



**EVENING PRAYER**

**ON THE  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Sunday 3 April 2022  
at 4.00pm**

# Welcome

A warm welcome to York Minster and to this service of Evening Prayer.

In this service we are immersed in the words of scripture, and we are given time and space to lose ourselves in prayer and come closer to God.

## Information about this Service

- ◆ Today the Minster Choir takes a well earned break before returning for Holy Week and Easter, so our services are said but enriched with organ music and congregational singing.
- ◆ This service is being live-streamed, but care is taken to focus on the clergy and not the congregation. For licensing and safeguarding reasons, please do not record this service on your own devices.
- ◆ If you would like to make a donation to support the mission and ministry of York Minster, there are contactless donation points and collection boxes available as you leave.

## Explore Project

‘There are so many people coming into our churches looking for comfort and solace. The Explore resources help people encounter Jesus Christ and find peace.’

Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York

Everyone has suffered from the impact of COVID-19, and we are still facing great uncertainty in our world, as we face all kinds of pressures and anxieties. The Explore Project, created with the Church of England, is designed to offer comfort and hope, both to those who have faith and those who are discovering faith. Explore offers booklets, a website ([www.explorechristianity.info](http://www.explorechristianity.info)), and prayer cards which help us to express our grieving, our concern for others, our need for peace—or simply to say thank you for the good things in our lives. The Explore Project is being launched officially on Monday 4th April at an online event. This evening we are surrounding this project with prayer and giving thanks for the many ways our lives are enriched and supported by the prayers of others as we journey in faith and pray that Explore Christianity will be helpful for people take their next step of faith.

‘The superbly written and beautifully produced Explore resources enable people to connect with the reality of God’s love for them.’

Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury

# Order of Service

## Preces

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.**

## Psalm

Plead thou my cause, O Lord, with them that strive with me ♦ and fight thou  
against them that fight against me.

**Lay hand upon the shield and buckler ♦ and stand up to help me.**

Bring forth the spear, and stop the way against them that persecute me ♦ say  
unto my soul, I am thy salvation.

**Let them be confounded and put to shame, that seek after my soul ♦ let them  
be turned back and brought to confusion, that imagine mischief for me.**

Let them be as the dust before the wind ♦ and the angel of the Lord scattering  
them.

**Let their way be dark and slippery ♦ and let the angel of the Lord persecute  
them.**

For they have privily laid their net to destroy me without a cause ♦ yea, even  
without a cause have they made a pit for my soul.

**Let a sudden destruction come upon him unawares, and his net, that he  
hath laid privily, catch himself ♦ that he may fall into his own mischief.**

And, my soul, be joyful in the Lord ♦ it shall rejoice in his salvation.

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.**

PSALM 35.1–9

*Please sit.*

## First Lesson

The First Lesson is written in the Second Book of Chronicles.

Josiah kept a passover to the Lord in Jerusalem; they slaughtered the passover lamb on the fourteenth day of the first month. He appointed the priests to their offices and encouraged them in the service of the house of the Lord. He said to the Levites who taught all Israel and who were holy to the Lord, 'Put the holy ark in the house that Solomon son of David, king of Israel, built; you need no longer carry it on your shoulders. Now serve the Lord your God and his people Israel. Make preparations by your ancestral houses by your divisions, following the written directions of King David of Israel and the written directions of his son Solomon. Take position in the holy place according to the groupings of the ancestral houses of your kindred the people, and let there be Levites for each division of an ancestral house. Slaughter the passover lamb, sanctify yourselves, and on behalf of your kindred make preparations, acting according to the word of the Lord by Moses.'

When the service had been prepared for, the priests stood in their place, and the Levites in their divisions according to the king's command. They slaughtered the passover lamb, and the priests dashed the blood that they received from them, while the Levites did the skinning. They set aside the burnt-offerings so that they might distribute them according to the groupings of the ancestral houses of the people, to offer to the Lord, as it is written in the book of Moses. And they did the same with the bulls. They roasted the passover lamb with fire according to the ordinance; and they boiled the holy offerings in pots, in cauldrons, and in pans, and carried them quickly to all the people. Afterwards they made preparations for themselves and for the priests, because the priests the descendants of Aaron were occupied in offering the burnt-offerings and the fat parts until night; so the Levites made preparations for themselves and for the priests, the descendants of Aaron. The singers, the descendants of Asaph, were in their place according to the command of David, and Asaph, and Heman, and the king's seer Jeduthun. The gatekeepers were at each gate; they did not need to

interrupt their service, for their kindred the Levites made preparations for them.

So all the service of the Lord was prepared that day, to keep the passover and to offer burnt-offerings on the altar of the Lord, according to the command of King Josiah.

Here ends the First Lesson.

2 CHRONICLES 35.1-6, 10-16

*Please stand.*

## **Magnificat**

My soul doth magnify the Lord ♦ and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

**For he hath regarded ♦ the lowliness of his hand-maiden.**

For behold from henceforth ♦ all generations shall call me blessed.

**For he that is mighty hath magnified me ♦ and holy is his name.**

And his mercy is on them that fear him ♦ throughout all generations.

**He hath shewed strength with his arm ♦ he hath scattered the proud, in the imagination of their hearts.**

He hath put down the mighty from their seat ♦ and hath exalted the humble and meek.

**He hath filled the hungry with good things ♦ and the rich he hath sent empty away.**

He remembering his mercy ♦ hath holpen his servant Israel.

**As he promised to our forefathers ♦ Abraham and his seed, for ever.**

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.**

*Please sit.*

## Second Lesson

The Second Lesson is written in the Gospel of Luke.

Now the festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was near. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people.

Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray him to them. They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money. So he consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray him to them when no crowd was present.

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, 'Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it.' They asked him, 'Where do you want us to make preparations for it?' 'Listen,' he said to them, 'when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters and say to the owner of the house, "The teacher asks you, "Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?" " He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there.' So they went and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

Here ends the Second Lesson.

LUKE 22.1-13

*Please stand.*

### Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace ♦ according to thy word,  
**For mine eyes have seen ♦ thy salvation;**

Which thou hast prepared ♦ before the face of all people,  
**To be a light to lighten the Gentiles ♦ and to be the glory of thy people  
Israel.**

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 Apostles' Creed

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 catholic Church;**  
**the communion of saints;**  
**the forgiveness of sins;**  
**the resurrection of the body;**  
**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## The Lesser Litany 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.**

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.**

## The Collects

We beseech thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon thy people; that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

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.

*Please sit. The organist plays a short reflective piece:*

Vexilla Regis

Jeanne Demessieux

## Sermon

The Revd Maggie McLean, Canon Missioner

*After the sermon, please stand to sing the hymn.*

## Hymn



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| 1. Rock of ages, cleft for me,<br>let me hide myself in thee;<br>let the water and the blood,<br>from thy riven side which flowed,<br>be of sin the double cure,<br>cleanse me from its guilt and power. | 3. Nothing in my hand I bring,<br>simply to thy cross I cling;<br>naked, come to thee for dress;<br>helpless, look to thee for grace;<br>foul, I to the fountain fly;<br>wash me, Saviour, or I die.                   |
| 2. Not the labours of my hands<br>can fulfil thy law's demands;<br>could my zeal no respite know,<br>could my tears for ever flow,<br>all for sin could not atone;<br>thou must save, and thou alone.    | 4. While I draw this fleeting breath,<br>when mine eyes are closed in death,<br>when I soar through tracts unknown,<br>see thee on thy judgement throne;<br>rock of ages, cleft for me,<br>let me hide myself in thee. |

*Words* Augustus Toplady (1740–78)

*Tune* PETRA, NEH 445, Richard Redhead (1820–1901)

## The Blessing

### Voluntary

Master Tallis' Testament

Herbert Howells



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