

All Saints Church, Helmsley
The Deanery of Northern Ryedale

Morning Prayer



**Ninian, Bishop of Galloway,
Apostle of the Picts, c.432**
Wednesday 16th September 2020
10am online

*Please join in where the print is **bold***

BEFORE THE SERVICE WE STILL OUR MINDS AND HEARTS. GENERAL CONVERSATION IS ENCOURAGED AFTER THE SERVICE RATHER THAN BEFORE.

Light a candle, if you have one, as the service begins:

Christ is the Light of the World, in him there is no darkness at all.

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

O Lord our governor,
how glorious is your name in all the world!

**Your majesty above the heavens is praised
out of the mouths of babes at the breast.**

You have founded a stronghold against your foes,
that you might still the enemy and the avenger.

**When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have ordained,**

What are mortals, that you should be mindful of them;
mere human beings, that you should seek them out?

You have made them little lower than the angels

and crown them with glory and honour.

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands
and put all things under their feet,

**All sheep and oxen,
even the wild beasts of the field,**

The birds of the air, the fish of the sea
and whatsoever moves in the paths of the sea.

**O Lord our governor,
how glorious is your name in all the world!**

Psalm 8

**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.**

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

Pause for reflection as we offer the day to God.

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.**

Psalm 119.1-32

Blessed are those whose way is pure,
who walk in the law of the Lord.

**Blessed are those who keep his testimonies
and seek him with their whole heart,**

Those who do no wickedness,
but walk in his ways.

**You, O Lord, have charged
that we should diligently keep your commandments.**

O that my ways were made so direct
that I might keep your statutes.

**Then should I not be put to shame,
because I have regard for all your commandments.**

I will thank you with an unfeigned heart,
when I have learned your righteous judgements.

**I will keep your statutes;
O forsake me not utterly.**

How shall young people cleanse their way
to keep themselves according to your word?

**With my whole heart have I sought you;
O let me not go astray from your commandments.**

Your words have I hidden within my heart,
that I should not sin against you.

**Blessed are you, O Lord;
O teach me your statutes.**

With my lips have I been telling
of all the judgements of your mouth.

**I have taken greater delight in the way of your testimonies
than in all manner of riches.**

I will meditate on your commandments
and contemplate your ways.

**My delight shall be in your statutes
and I will not forget your word.**

O do good to your servant that I may live,
and so shall I keep your word.

**Open my eyes, that I may see
the wonders of your law.**

I am a stranger upon earth;
hide not your commandments from me.

**My soul is consumed at all times
with fervent longing for your judgements.**

You have rebuked the arrogant;
cursed are those who stray from your commandments.

**Turn from me shame and rebuke,
for I have kept your testimonies.**

Rulers also sit and speak against me,
but your servant meditates on your statutes.

**For your testimonies are my delight;
they are my faithful counsellors.**

My soul cleaves to the dust;
O give me life according to your word.

**I have acknowledged my ways and you have answered me;
O teach me your statutes.**

Make me understand the way of your commandments,
and so shall I meditate on your wondrous works.

**My soul melts away in tears of sorrow;
raise me up according to your word.**

Take from me the way of falsehood;
be gracious to me through your law.

**I have chosen the way of truth
and your judgements have I laid before me.**

I hold fast to your testimonies;
O Lord, let me not be put to shame.

**I will run the way of your commandments,
when you have set my heart at liberty.**

**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.**

Acts 14.8-end

In Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet and had never walked, for he had been crippled from birth. He listened to Paul as he was speaking. And Paul, looking at him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, said in a loud voice, ‘Stand upright on your feet.’ And the man sprang up and began to walk. When the crowds saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, ‘The gods have come down to us in human form!’ Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates; he and the crowds wanted to offer sacrifice. When the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting, ‘Friends, why are you doing this? We are mortals just like you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them. In past generations he allowed all the nations to follow their own ways; yet he has not left himself without a witness in doing good—giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, and filling you with food and your hearts with joy.’ Even with these words, they scarcely restrained the crowds from offering sacrifice to them.

But Jews came there from Antioch and Iconium and won over the crowds. Then they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead. But when the disciples surrounded him, he got up and went into the city. The next day he went on with Barnabas to Derbe.

After they had proclaimed the good news to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, then on to Iconium and Antioch. There they strengthened the souls of the disciples and encouraged them to continue in the faith, saying, 'It is through many persecutions that we must enter the kingdom of God.' And after they had appointed elders for them in each church, with prayer and fasting they entrusted them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

Then they passed through Pisidia and came to Pamphylia. When they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia. From there they sailed back to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had completed. When they arrived, they called the church together and related all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith for the Gentiles. And they stayed there with the disciples for some time.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Silence

Lord, you will guide me with your counsel
and afterwards receive me with glory.

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and afterwards receive me with glory.

For I am always with you;
you hold me by my right hand.

And afterwards receive me with glory.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.

**Lord, you will guide me with your counsel
and afterwards receive me with glory.**

The Benedictus

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.**

The Intercession

Merciful Father ...

Almighty and everlasting God,
who called your servant Ninian to preach the gospel
to the people of northern Britain:
raise up in this and every land
heralds and evangelists of your kingdom,
that your Church may make known the immeasurable riches
of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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 Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,
and keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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