

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



Advent

A Service of Compline during
The Season of Advent

Live streamed on Facebook every

Thursday at 8pm

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

Psalms 143

Refrain: Show me, O Lord, the way that I should walk in.

1 Hear my prayer, O Lord,
and in your faithfulness give ear to my supplications; ♦
answer me in your righteousness.

2 Enter not into judgement with your servant, ♦
for in your sight shall no one living be justified.

3 For the enemy has pursued me,
crushing my life to the ground, ♦
making me sit in darkness like those long dead.

4 My spirit faints within me; ♦
my heart within me is desolate.

5 I remember the time past; I muse upon all your deeds; ♦
I consider the works of your hands.

6 I stretch out my hands to you; ♦
my soul gasps for you like a thirsty land.

7 O Lord, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me; ♦
hide not your face from me
lest I be like those who go down to the Pit.

8 Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning,
for in you I put my trust; ♦
show me the way I should walk in,
for I lift up my soul to you.

9 Deliver me, O Lord, from my enemies, ♦
for I flee to you for refuge.

10 Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God; ♦
let your kindly spirit lead me on a level path.

11 Revive me, O Lord, for your name's sake; ♦
for your righteousness' sake, bring me out of trouble.

12 In your faithfulness, slay my enemies,
and destroy all the adversaries of my soul, ♦
for truly I am your servant.

Refrain: Show me, O Lord, the way that I should walk in.

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

Scripture Readings for Feast Days can be found on Page 7

Keep awake - for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.

Mark 13.35-end

The following responsory may be said

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

**Come, O Lord, and visit us in peace;
that we may rejoice before you with a perfect heart.**

Or, on a Feast Day

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

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

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Prayers

Intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered here.

The Collect

Silence is kept

Stir up your power, O God,
and come among us.
Heal our wounds,
calm our fears
and give us peace;
through Jesus 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.

Blessing

Restore us again, O God of hosts;
show us the light of your countenance
and we shall be saved.

Bless and keep us, this night and always.

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

