



**EVENING PRAYER**

**ON**

**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**

**Sunday 24 January 2021  
at 4.00pm**

## Welcome

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

Because of the restrictions in place to reduce the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, today's service will be live streamed from the Minster. It is a simple and dignified said service, but enriched with organ music.

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

## Organ Prelude

Chorale Prelude on 'Christe redemptor omnium'

Hubert Parry

# 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

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous ♦ for it becometh well the just to be thankful.

Praise the Lord with harp ♦ sing praises unto him with the lute, and instrument of ten strings.

Sing unto the Lord a new song ♦ sing praises lustily unto him with a good courage.

For the word of the Lord is true ♦ and all his works are faithful.

He loveth righteousness and judgement ♦ the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made ♦ and all the hosts of them by the breath of his mouth.

He gathereth the waters of the sea together, as it were upon an heap ♦ and layeth up the deep, as in a treasure-house.

Let all the earth fear the Lord ♦ stand in awe of him, all ye that dwell in the world.

For he spake, and it was done ♦ he commanded and it stood fast.

The Lord bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought ♦ and maketh the devices of the people to be of none effect, and casteth out the counsels of princes.

The counsel of the Lord shall endure for ever ♦ and the thoughts of his heart  
from generation to generation.

Blessed are the people, whose God is the Lord Jehovah ♦ and blessed are the folk,  
that he hath chosen to him to be his inheritance.

The Lord looked down from heaven, and beheld all the children of men ♦ from  
the habitation of his dwelling he considereth all them that dwell on the earth.  
He fashioneth all the hearts of them ♦ and understandeth all their works.

There is no king that can be saved by the multitude of an host ♦ neither is any  
mighty man delivered by much strength.

A horse is counted but a vain thing to save a man ♦ neither shall he deliver any  
man by his great strength.

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him ♦ and upon them that  
put their trust in his mercy.

To deliver their soul from death ♦ and to feed them in the time of dearth.

Our soul hath patiently tarried for the Lord ♦ for he is our help and our shield.  
For our heart shall rejoice in him ♦ because we have hoped in his holy Name.

Let thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us ♦ like as we do put our trust in  
thee.

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 33

## First Lesson

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

A voice on the bare heights is heard,  
the plaintive weeping of Israel's children,  
because they have perverted their way,  
they have forgotten the Lord their God:  
Return, O faithless children,  
I will heal your faithlessness.

'Here we come to you;  
for you are the Lord our God.  
Truly the hills are a delusion,  
the orgies on the mountains.  
Truly in the Lord our God  
is the salvation of Israel.

'But from our youth the shameful thing has devoured all for which our ancestors had laboured, their flocks and their herds, their sons and their daughters. Let us lie down in our shame, and let our dishonour cover us; for we have sinned against the Lord our God, we and our ancestors, from our youth even to this day; and we have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God.'

If you return, O Israel,  
says the Lord,  
if you return to me,  
if you remove your abominations from my presence,  
and do not waver,  
and if you swear, 'As the Lord lives!'  
in truth, in justice, and in uprightness,  
then nations shall be blessed by him,  
and by him they shall boast.

Here ends the first lesson.

JEREMIAH 3.21-4.2

## 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.

*Words* LUKE I. 46–55

## Second Lesson

A reading from the Letter of Paul to Titus.

But as for you, teach what is consistent with sound doctrine. Tell the older men to be temperate, serious, prudent, and sound in faith, in love, and in endurance.

Likewise, tell the older women to be reverent in behaviour, not to be slanderers or slaves to drink; they are to teach what is good, so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be self-controlled, chaste, good managers of the household, kind, being submissive to their husbands, so that the word of God may not be discredited.

Likewise, urge the younger men to be self-controlled. Show yourself in all respects a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, gravity, and sound speech that cannot be censured; then any opponent will be put to shame, having nothing evil to say of us.

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Here ends the second lesson.

TITUS 2. 1-8. 11-14

## 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.

*Words* LUKE 2.29–32

## 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, Responses and Collects

The Lord be with you;  
**and with thy spirit.**

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 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.**

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; 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.**

## Middle Voluntary

Desseins éternels from *La Nativité du Seigneur*

Olivier Messiaen

## Sermon

The Revd Abigail Davison, Curate

## The Blessing

## Final Voluntary

Trio from *Hymne: A solis ortus cardine*

Nicolas de Grigny



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