

The Parish Church of St. Giles
with St Mary's, Pontefract



A Service of Evening Prayer for
Advent Sunday
Sunday November 29th 2020, 5pm
Live Streamed on Facebook

Preparation

○ God, make speed to save us.

○ Lord, make haste to help us.

Reveal among us the light of your presence
that we may behold your power and glory.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,
creator of light and darkness,
to you be glory and praise for ever.

As evening falls, you renew your promise
to reveal among us the light of your presence.

May your word be a lantern to our feet
and a light upon our path

that we may behold your coming among us.

Strengthen us in our stumbling weakness
and free our tongues to sing your praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

Hymn - On Jordan's Bank The Baptist's Cry

Arr. by Malcolm Archer, recorded in St Giles' Church January 2015

This opening prayer may be said

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,
so may your mercy come down upon us
to cleanse our hearts
and set us free to sing your praise
now and for ever.

Amen.



The Word of God

Psalmody Psalm 25

Response: Remember, Lord, your compassion and love.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
O my God, in you I trust; ◆
let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame, ◆
but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord, ◆
and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, ◆
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you have I hoped all the day long.

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love, ◆
for they are from everlasting.

Response

Remember not the sins of my youth
or my transgressions, ◆
but think on me in your goodness, O Lord,
according to your steadfast love.

Gracious and upright is the Lord; ◆
therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.

He will guide the humble in doing right ◆
and teach his way to the lowly.

All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth ◆
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Response

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

First Reading | Isaiah 1.1-20

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear, O heavens, and listen, O earth;
for the Lord has spoken:
I reared children and brought them up,
but they have rebelled against me.

The ox knows its owner,
and the donkey its master's crib;
but Israel does not know,
my people do not understand.

Ah, sinful nation,
people laden with iniquity,
offspring who do evil,
children who deal corruptly,
who have forsaken the Lord,
who have despised the Holy One of Israel,
who are utterly estranged!

Why do you seek further beatings?
Why do you continue to rebel?
The whole head is sick,
and the whole heart faint.
From the sole of the foot even to the head,
there is no soundness in it,
but bruises and sores
and bleeding wounds;
they have not been drained, or bound up,
or softened with oil.

Your country lies desolate,
your cities are burned with fire;
in your very presence
aliens devour your land;
it is desolate, as overthrown by foreigners.
And daughter Zion is left
like a booth in a vineyard,
like a shelter in a cucumber field,
like a besieged city.

If the Lord of hosts
had not left us a few survivors,
we would have been like Sodom,
and become like Gomorrah.

Hear the word of the Lord,
you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the teaching of our God,
you people of Gomorrah!

What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?
says the Lord;

I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams
and the fat of fed beasts;

I do not delight in the blood of bulls,
or of lambs, or of goats.

When you come to appear before me,
who asked this from your hand?

Trample my courts no more;
bringing offerings is futile;

incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation -
I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

Your new moons and your appointed festivals
my soul hates;

they have become a burden to me,
I am weary of bearing them.

When you stretch out your hands,
I will hide my eyes from you;

even though you make many prayers,
I will not listen;

your hands are full of blood.

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
remove the evil of your doings

from before my eyes;

cease to do evil,

learn to do good;

seek justice,

rescue the oppressed,

defend the orphan,

plead for the widow.



Come now, let us argue it out,
says the Lord:
though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be like snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.
If you are willing and obedient,
you shall eat the good of the land;
but if you refuse and rebel,
you shall be devoured by the sword;
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Canticle A Song of the Spirit

Refrain:

**Surely, I am coming soon.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

‘Behold, I am coming soon’, says the Lord,
‘and bringing my reward with me, •
to give to everyone according to their deeds.

‘I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, •
the beginning and the end.’

Blessed are those who do God’s commandments,
that they may have the right to the tree of life, •
and may enter into the city through the gates.

‘I, Jesus, have sent my angel to you, •
with this testimony for all the churches.

‘I am the root and the offspring of David, •
I am the bright morning star.’

‘Come!’ say the Spirit and the Bride; •
‘Come!’ let each hearer reply.

Come forward, you who are thirsty, •
let those who desire take the water of life as a gift.



**To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb •
be blessing and honour and glory and might,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Surely, I am coming soon.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

Revelation 22.12-14, 16, 17

Scripture Reading Matthew 21.1-13

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer'; but you are making it a den of robbers."

Hymn - Zion, at thy shining gates

Recorded in St Giles' Church January 2015

A suitable song or chant, or a responsory in this or another form, may follow

My soul is waiting for you, O Lord:
in your word is my hope.

**My soul is waiting for you, O Lord:
in your word is my hope.**

There is forgiveness with you,
so that you shall be feared.

In your word is my hope.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.

**My soul is waiting for you, O Lord:
in your word is my hope.**

from Psalm 130

Gospel Canticle The Magnificat

The Magnificat (The Song of Mary) is normally said,

Refrain:

**Lord Jesus, you are the one who is to come,
the one whom we await with longing hearts.**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; •
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed; •
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his name.

He has mercy on those who fear him, •
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm •
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,

Casting down the mighty from their thrones •
and lifting up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things •
and sent the rich away empty.

He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, •
to remember his promise of mercy,

The promise made to our ancestors, •
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Luke 1.46-55

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**Lord Jesus, you are the one who is to come,
the one whom we await with longing hearts.**

*We listen to Ave Maria (music by Philip Stopford and recorded in St Giles' Church
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Prayers

Thanksgiving may be made for the day.

Intercessions are offered

for peace

for individuals and their needs

These responses may be used

**Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.**

Silence may be kept.

The Collect of the day or the following is said

**Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.**

Amen.



The Lord's Prayer

Awaiting his coming in glory,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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.**

The Conclusion

May the Lord, when he comes,
find us watching and waiting.

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*We listen to 'December' (a piano solo by Jack Hodgkinson, recorded in St Giles' Church
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Advent



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