



**Evensong and the
North Eastern Circuit
Annual Legal Service**



attended by
Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant
High Sheriffs
Her Majesty's Judges,
Magistrates
and members of the Legal Profession

**Sunday 10 October 2021
at 2.30 pm**

The Office of High Sheriff

The Office of High Sheriff has existed for over a millennium and precedes that of the Chancellorship as the oldest secular office under the Crown.

Only a High Sheriff may nominate a person to the Lord Chancellor and the Privy Council for consideration by the Sovereign to serve as High Sheriff. The annual nominations of three prospective High Sheriffs for each county are made on 12 November at a meeting of the Lords of the Council in the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court of Justice presided over by the Lord Chief Justice. Subsequently the selection of the High Sheriff is made in March when the Sovereign, by tradition, 'pricks' the appointees name with a silver bodkin. The Warrant of appointment is then received by the new High Sheriff.

The High Sheriff takes up the appointment for one year upon making a sworn declaration usually before a Judge of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice. The High Sheriff is the Sovereign's representative in the county for all matters relating to the judiciary and the maintenance of law and order.

Other responsibilities of the High Sheriff include attendance at all Royal visits to the county; the well being and protection of Her Majesty's High Court Judges when on circuit in the county and to attend them to Court in Legal Terms (in practice, protection of the judges, and the maintenance of law and order, is delegated to the Chief Constable); to be the returning officer for Parliamentary elections in county constituencies; and to be responsible for the Proclamation of Accession of a new Sovereign.

The Office of High Sheriff remained first in precedence in the counties until the reign of Edward VII when an Order in Council in 1908 gave the Lord Lieutenant the prime office under the Crown as the Sovereign's personal representative.

The Service

The Chapter of York—the governing body of the Minster—welcomes warmly all members of the congregation to this service. The service substantially follows the order of Evensong, the traditional evening service of the Church of England. In participating in this service, you are joining in the constant round of regular daily prayer that has been at the heart of the Minster’s life through the centuries.

The service includes a sequence of psalms, readings and canticles, followed by the Creed and formal prayers (‘collects’)—a pattern that has remained virtually unchanged since the first English Prayer Book of 1549. It is followed by an anthem sung by the choir, an address, and prayers particularly suited to this afternoon’s occasion.

Although this form of worship comes distinctively from the liturgical tradition of the Church of England, we hope that people of all faiths and traditions will find that many of its sentiments are such that they can sympathise with them.

As is customary at a cathedral service of this kind, much of the music is sung by the choir alone; members of the congregation are invited to join fully in singing the hymns, and in saying the words printed in bold type.

The service is sung by the Choir of York Minster, directed by Benjamin Morris, Assistant Director of Music, York Minster. The organ is played by Asher Oliver, Assistant Organist.

The Fanfare Trumpeters of the West Yorkshire Police Band participate by kind permission of the Chief Constable of West Yorkshire.

At 2.25, a Canon welcomes the congregation and notices are given.

Her Majesty’s Lord Lieutenant of North Yorkshire, the Judges, the High Sheriffs and the Legal and Civic Procession are met by the Dean and Chapter representatives at the South Door.

A fanfare is sounded and organ music is played. Please stand.

Order of Procession

An Under Sheriff

The Solicitors
Junior Counsel
Queen's Counsel

The Magistrates
The Coroners
The District Judges
The Tribunal Judiciary
The Circuit Judges

The High Sheriffs of Tyne and Wear,
Northumberland, Durham, the East Riding of Yorkshire,
South Yorkshire and West Yorkshire
with their Chaplains and Under Sheriffs

The Civic Procession including
The Lord Mayor of York and The Sheriff of York

The Under Sheriff of North Yorkshire
The Chaplain to the High Sheriff of North Yorkshire
The Sword-bearer to the High Sheriff of North Yorkshire
The High Sheriff of North Yorkshire

The High Court Judges

The Lord and Lady Justices of Appeal

A Verger
The Dean
Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of North Yorkshire

The Minster Procession

The Minster Choir
A Verger
Chapter Members
The Dean

Order of Service

Processional Hymn



Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring,
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him;
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace.

Words Henry Francis Lyte (1793–1847)

Tune PRAISE, MY SOUL, NEH 436, John Goss (1800–80)

The Bidding

The Dean says:

We have come together to worship God, to praise him for his blessings to us, to hear his holy word, and to bring before him in prayer the needs of the world. In particular, at the beginning of a new legal year, we pray that peace and justice may be maintained in our society, and we commend to God the work of all who are involved in the administration of the law.

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.

Music Matthew Martin (*b.* 1976)

Psalm

Lord, who shall dwell in thy tabernacle ♦ or who shall rest upon thy holy hill?
Even he that leadeth an uncorrupt life ♦ and doeth the thing which is right, and
speaketh the truth from his heart.

He that hath used no deceit in his tongue, nor done evil to his neighbour ♦ and
hath not slandered his neighbour.

He that setteth not by himself, but is lowly in his own eyes ♦ and maketh much
of them that fear the Lord.

He that sweareth unto his neighbour, and disappointeth him not ♦ thou it were
to his own hindrance.

He that hath not given his money upon usury ♦ nor taken reward against the
innocent.

Whoso doeth these things ♦ shall never fall.

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 15

First Lesson

read by the Revd Martin Macdonald
Chaplain to the High Sheriff of West Yorkshire

The First Lesson is from the Book Exodus.

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the
house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that
is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under
the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord
your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents,
to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing
steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my
commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord
will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, 'You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die.' Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.'

Here ends the First Lesson.

EXODUS 20.1-20

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.

Words LUKE I. 46–55 ♦ *Music* EVENING SERVICE IN G, Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

Second Lesson

read by the Revd Canon John Manchester
Chaplain to the High Sheriff of North Yorkshire

The Second Lesson is from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore, whoever resists authority resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgement. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Do you wish to have no fear of the authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive its approval; for it is God's servant for your good. But if you do what is wrong, you should be afraid, for the authority does not bear the sword in vain! It is the servant of God to execute wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore, one must be subject, not only because of wrath but also because of conscience. For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, busy with this very thing. Pay to all what is due to them—taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honour to whom honour is due. Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Here ends the second lesson.

ROMANS 13.1-10

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.

Words Luke 2.29-32 ♦ *Music* EVENING SERVICE IN G, Herbert Howells

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.

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, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee; Mercifully grant, that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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.

Music Matthew Martin

Anthem

Thou judge of quick and dead before whose bar severe,
with holy joy, or guilty dread, we all shall soon appear;

do thou our souls prepare for that tremendous day;
and fill us now with watchful care, and teach our hearts to pray.

O may we thus insure a lot among the blest;
and watch a moment to secure an everlasting rest.

Words Samuel Wilberforce (1805–73)

Music Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810–76)

Sermon

The Most Revd and Rt Hon Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York

After the sermon, please kneel or remain seated for the prayers.

Prayers of Intercession

A Canon prays:

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, bless our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth, and all who are in authority under her; that they may order all things in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace, to the honour of your name, and the good of your Church and people; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for those who administer justice: for the High Sheriffs of North Yorkshire and the North Eastern Circuit and all High Sheriffs; for Judges and Magistrates and all who serve in our courts; for Barristers, Solicitors and Chartered Legal Executives; for the police, the prison and probation services, especially those who work with the vulnerable and the needy in our communities; and for members of the Armed Forces of the Crown; that they may be given the gifts of wisdom, compassion and courage.

Lord, hear us:

Lord, graciously hear us.

Let us pray for the High Court of Parliament and for all who are set in authority in national and local government; for places of learning and all concerned with education; for the Health Service and all who work for healing; and for those who are concerned in the commercial and industrial life of our society.

Lord, hear us:

Lord, graciously hear us.

Let us remember before God those who have suffered through crime committed by others; and let us pray for those who have offended against the law, that their lives may be reformed; for prisoners, and their families; and let us pray for whose concern is the treatment of offenders.

Lord, hear us:

Lord, graciously hear us.

Let us pray for the whole Church of God, and let us commend ourselves to him, praying for grace that we may be ready to serve both God and our neighbour, and that we might direct our lives according to his will.

Lord, hear us:

Lord, graciously hear us.

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore.
Amen.**

Hymn



All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

Pride of man and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust
but God's power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore
from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth th'Almighty giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.

Still from man to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call
one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.

Words Robert Bridges (1844–1930)

Tune MICHAEL, NEH 333, Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

The Blessing

The Rt Revd Dr Jonathan Frost, Dean says:

God grant to the living, grace;
to the departed, rest;
to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth,
and all humankind, peace and concord;
and to us and all his servants, life everlasting;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Please remain standing.

The National Anthem

1. God save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen.
Send her victorious,
happy and glorious,
long to reign over us:
God save the Queen.

2. Thy choicest gifts in store
on her be pleased to pour,
long may she reign.
May she defend our laws,
and ever give us cause
to sing with heart and voice,
God save the Queen.

Words v1 Anonymous, v2 W E Hickson (1803–70)

Tune NATIONAL ANTHEM, Thomas Arne (1710–78)

Please remains standing as the processions leave the Minster.

Order of Procession

The Minster Procession

The Dean

Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of North Yorkshire

The High Sheriff of North Yorkshire

The Lord and Lady Justices of Appeal

The High Court Judges

The Civic Procession

The Visiting High Sheriffs
The High Sheriffs' Chaplains
and Under Sheriffs

The Circuit Judges
The Tribunal Judiciary
The District Judges
The Coroners
The Magistrates

Queen's Counsel
Junior Counsel
The Solicitors

Members of the congregation are asked to remain in their places until invited by the stewards to move.

Voluntary

Final from *Symphonie VI*

Charles-Marie Widor

