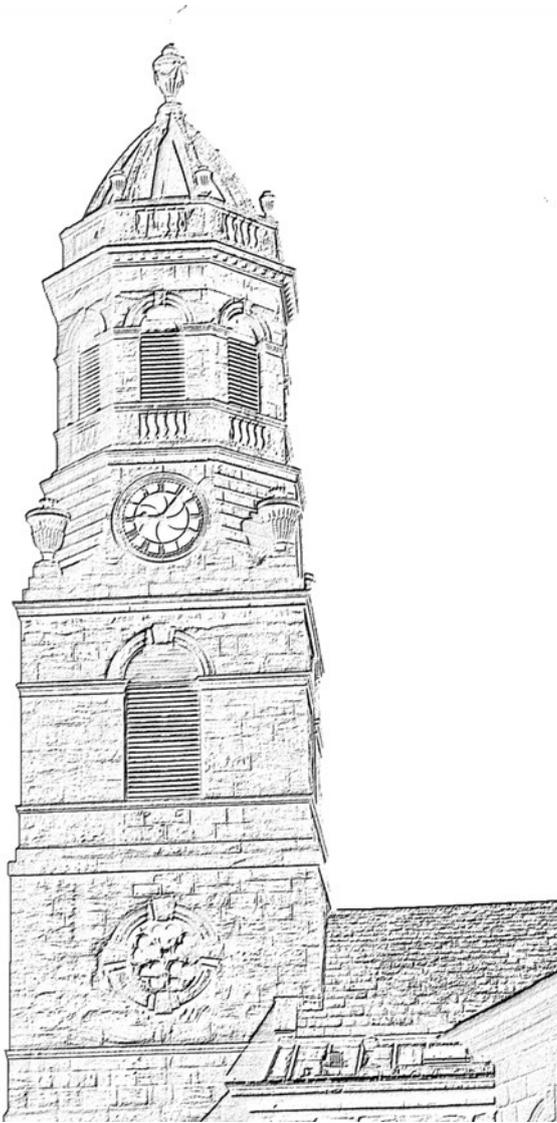


# The Parish Church of St Giles' Pontefract



Choral Evening Prayer  
6<sup>th</sup> February 2022, 4.00 p.m.

Giving thanks for The Accession of Queen Elizabeth II, 1952

Hymn (334) Psalm 100

**All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:  
him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell,  
come ye before Him and rejoice.**

**The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;  
without our aid He did us make:  
we are His folk, He doth us feed,  
and for His sheep He doth us take.**

**O enter then His gates with praise,  
approach with joy His courts unto;  
praise, laud, and bless His name always,  
for it is seemly so to do.**

**For why? the Lord our God is good,  
His mercy is for ever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood,  
and shall from age to age endure.**

**To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
the God whom heaven and earth adore,  
from men and from the angel host  
be praise and glory evermore. Amen.**

William Kethe (1520-1594)

## Greetings

We meet this day to remember before God the Accession of Queen Elizabeth II, to renew our trust and confidence in Christ, and to pray that together we may be one in him, through whom we offer our prayers and praises to the Father.

## Versicles and Responses

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*

## Psalm 121: Walford Davies Sung by Choir

*I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills: from whence cometh my help.*

*My help cometh even from the Lord: who hath made heaven and earth.*

*He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.*

*Behold, he that keepeth Israel: shall neither slumber nor sleep.*

*The Lord himself is thy keeper: the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;*

*So that the sun shall not burn thee by day: neither the moon by night.*

*The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.*

*The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in: from this time forth for evermore.*

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.*

## Old Testament Reading Proverbs 8:1-17

Does not wisdom call,

and does not understanding raise her voice?

On the heights, beside the way,

at the crossroads she takes her stand;

beside the gates in front of the town,  
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:  
'To you, O people, I call,  
and my cry is to all that live.  
O simple ones, learn prudence;  
acquire intelligence, you who lack it.  
Hear, for I will speak noble things,  
and from my lips will come what is right;  
for my mouth will utter truth;  
wickedness is an abomination to my lips.  
All the words of my mouth are righteous;  
there is nothing twisted or crooked in them.  
They are all straight to one who understands  
and right to those who find knowledge.  
Take my instruction instead of silver,  
and knowledge rather than choice gold;  
for wisdom is better than jewels,  
and all that you may desire cannot compare with her.  
I, wisdom, live with prudence,  
and I attain knowledge and discretion.  
The fear of the Lord is hatred of evil.  
Pride and arrogance and the way of evil  
and perverted speech I hate.  
I have good advice and sound wisdom;  
I have insight, I have strength.  
By me kings reign,  
and rulers decree what is just;  
by me rulers rule,  
and nobles, all who govern rightly.  
I love those who love me,  
and those who seek me diligently find me.

## The Magnificat

***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  
© administered by Oxford University Please stand.

## **New Testament Reading**      Revelation 21.22-22.4

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.

# The Nunc Dimittis

**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

*Please remain standing.*

# The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

## Versicles and Responses

The Lord be with you.

*And with thy spirit.*

Let us pray.

*Please sit or kneel*

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.

○ Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

*And grant us thy salvation.*

○ Lord, save the Queen;

*Who putteth her trust in thee.*

Send her help from thy holy place.  
*And evermore mightily defend her.*

Be unto her, O Lord, a strong tower;  
*From the face of her enemies.*

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 Lord, hear our prayer;  
*And let our cry come unto thee.*

## The Collect of the Day

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 and glory of your name  
and the good of your Church and people;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## The Collect for Peace

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.

## The Collect for Aid against all Perils

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.

**Anthem:** O Taste and See by Ralph Vaughan Williams

## A Prayer for the Royal Family

O Lord our God, who upholdest and governest all things by the word of thy power: Receive our humble prayers for our Sovereign Lady ELIZABETH, as on this day, set over us by thy grace and providence to be our Queen; and, together with her, bless, we beseech thee, Charles Prince of Wales, and all the Royal Family; that they, ever trusting in thy goodness, protected by thy power, and crowned with thy gracious and endless favour, may long continue before thee in peace and safety, joy and honour, and after death may obtain everlasting life and glory, by the merits and mediation of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth ever one God, world without end. Amen.

## A Prayer for the Clergy and People.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who alone workest great marvels: Send down upon our Bishops, and Curates, and all Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## A Prayer of Saint Chrysostom.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, bblessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.

## Hymn (436)

***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!**

Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service... But I shall not have strength to carry out this resolution alone unless you join in it with me, as I now invite you to do: I know that your support will be unfailingly given. God help me to make good my vow, and God bless all of you who are willing to share in it.

Princess Elizabeth, 21 April 1947

When I spoke to you last... I asked you all, whatever your religion, to pray for me on the day of my Coronation - to pray that God would give me wisdom and strength to carry out the promises that I should then be making... I have been uplifted and sustained by the knowledge that your thoughts and prayers were with me.

Her Majesty the Queen, Coronation Day, 2 June 1953

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