

## The Roughton Benefice

# Sunday

24 November 2019 Next before Advent

### Collect

God the Father,  
help us to hear the call of Christ  
the King  
and to follow in his service,  
whose kingdom has no end;  
for he reigns with you and the  
Holy Spirit,  
one God, one glory.

### First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

**23** Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. <sup>2</sup>Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. <sup>3</sup>Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup>I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

<sup>5</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

### Psalms 46

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.  
<sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the

mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

<sup>3</sup>though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

<sup>4</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

<sup>6</sup>The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

<sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

<sup>8</sup>Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

<sup>9</sup>He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

<sup>10</sup>'Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.'

<sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

### Second Reading

#### Colossians 1:11-20

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossian Christians*

<sup>11</sup>May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup>He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup>for in him

all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers - all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

### Gospel Luke 23:33-43

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke*

<sup>33</sup>When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup>and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

<sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup>And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' <sup>42</sup>Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.'

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<sup>43</sup> He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

### Post Communion

Stir up, O Lord,  
the wills of your faithful people;  
that they, plenteously bringing  
    forth the fruit of good works,  
    may by you be plenteously  
    rewarded;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.