

All Saints Church, Helmsley  
Deanery of Northern Ryedale



# English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Era

MORNING PRAYER

4<sup>th</sup> May 2021, 10am

*MAY WE PLEASE STILL OUR MINDS AND HEARTS  
BEFORE THE SERVICE BEGINS.*

*A candle may be lit.*

God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.

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

In your resurrection, O Christ,  
**let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
As once you ransomed your people from Egypt  
and led them to freedom in the promised land,  
so now you have delivered us from the dominion of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your risen Son.  
May we, the first fruits of your new creation  
rejoice in this new day you have made,  
and praise you for your mighty acts.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us:  
let us celebrate the feast,

so

**not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.**

Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:  
death has no more dominion over him.

**In dying he died to sin once for all:  
in living he lives to God.**

See yourselves therefore as dead to sin:  
to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

and alive

**Christ has been raised from the dead:  
the first fruits of those who sleep.**

For as by man came death:  
man has come also the resurrection of the dead;

by

**for as in Adam all die:  
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.**

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

***Silence is kept.***

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## **The Word of God**

***Psalmody***

***Psalm 19***

The heavens are telling the glory of God

and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

**One day pours out its song to another  
and one night unfolds knowledge to another.**

They have neither speech nor language  
and their voices are not heard,

**Yet their sound has gone out into all lands  
and their words to the ends of the world.**

In them has he set a tabernacle for the sun,  
that comes forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber  
and rejoices as a champion to run his course.

**It goes forth from the end of the heavens  
and runs to the very end again,  
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.**

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

the testimony of the Lord is sure  
and gives wisdom to the simple.

**The statutes of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is pure  
and gives light to the eyes.**

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;  
the judgements of the Lord are true  
and righteous altogether.

**More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold,  
sweeter also than honey,  
dripping from the honeycomb.**

By them also is your servant taught  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**Who can tell how often they offend?**

**O cleanse me from my secret faults!**

Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins

lest they get dominion over me;

so shall I be undefiled,

and innocent of great offence.

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart**

**be acceptable in your sight,**

**O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

**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.**

### ***Scripture Reading***

#### ***Deuteronomy 17.8-end***

If a judicial decision is too difficult for you to make between one kind of bloodshed and another, one kind of legal right and another, or one kind of assault and another—any such matters of dispute in your towns—then you shall immediately go up to the place that the Lord your God will choose, where you shall consult with the levitical priests and the judge who is in office in those days; they shall announce to you the decision in the case. Carry out exactly the decision that they announce to you from the place that the Lord

will choose, diligently observing everything they instruct you. You must carry out fully the law that they interpret for you or the ruling that they announce to you; do not turn aside from the decision that they announce to you, either to the right or to the left. As for anyone who presumes to disobey the priest appointed to minister there to the Lord your God, or the judge, that person shall die. So you shall purge the evil from Israel. All the people will hear and be afraid, and will not act presumptuously again.

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and have taken possession of it and settled in it, and you say, 'I will set a king over me, like all the nations that are around me', you may indeed set over you a king whom the Lord your God will choose. One of your own community you may set as king over you; you are not permitted to put a foreigner over you, who is not of your own community. Even so, he must not acquire many horses for himself, or return the people to Egypt in order to acquire more horses, since the Lord has said to you, 'You must never return that way again.' And he must not acquire many wives for himself, or else his heart will turn away; also silver and gold he must not acquire in great quantity for himself. When he has taken the throne of his kingdom, he shall have a copy of this law written for him in the presence of the levitical priests. It shall remain with him and he shall read in it all the days of his life, so that he may learn to fear the Lord his God, diligently observing all the words of this law and these statutes, neither exalting himself above other members of the community nor turning aside from the commandment, either to the right or to the left, so that he and his descendants may reign long over his kingdom in Israel.

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

*Homily Silence*

Death is swallowed up in victory.

**Where, O death, is your sting?**

Christ is risen from the dead,  
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

**Death is swallowed up in victory.**

The trumpet will sound  
and the dead shall be raised.

**Where, O death, is your sting?**

We shall not all sleep,  
but we shall be changed.

**Death is swallowed up in victory.**

**Where, O death, is your sting?** from 1 Corinthians 15

### ***Gospel Canticle***

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,

who has come to his people and set them free.

**He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,**

**born of the house of his servant David.**

Through his holy prophets God promised of old

to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us,

**To show mercy to our ancestors,**

**and to remember his holy covenant.**

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

**Free to worship him without fear,**

**holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.**

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

**To give his people knowledge of salvation**

**by the forgiveness of all their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

**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.**

## **Prayers**

*These responses may be used*

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

*Silence may be kept.*

*The Collect of the day is said*

Merciful God,

who, when your Church on earth was torn apart

by the ravages of sin,

raised up men and women in this land

who witnessed to their faith with courage and constancy:

give to your Church that peace which is your will,

and grant that those who have been divided on earth

may be reconciled in heaven

and share together in the vision of your glory;

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 Lord's Prayer is said*

Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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.**

## **The Conclusion**

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life.  
**Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**