

Morning Prayer
10th November - 3rd Sunday before Advent
Remembrance Sunday

Please read these words out loud, or in your heart.

(We will be following this in our own homes at 10.30am)

Preparation

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

Bless the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Splendour and majesty are yours, O God;
you are exalted as head over all.

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

*Silence may be kept, to ask forgiveness of our sins
and to seek God's strength for our life of service.*

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

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 62:5-12

⁵ Yes, my soul, find rest in God;
my hope comes from him.

⁶ Truly he is my rock and my salvation;
he is my fortress, I shall not be shaken.

⁷ My salvation and my honour depend on God;
he is my mighty rock, my refuge.

⁸ Trust in him at all times, you people;
pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

⁹ Surely the lowborn are but a breath, the highborn are but a lie.
If weighed on a balance, they are nothing; together they are only a breath.

¹⁰ Do not trust in extortion or put vain hope in stolen goods;
though your riches increase, do not set your heart on them.

¹¹ One thing God has spoken, two things I have heard:
'Power belongs to you, God,

¹² and with you, Lord, is unfailing love';
and, 'You reward everyone according to what they have done.'

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

New Testament reading: Mark 1:9-20

⁹ At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.'

¹² At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, ¹³ and he was in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ 'The time has come,' he said. 'The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!'

¹⁶ As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ 'Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will send you out to fish for people.' ¹⁸ At once they left their nets and followed him.

¹⁹ When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. ²⁰ Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Benedictus

- 1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.
- 2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.
- 3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old
to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us,
- 4 To show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember his holy covenant.
- 5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
- 6 Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight
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.

Prayers

Please offer your own prayers following these suggestions, if you wish, with the response below:

- ¶ *for the day and its tasks*
- ¶ *for the world and its needs*
- ¶ *for the Church and her life*
- ¶ *for all those traumatised by the effects of war*

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Silence may be kept.

Grant us, O Lord, to know that which is worth knowing,
to love that which is worth loving,
to praise that which can bear with praise,
to hate what in thy sight is unworthy,
to prize what to thee is precious,
and, above all, to search out and to do
what is well-pleasing unto thee;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Thomas a Kempis

Collect

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Trusting in the compassion of God,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us
"Our Father, who art in heaven ..."
The Lord's Prayer is said

The Conclusion

We believe that by his dying
Christ destroyed death for ever.
We have been crucified with Christ
and live by faith in the Son of God,
who loved us and gave himself for us.
May he send us out to glory in his cross,
and live no longer for ourselves but for him,
who died and was raised to life for us.

Let us go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

*Our services today take place at:
Aldfield (said Holy Communion) at 9.00 am;
Kirkby Malzeard (Remembrance Service) at 10.30 am;
Grewelthorpe (Remembrance Service) at 10.45 am;
Winksley memorial (Act of Remembrance) at 11.30 am;
online Compline via Zoom at 8.30 pm.*

Everyone from across the benefice (and beyond) is welcome at all services.