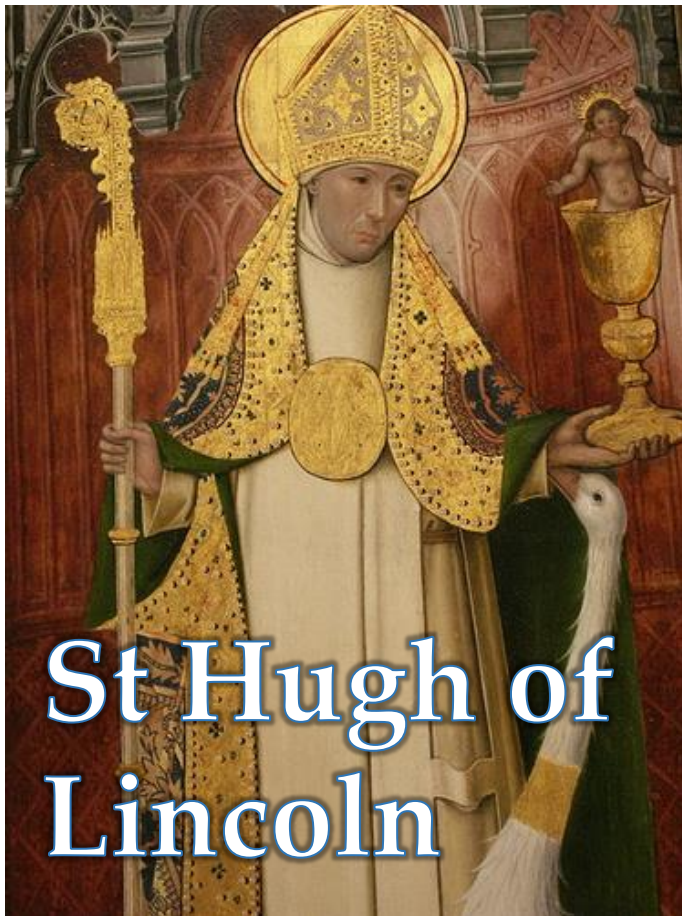


Tuesday 17 November 2020



St Hugh of Lincoln

Hugh was born at Avalon in Burgundy in 1140 and at first made his profession with the Augustinian canons but, at the age of twenty-five, became a monk at Grande Chartreuse in the French alps.

King Henry II invited him to England in about 1175, to become prior of his Charterhouse foundation at Witham, Somerset. It needed reform despite its recent foundation.

Hugh was appointed to the see of Lincoln in 1186 (it was then the largest diocese in England). He brought huge energy to the diocese and, together with astute appointments to key posts, he

revived the Lincoln schools, repaired and enlarged the cathedral, visited the See extensively, drew together the clergy to meet in synod and generally brought an efficiency and stability to the Church which was to be much emulated.

Hugh also showed great compassion for the poor and the oppressed, ensuring that sufferers of leprosy were cared for and that Jews were not persecuted. He both supported his monarch and also held out against any royal measures he felt to be extreme, yet managing not to make an enemy of the king. He died in London on this day in the year 1200.

- All the Bible readings come from the *New Revised Standard Version*.
- The liturgy assumes the service is Eucharistic. The prayers of consecration have been included at the end rather than in situ because many following the service will be in isolation and unable to celebrate the sacrament.
- The hymns are YouTube links. To hear the hymns please hover the mouse over each link, press Ctrl and then return.
- To see service transcripts from previous weeks, please visit the page, <http://www.medlockhead.co.uk/resources/index.htm>

Introduction and welcome

HYMN 1 All creatures of our God and King (click on this link to hear the hymn)

The Welcome

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

All Amen.

The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

The Preparation

**All Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this:

‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength.’

And the second is this: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’

There is no other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Christ calls us to share the heavenly banquet of his love with all the saints in earth and heaven. Therefore, knowing our unworthiness and sin, let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God’s commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Gloria

This Gloria is sung to the tune of 'Cwm Rhondda'. Click [here](#) for the tune.

All Glory be to God in Heaven,
Songs of joy and peace we bring,
Thankful hearts and voices raising,
To creation's Lord we sing.
Lord we thank you, Lord we praise you,
Glory be to God our King:
Glory be to God our King.

Lamb of God, who on our shoulders,
Bore the load of this world's sin;
Only Son of God the Father,
You have brought us peace within.

**Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy,
Now your glorious reign begin:
Now your glorious reign begin.**

**You O Son of God are Holy,
You we praise with one accord.
None in heav'n or earth is like you,
Only you are Christ the Lord.
With the Father and the Spirit,
Ever worshipped and adored:
Ever worshipped and adored.**

The Collect for St Hugh

O God,
who endowed your servant Hugh
with a wise and cheerful boldness
and taught him to commend to earthly rulers
the discipline of a holy life:
give us grace like him to be bold in the service of the gospel,
putting our confidence in Christ alone,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

First reading

A reading from the book of the Prophet Micah

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? *Micah 6.6-8*

This is the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God.

Second reading

A reading from St Paul's First Letter to Timothy

As for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

1 Timothy 6:11-16

This is the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God.

HYMN 2 Magnificat

[\(click on this link to hear the hymn\)](#)

Gospel reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

All Glory to you O Lord.

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, 'Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?' But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

Luke 9:51-56

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you O Christ.

Sermon

In today's Gospel we find that Jesus is journeying from Galilee towards Jerusalem to face and accept what awaits him at Golgotha. As he travels through the countryside, he sends the disciples before him into a Samaritan village to 'make ready for

him' but, as there is ancient mutual enmity between the Jews and the Samaritans, they find that no welcome awaits them. The disciples want to evoke catastrophic revenge for such a rejection of their master, but Jesus says 'No!' The disciples know the great power they have access to, but have not understood that using such power is un-Godly and far removed from the way of their master.

So we have to reflect—have things changed in the modern era? Are we any more tolerant of people who are not like us, just over two thousand years later? The signs are that the answer is—not much! We still live in a world where division, hatred and violence are ways in which humankind respond to those who are different.

And it was the same in twelfth-century England, as we are reminded as we commemorate the life of Hugh of Lincoln, a remarkable monk and Bishop. One of the notable features of his life and ministry in Lincoln was his protection of the Jews, a people feared and hated, who lived in major cities and centre of commerce.

That hatred was to rear its ugly head in Lincoln a mere fifty years after Hugh's death when Jews, gathered in the city to celebrate a wedding, were blamed for the brutal murder of another 'Hugh', a boy of about twelve, who it was believed was the victim of human sacrifice. In all, nearly twenty Jews were tortured and executed for a crime that they did not commit, but such was the anti-Jewish feeling, (which even extended to the King) that a 'scapegoat' had to be found to absorb all the fear and hatred.

Imputing evil or certain sets of behaviours or thinking to a whole group which is different to ourselves is not only irrational, but against Jesus' teaching. Every time we begin a sentence with 'They all ...' to justify our feelings we lose sight of individuals and heap up the sins of a small number onto a whole religious or cultural group.

If God dealt with us that way, we would be lost. We acknowledge that we are all sinners but we know God's way is not to be vengeful but to forgive. He sent one person ... his only son ... to suffer for us and to take away the sins of the whole world.

That is the basis of the whole gospel message; we are loved and redeemed and in turn, we are to love one another on the basis of our humanity, regardless of our differences. It is the hardest challenge we face and sometimes we suffer for it, but it is at the heart of our faith in a God who loves us and is willing to forgive our repentant hearts.

Hugh of Lincoln lived in very different, often violent, times. He is remembered as a holy man who cared for lepers, protected the rights of other religious groups, sought just compensation for the dispossessed and was even willing to roll up his sleeves and work alongside those building the great Cathedral which stands to this

day. He was a man who embodied the words of our reading from Micah which exhorts us all to 'do justice ... love kindness ... and walk humbly with God.' To live peacefully with all our neighbours, we must do likewise. Amen.

The Creed

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
the source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

All We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

All This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Amen.

Prayers of intercession

Loving Father, we pray for our Church at this difficult time, when we are prevented from gathering together in worship. Help us to sustain our prayers for each other as members of the body of Christ and to learn how we might renew and refresh our witness to your glory.

Lord in your mercy

All Hear our prayer

Loving Lord, we pray for all who are entrusted to govern and make decisions for the common good. Give them the wisdom, the strength and the will to act justly, and with kindness and humility in the service of others.

Lord in your mercy

All Hear our prayer

Loving Lord, we pray for family, friends, neighbours and all in our communities. We are all your children and you love us all equally. Help us to see your face in all those we meet, and to remember, and act on, your commandment to love one another.

Lord in your mercy

All Hear our prayer

Loving Lord, we pray for all who are suffering at this time...in body mind or spirit. Help us to be your agents of comfort and support, ever mindful of the needs of others, and so play our part in bringing the assurance of your healing presence.

Lord in your mercy

All Hear our prayer

Loving Lord, receive into the courts of heaven all who have died ... those known to us ... and those known only to you. Comfort all who mourn and bring us all, at the last, to the joys of eternal life with you.

Lord in your mercy

All Hear our prayer

Loving Lord, we thank you for the gift of love and the gift of one another, may we treat each other with renewed respect and reverence.

Merciful Father,

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

The peace

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you,

All And also with you.

HYMN 3 Come and see the King of Love (click on this link to hear the hymn)

The liturgy of the Communion Service appears below

The Dismissal

May Christ who makes saints of sinners,
who has transformed those we remember today,
raise and strengthen you that you may transform the world;
and the blessing of God the Almighty:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you now and remain with you always.

All Amen

HYMN 4 Adoramus

(please click on this link to hear the hymn)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Eucharistic Prayer (prayer E)

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
And now we give thanks, most gracious God,
surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses
and glorified in the assembly of your saints.
The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
We, your holy Church, acclaim you.
In communion with angels and archangels,
and with all who served you on earth and worship you now in heaven,
we raise our voice to proclaim your glory,
for ever praising you and saying:

**All 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:

All 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 St Hugh and 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.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

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

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

**All Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

All We do not presume
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him,
and he in us. Amen.

Communion is distributed.

Prayer after Communion

God, shepherd of your people,
whose servant Hugh revealed the loving service of Christ
in his ministry as a pastor of your people:
by this eucharist in which we share
awaken within us the love of Christ
and keep us faithful to our Christian calling;
through him who laid down his life for us,
but is alive and reigns with you, now and for ever.

All Amen

All Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory. Amen.