

TEMPLE NEWSAM





Annual Eucharist to commemorate the acquisition of Temple Newsam by the City of Leeds

Sunday 20 September 2020 6.00 pm

The Gathering

The service begins in front of the House with these words.

The Greeting

Welcome in the name of Christ.

God's grace, mercy and peace be with you

and also with you.

Introduction

The service then moves to the plaque marking the acquisition of Temple Newsam by the City.

Beloved in Christ, when this house and gardens were acquired by the City of Leeds on the 19th of September 1922 provision was made that annually, around that date, a service of Holy Communion according to the rites of the Church of England is to take place.

For almost one hundred years the parish of St. Mary Whitkirk, in which the house and grounds are located, has offered that service. A service when, with thanks and praise, we remember how Jesus took bread and wine, the things of daily life, to be for us the means by which we meet him now and are made new.

This year things are different for us in so many ways, however, as we gather here or at home, we give thanks and praise as people of this city for this house and gardens and how it is a holy place for us. A place where we learn something of history, where we meet friends and family, where we exercise and enjoy creation. A place to be made new.

Hymn

Angel-voices ever singing round thy throne of light, angel-harps for ever ringing, rest not day nor night; thousands only live to bless thee, and confess thee Lord of might.

Thou who art beyond the farthest mortal eye can scan, can it be that thou regardest songs of sinful man?
Can we know that thou art near us, and wilt hear us?
yes, we can.

Yea, we know that thou rejoicest o'er each work of thine; thou didst ears and hands and voices for thy praise design; craftsman's art and music's measure for thy pleasure all combine.

In thy house, great God, we offer of thine own to thee; and for thine acceptance proffer all unworthily hearts and minds and hands and voices in our choicest psalmody.

Honour, glory, might and merit thine shall ever be,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
blessèd Trinity.
Of the best that thou hast given earth and heaven
render thee.

Prayers of Penitence

The service moves to the chapel.

Let us recall some words of scripture as we reflect on the year since we last gathered here.

"Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain."

We confess to you our lack of care for the world you have given us.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We confess to you our selfishness in not sharing the earth's bounty fairly.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

We confess to you our failure to protect resources for others.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father; we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

The Collect

The president introduces a time of silent prayer with the words:

Let us pray.

Lord of creation
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence and justice
sharing your peace with all your people,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah, read by The Lord Mayor of Leeds.

To whom then will you liken God, or what likeness compare with him?

An idol? A workman casts it, and a goldsmith overlays it with gold, and casts for it silver chains.

As a gift one chooses mulberry wood, wood that will not rot then seeks out a skilled artisan to set up an image that will not topple.

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

Isaiah 40.18-26

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For the beauty of each hour, of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and brain's delight, for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine, to our race so freely giv'n, graces human and divine, flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For thy Church that evermore lifteth holy hands above, off'ring up on every shore this pure sacrifice of love: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

The Gospel Reading

Read by The Earl of Halifax.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening. You have the words of eternal life.

1 Samuel 3.9; John 6.68

Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

He said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing.

Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds!

And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you — you of little faith!

And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

Luke 12.22-31

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Preached by The Dean of Ripon Cathedral, The Very Reverend John Dobson.

The Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Written and led by James Black and recorded in the grounds of Temple Newsam.

This response is used:

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

And at the end:

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Peace to this house from God our heavenly Father.

Peace to this house from his Son who is our peace.

Peace to this house from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.

The peace of the Lord be always with you and also with you.

Preparation of the Table

Taking of the Bread and Wine

A hymn is sung during which the bread and wine are brought to the altar.

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here; come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear. In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground. Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around; he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned. How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of Light! Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place, he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace. No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him; be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

The president takes the bread and wine.

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ. our risen high priest; make yourself known in the breaking of bread.

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Hearts and minds and souls and voices we lift in thanks and praise to you,
Lord God of heaven and earth.
You made the earth as a playground for us to enjoy your glory and yet we consistently turn your abundance into our scarcity, your elegance into our meanness and your simplicity into our corruption.

In Noah you drew all the goodness of your creation into one ark and in Moses you placed the law of love into the ark of your covenant. In Christ you turned the wood of manger and cross into the ark of your salvation.

And so we rejoice to thank you, singing, with all the company of heaven, the hymn of your unending praise.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Silence is kept.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The president receives the sacrament on behalf of all.

The anthem "Ave verum corpus" is sung as the altar is cleared.

Prayer after Communion

The president introduces a time of silent prayer with the words "let us pray", after which we say together.

God our Father,
whose Son, the light unfailing,
has come from heaven to deliver the world
from the darkness of ignorance:
let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our
understanding
that we may know the way of life,
and walk in it without stumbling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Dismissal

Hymn

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam:
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav'n along, O praise him, alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening, find a voice:
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Dear mother earth, who day by day unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise him, alleluia!
The flow'rs and fruits that in thee grow, let them his glory also show.
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One.
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Blessing

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the source of all goodness and growth, pour his blessing upon all things created, and upon you his children, that you may use his gifts to his glory and the welfare of all peoples;

and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and for ever.

Amen.

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