

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



A Service of Compline during  
Ordinary Time  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021,  
8pm

Live streamed on Facebook

# Preparation

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.  
**Amen.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord  
**who made heaven and earth.**

*A period of silence for reflection on the past day may follow.*

*The following or other suitable words of penitence may be used*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess to you,  
before the whole company of heaven and one another,  
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed  
and in what we have failed to do.  
Forgive us our sins,  
heal us by your Spirit  
and raise us to new life in Christ. Amen.**

○ God, make speed to save us.

**○ Lord, make haste to help us.**

**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.**

**Alleluia.**

*The following or another suitable hymn may be sung*

Before the ending of the day,  
Creator of the world, we pray  
That you, with steadfast love, would keep  
Your watch around us while we sleep.  
From evil dreams defend our sight,  
From fears and terrors of the night;  
Tread underfoot our deadly foe  
That we no sinful thought may know.  
○ Father, that we ask be done  
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son;  
And Holy Spirit, by whose breath  
Our souls are raised to life from death.

# The Word of God

## Psalm 16

**Refrain: The Lord is at my right hand; I shall not fall.**

Preserve me, O God, for in you have I taken refuge; ♦  
I have said to the Lord, 'You are my lord,  
all my good depends on you.'

All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, ♦  
upon those who are noble in heart.

Though the idols are legion that many run after, ♦  
their drink offerings of blood I will not offer,  
neither make mention of their names upon my lips.

The Lord himself is my portion and my cup; ♦  
in your hands alone is my fortune.

My share has fallen in a fair land; ♦  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel, ♦  
and in the night watches he instructs my heart.

I have set the Lord always before me; ♦  
he is at my right hand; I shall not fall.

Wherefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; ♦  
my flesh also shall rest secure.

For you will not abandon my soul to Death, ♦  
nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.

You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence is the fullness of joy ♦  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

**Refrain: The Lord is at my right hand; I shall not fall.**

## Psalm 134

**Refrain: Bless the Lord, O my soul.**

Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, ♦  
you that by night stand in the house of the Lord.

Lift up your hands towards the sanctuary ◆  
and bless the Lord.

The Lord who made heaven and earth ◆  
give you blessing out of Zion.

**Refrain: Bless the Lord, O my soul.**

*At the end of the psalmody, the following is said or sung*

**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.**

## Scripture Reading

Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil is prowling round like a roaring lion, seeking for someone to devour. Resist him, strong in the faith.

1 Peter 5.8, 9

*The following responsory may be said*

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.  
**Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.**

For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.  
**I commend my spirit.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit.  
**Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.**

## Gospel Canticle

*The Nunc dimittis (The Song of Simeon) is said or sung*

**Save us, O Lord, while waking,  
and guard us while sleeping,  
that awake we may watch with Christ  
and asleep may rest in peace.**

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: ◆  
your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation ◆  
which you have prepared in the sight of every people;

A light to reveal you to the nations ♦  
and the glory of your people Israel.

*Luke 2.29-32*

**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.**

**Save us, O Lord, while waking,  
and guard us while sleeping,  
that awake we may watch with Christ  
and asleep may rest in peace.**

## Prayers

*Intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered here.*

## The Collect

*Silence is kept*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who called your servant Ninian to preach the gospel  
to the people of northern Britain:  
raise up in this and every land  
heralds and evangelists of your kingdom,  
that your Church may make known the immeasurable riches  
of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

*or*

Keep watch, dear Lord,  
with those who wake, or watch, or weep this night,  
and give your angels charge over those who sleep.

Tend the sick,  
give rest to the weary,  
sustain the dying,  
calm the suffering,  
and pity the distressed;  
all for your love's sake, O Christ our Redeemer.  
**Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

**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

In peace we will lie down and sleep;  
**for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.**

Abide with us, Lord Jesus,  
**for the night is at hand and the day is now past.**

As the night watch looks for the morning,  
**so do we look for you, O Christ.**

[Come with the dawning of the day  
**and make yourself known in the breaking of the bread.]**

The Lord bless us and watch over us;  
the Lord make his face shine upon us and be gracious to us;  
the Lord look kindly on us and give us peace.  
**Amen.**

# Scripture Readings for Other Saints

*Short Reading: the following or some other*

## Martyrs

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm; for love is strong as death, passion fierce as the grave. Its flashes are flashes of fire, a raging flame. Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it.

Song of Solomon 8.6,7a

## Teachers of the Faith, Bishops and other Pastors

Wisdom guided the righteous on straight paths; she showed them the kingdom of God, and gave them knowledge of holy things.

Wisdom 10.10a

## Members of Religious Communities

Jesus said, 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.'

Matthew 5.3,8

## Any Saint

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4.8,9

## Gospel Canticle Response for Other Saints

**Grant us your light, O Lord,  
that the darkness of our hearts being overcome,  
we may receive the true light,  
even Christ our Saviour.**



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