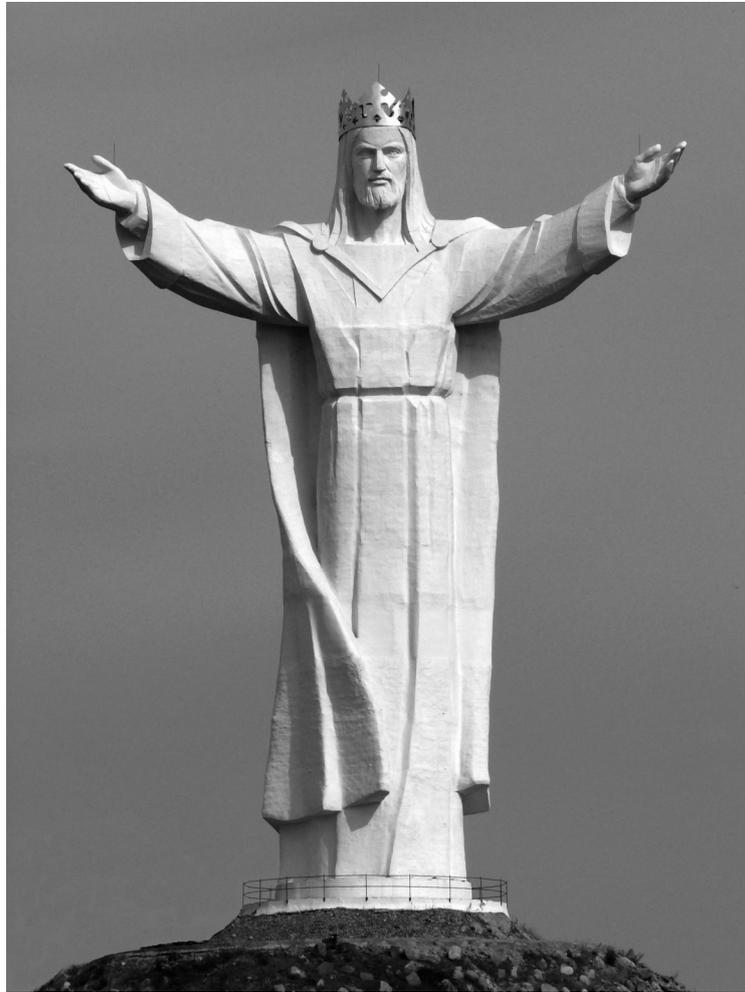


The Parish Church of St Giles with St Mary's, Pontefract



Service of Evening Prayer Christ the King

21st November 2021, 4.00 p.m.

A special service to say thank you to David Brooks, who retires from licensed Reader ministry on this day, and also to Jack Roberts, a faithful servant to our choir for so many years.

Office Hymn

Hymn (342)

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what Thou dost love,
and do what you wouldst do.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure:
until with Thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly Thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with the fire divine.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God:
so shall I never die,
but live with Thee the perfect life
of Thine eternity.**

Edwin Hatch (1835-1889)

Words of welcome are given

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,
our light and our salvation,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
Now, as darkness is falling,
wash away our transgressions,
cleanse us by your refining fire
and make us temples of your Holy Spirit.
By the light of Christ,
dispel the darkness of our hearts
and make us ready to enter your kingdom,
where songs of praise for ever sound.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Preces - Plainsong

The opening preces are sung by the choir

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.

Please sit

The Psalmody

Psalm 72:1-7

The choir sings the psalm appointed for this evening

- 1 Give the King thy judgements, O God *
and thy righteousness unto the King's son.
- 2 Then shall he judge thy people according unto right *
and defend the poor.
- 3 The mountains also shall bring peace *
and the little hills righteousness unto the people.
- 4 He shall keep the simple folk by their right *
defend the children of the poor, and punish the wrong doer.
- 5 They shall fear thee, as long as the sun and moon endureth *
from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like the rain into a fleece of wool *
even as the drops that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish *
yea, and abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth.

At the end of the psalm these words are said or sung

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 Old Testament Lesson

Haggai 2:1-10

The lesson is read and followed by a period of silence

In the second year of King Darius, in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the prophet Haggai, saying: Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the Lord; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the Lord; work, for I am with you, says the Lord of hosts, according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. For thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendour, says the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts. The latter splendour of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts.

The Magnificat

Please stand

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:
unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of His word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His Name:
make known His might, the deeds His arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy Name, the Lord, the Mighty One.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His might:
powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of His word:
firm is His promise, and His mercy sure.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore.**

Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-) Fr. St Luke 1:46-55

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Second Lesson

John 6:1-15

Please sit. The lesson is read and followed by a period of silence

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.' When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

The Nunc Dimittis

Please stand

**Faithful vigil ended,
watching, waiting cease;
Master, grant Thy servant
his discharge in peace.**

**All Thy Spirit promised,
all the Father willed,
now these eyes behold it
perfectly fulfilled.**

**This Thy great deliverance
sets Thy people free;
Christ their light, uplifted
all the nations see.**

**Christ, Thy people's glory!
watching, doubting, cease;
grant to us Thy servants
our discharge in peace.**

Timothy Dudley-Smith 1926- from Luke 2. 29-32

The Apostles' Creed

We remain standing

**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 Catholick Church;
the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins;
the Resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

The Responses *Plainsong*

The Responses are sung by the choir

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Please sit or kneel

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 by 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.

Choir Anthem

Please sit as the choir sings

Anthem: Locus iste - Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

*Locus iste a Deo factus est,
inaestimabile sacramentum,
irreprehensibilis est.*

This place was made by God,
a priceless sacrament;
it is without reproach.

The Intercessions

Please kneel or sit.

'Amen' is used at the end of each prayer.

Words of Thanksgiving are given to David and Jack

Please stand.

Hymn (488)

**And did those feet in ancient time
Walk upon England's mountains green?
And was the holy Lamb of God
On England's pleasant pastures seen?
And did the Countenance Divine
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here
Among these dark Satanic mills?**

**Bring me my bow of burning gold:
Bring me my arrows of desire:
Bring me my spear: O clouds unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire.
I will not cease from mental fight,
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand
Till we have built Jerusalem
In England's green and pleasant land.**

William Blake (1757 – 1827)

The Blessing

We remain standing.

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

Amen.

Organ Voluntary

during which the procession departs...

All are welcome to stay for refreshments

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