦ that I should not sin against thee.  
**Blessed art thou, O Lord ♦ O teach me thy statutes.**

With my lips have I been telling ♦ of all the judgements of thy mouth.

**I have had as great delight in the way of thy testimonies ♦ as in all manner of riches.**

I will talk of thy commandments ♦ and have respect unto thy ways.

**My delight shall be in thy statutes ♦ and I will not forget thy word.**

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 119.1-16

*Please sit.*

## **First Lesson**

The First Lesson is written in the Second Book of Kings.

Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign; he reigned for thirty-one years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jedidah daughter of Adaiah of Bozkath. He did what was right in the sight of the Lord, and walked in all the way of his father David; he did not turn aside to the right or to the left.

In the eighteenth year of King Josiah, the king sent Shaphan son of Azaliah, son of Meshullam, the secretary, to the house of the Lord, saying, 'Go up to the high priest Hilkiah, and have him count the entire sum of the money that has been brought into the house of the Lord, which the keepers of the threshold have collected from the people; let it be given into the hand of the workers who have the oversight of the house of the Lord; let them give it to the workers who are at the house of the Lord, repairing the house, that is, to the carpenters, to the builders, to the masons; and let them use it to buy timber and quarried stone to repair the house. But no account shall be asked from them for the money that is delivered into their hand, for they deal honestly.'

The high priest Hilkiah said to Shaphan the secretary, 'I have found the book of the law in the house of the Lord.' When Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, he read it. Then Shaphan the secretary came to the king, and reported to the king, 'Your servants have emptied out the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of the workers who have oversight of the house of the Lord.' Shaphan the secretary informed the king, 'The priest Hilkiah has given me a book.' Shaphan then read it aloud to the king.

When the king heard the words of the book of the law, he tore his clothes. Then the king commanded the priest Hilkiah, Ahikam son of Shaphan, Achbor son of Micaiah, Shaphan the secretary, and the king's servant Asaiah, saying, 'Go, inquire of the Lord for me, for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that has been found; for great is the wrath of the Lord that is kindled against us, because our ancestors did not obey the words of this book, to do according to all that is written concerning us.'

So the priest Hilkiah, Ahikam, Achbor, Shaphan, and Asaiah went to the prophetess Huldah the wife of Shallum son of Tikvah, son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe; she resided in Jerusalem in the Second Quarter, where they consulted her. She declared to them, 'Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Tell the man who sent you to me, Thus says the Lord, I will indeed bring disaster on this place and on its inhabitants—all the words of the book that the king of Judah has read. Because they have abandoned me and have made offerings to other gods, so that they have provoked me to anger with all the work of their hands, therefore my wrath will be kindled against this place, and it will not be quenched. But as to the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the Lord, thus shall you say to him, Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Regarding the words that you have heard, because your heart was penitent, and you humbled yourself before the Lord, when you heard how I spoke against this place, and against its inhabitants, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and because you have torn your clothes and wept before me, I also have heard you, says the Lord. Therefore, I will gather you to your ancestors, and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace; your eyes shall not see all the disaster that I will bring on this place.' They took the message back to the king.

Here ends the First Lesson.

2 KINGS 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 Letter of Paul to the Colossians.

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Here ends the Second Lesson.

COLOSSIANS 3.12–17

*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

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. 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.*

## Sermon

The Revd Maggie McLean, Canon Missioner

*After the sermon, please stand to sing the hymn.*

# Hymn



Spread, O spread, thou mighty word,  
spread the kingdom of the Lord,  
wheresoe'er his breath has given  
life to beings meant for heaven.

Tell them how the Father's will  
made the world, and makes it still,  
how he sent his Son to save,  
how Christ conquered o'er the grave.

Tell of our Redeemer's love,  
who for ever doth remove  
by his holy sacrifice  
all the guilt that on us lies.

Tell them of the Spirit given  
now to guide us on to heaven,  
strong and holy, just and true,  
working both to will and do.

Word of life, most pure and strong,  
lo, for thee the nations long;  
Spread, till from its dreary night  
All the world awakes to light!

*Words* NEH 482, J Bahnmaier (1774–1841) tr. Catherine Winckworth (1827–78)  
*Tune* SAVANNAH, NEH 113, from John Wesley's *Foundery Collection* (1742)

# The Blessing

## Voluntary

Prelude in E flat, BWV 552 i

Johann Sebastian Bach