

Douglas Union with Frankfield

MORNING PRAYER



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The 2nd Sunday before Advent

The Gathering of God's People

The Lord be with you **and also with you.**

SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE

God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth. (*John 4:24*)

Hymn 643 *Be thou my vision (verses 1,4 & 5)*

Beloved in Christ, we come together to offer to Almighty God
our worship and praise and thanksgiving,
to confess our sins and to receive God's forgiveness,
to hear his holy word proclaimed,
to bring before him our needs and the needs of the world,
and to pray that in the power of his Spirit
we may serve him and know the greatness of his love.

The minister says

Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

Heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault;
by what we have done
and by what we have failed to do.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.

The priest pronounces the absolution.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

Stand

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth will proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.
O 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.

Praise the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

FIRST CANTICLE

JUBILATE *Psalm 100*

- 1 O shout to the Lord in triumph all the earth;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his face with songs of joy.
- 2 Know that the Lord he is God;
it is he who has made us and we are his
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
- 3 Come into his gates with thanksgiving
and into his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and bless his holy name.
- 4 For the Lord is good
his loving mercy is for ever,
his faithfulness throughout all generations.
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.

FIRST READING

A reading from **Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18**

Be silent before the Lord God!
For the day of the Lord is at hand;
the Lord has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.

At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people

who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
“The Lord will not do good,
nor will he do harm.”
Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.
The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.
That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.
I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the Lord,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.
Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the Lord’s wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

PSALM

Psalm 90:1-8, 12

Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.

**Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the earth and the world were formed,
from everlasting to everlasting you ae God.**

You turn us back to dust and say:
‘Turn back, O children of earth.’

**For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday,
which passes like a watch in the night.**

You sweep them away like a dream;
they fade away suddenly like the grass.

**In the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

For we consume away in your displeasure;
we are afraid at your wrathful indignation.

**You have set our misdeeds before you
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

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.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Gospel according **Matthew 25: 14-30.**

“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in

charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

SECOND CANTICLE

BENEDICTUS *The Song of Zechariah Luke 1: 68-79*

- 1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.
 - 2 The Lord has raised up for us a mighty saviour,
born of the house of· his servant David.
 - 3 Through the holy prophets God promised of old
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of those who hate us,
 - 4 to show mercy to our forebears,
and to remember his holy covenant.
 - 5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hand of· our enemies.
 - 6 Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous before him all the days of· our life.
 - 7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord· to prepare his way,
 - 8 To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
 - 9 In the tender compassion of our God.
the dawn from on high shall break upon us.
 - 10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
- 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.

Hymn 598 *Take this moment*

THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 again 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.

The Prayers of the People

The Lord be with you and also with you.

Kneel

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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.

Show us your mercy, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.

O Lord, guide and defend our rulers
and grant our government wisdom.

Let your ministers be clothed with righteousness
and let your servants shout for joy.

O Lord, save your people
and bless those whom you have chosen.

Give peace in our time, O Lord,
and let your glory be over all the earth.

O God, make clean our hearts within us
and renew us by your Holy Spirit.

THE COLLECTS

Collect of the Day

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
Grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory,
we may be made like him
in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being:
We humbly pray that your Holy Spirit may so guide and govern us
that in all the cares and occupations of our daily life,
we may never forget your presence
but may remember that we are always walking in your sight,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers and Thanksgivings

Lord our God, thank you for human society.
In our world, in our country, in our city and county, in all our dealings with one another, strengthen those burdened with great responsibility and give them grace to choose with integrity. Give grace to those with little power or influence to know that their lives, their words and actions matter, and to choose wisely.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord our God, thank you for your church in all its rich variety. Bless and guide all who have influence within its various denominations. Even as we grieve the closure of our church buildings, we pray for all who because of persecution must worship in secret. Bless that part of your church where we serve: bless Paul our Bishop and Adrian our rector, our Select Vestry and the preparations for our Diocesan Synod. Bless the work of those who keep worship going with new technology.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord our God, thank you for all whose work supports others. In these times of challenge, we pray for all who are ill or in need or lonely or anxious – help them to know your supportive presence. Bless our health workers and carers, those who work in essential services and all involved in research.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

And for ourselves we pray, Lord, teach us to be ever thankful and to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. Help us not to be swayed by foolish talk, by rash actions or by a reluctance to commit ourselves, but to live as followers of Jesus Christ, our true example, our inspiration and friend.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pause for our own personal petitions and thoughts...

In conclusion, that we may remain faithful:

Remember O Lord, what you have wrought in us and not what we deserve, and as you have called us to your service, make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn 524 *May the grace of Christ our Saviour*

Going Out as God's People

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore. **Amen.** *2 Corinthians 13: 14*