



DURHAM
CATHEDRAL

**Installation
of the Right Reverend Rick Simpson
as Bishop of Durham**

Sunday 7 June 2026 at 3.00 p.m.



Welcome to Durham Cathedral

*Inspired by our saints, Cuthbert and Bede,
the mission of Durham Cathedral
is to offer everyone the opportunity
to encounter God and know God's love in Jesus Christ.*

***HM The King approved the nomination of Rick Simpson
as Bishop of Durham on 19 February 2026***

***He was elected by the College of Canons
in the Chapter House of Durham Cathedral on 11 March***

***His election was confirmed at York Minister on 29 April
at which the Archbishop's Charge was given***

***He was consecrated at York Minster on 30 April
and he will pay homage to HM The King in due course***

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Introduction

A warm welcome to Durham Cathedral as Rick Simpson begins his public ministry as Bishop of Durham.

Today's service is the culmination of a journey in which many people have prayerfully and attentively sought to listen for God's leading for our Diocese. We thank God for Bishop Rick's appointment, and in our service today we offer our thanks and praise to God and pray for Rick as he embarks on this new chapter in his service of Christ.

At the heart of today's service is Rick's installation in his *cathedra*, his seat in this Cathedral Church. The bishop's seat in Durham is remarkable for its height (it was built by Bishop Hatfield to be the highest above sea level in Christendom) but today we recognise that all power is given by God and that Jesus Christ exercised his power in service of others. Therefore, Rick's first act as newly installed Bishop will be to kneel and pray for God's kingdom in the words of the Lord's Prayer.

The service involves a recognition of the ways we have fallen short of God's will for us as individuals and as a Church, the reading of God's Word in scripture and Rick's inaugural sermon as Bishop of Durham, to which we are greatly looking forward.

Other aspects of the service speak of the Bishop's honoured place within the life of the Cathedral and his own commitment to the life of prayer, as embodied in the life of St Cuthbert, in whose Shrine Rick will pray towards the end of the service.

Today's service is informed by centuries of tradition. Don't worry if some aspects are unfamiliar; please go with the flow and enjoy the service!

Above all, I pray that in this ancient house of worship and prayer you will encounter our living God and know God's love in Jesus Christ, in whose honour everything that takes place today is offered.

*The Very Reverend Dr Philip Plyming
Dean of Durham*

The Gospel Book

The Bishop will make his oaths on the Durham Gospels, a late 7th-century manuscript (MS A.II.17) made on Lindisfarne, and brought to Durham in the 10th century, where it still remains. The manuscript was among the items that the community of St Cuthbert took with it when abandoning Lindisfarne in 875. One of three insular Gospel books preserved in Durham Cathedral Library, the Durham Gospels is a sister manuscript to the Lindisfarne Gospels; the style and script are similar. Unfortunately the manuscript has been damaged in the past and lost text and illumination. However the Gospel of St John retains its elaborately decorated opening page and the full-page miniature of the Crucifixion preceding the opening of the Gospel of St Mark is the earliest illustration of the Crucifixion in any English manuscript.

King's Scholars from Durham School, part of Durham Cathedral Schools Foundation, Freya Mole and James Turner, carry the Durham Gospels during the service.

Earlier in the day, the Durham Cathedral Guild of Bell Ringers began a peal of Bristol and Sgurr a'Chaorachain to celebrate the inauguration of the new Bishop of Durham's ministry. It will conclude just before the service starts.

At approximately 2.30 p.m., we will familiarise ourselves with the following chant to be used at certain times during the service:

Leader	Come, Holy Spirit.
All	Come, Holy Spirit.
	Come, Holy Spirit.
	Come, Holy Spirit.
	Maranatha.
	Maranatha.
	Come, Lord, come.
	Come, Lord, come.

Iona Community

Organ music before the service

Benjamin Mills, Assistant Organist, Durham Cathedral, plays

Prelude in G BWV 541
Veni Creator Spiritus

Johann Sebastian Bach
Kenneth Leighton

Joseph Beech, Sub-Organist, Durham Cathedral, plays

Pastoral

William Harris

At 2.45 p.m., the Dean greets the following civic representatives who are escorted to their seats:

A Representative of the County Durham and Darlington Chief Fire Officer
The Assistant Chief Constable of Durham Constabulary
The Vice-Chancellor of Durham University
The Member of Parliament for the City of Durham
The High Sheriff of the County Palatine of Durham
The Leader of Durham County Council
The Chair of Durham County Council
The Mayor of Durham
HM Vice Lord-Lieutenant of County Durham
HM Lord-Lieutenant of Tyne and Wear

At 2.50 p.m. please stand as

His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of County Durham
Mr Mike Butterwick, CBE

is escorted to his seat by the Dean, after which please resume your seat.

*At 2.55 p.m., **please remain seated** as the following procession assembles at the west end of the Cathedral:*

The Crucifer and Acolytes
The Master of the Choristers and Organist
The Cathedral Choir
A Verger
The Chaplain of Durham Cathedral Schools Foundation
The Principal of Durham Cathedral Schools Foundation
Representatives of World Faiths
Ecumenical Representatives
Representatives of the Nordkirche
The Chapter of Newcastle Cathedral
The Bishop of Newcastle
The Director of the Cuthbert Centre for Pilgrimage and Prayer
The Assistant Curate
Deanery Lay Chairs
Area Deans
The Bishop's Chaplain
A Verger
The College of Canons
The Archdeacons of Durham and Sunderland
The Assistant Bishops
The Head Verger
The Durham Gospels escorted by King's Scholars
The Cathedral Chapter

At 3.00 p.m., the Dean greets the congregation after which he invites the people to stand and face west

The Acclamations

sung by the Choir

My song shall be of mercy and judgment;
unto thee, O Lord, will I sing. Alleluia.
When wilt thou come unto me?
I will walk in my house with a perfect heart. Alleluia.
Whoso leadeth a godly life;
he shall be my servant. Alleluia.

Acclamations for the inauguration of a new ministry

Conrad Eden

At 3.05 p.m., the Bishop arrives at the North Door accompanied by a verger, the Deputy Diocesan Registrar, the Diocesan Registrar, the Diocesan Chancellor and the Bishop's Liturgical Chaplain

The Welcome to the Bishop

The Bishop strikes the door three times with his staff and the door is opened, after which Matthew from the Diocese greets the Bishop

We greet you in the name of Christ.
Who are you and why do you request entry?

Bishop I am Rick, a follower and a friend of Jesus Christ.
I come by God's grace to walk with you in his service.

Why have you been sent to us?

Bishop I am sent as Bishop to serve you
and all people in this Diocese,
to proclaim the love of Christ,
and with you to worship and love him
with heart and soul, mind and strength.

How do you come among us and with what confidence?

Bishop I come not proclaiming myself but Jesus Christ as Lord,
with myself as your servant for Jesus's sake.

Let us then humble ourselves before God
and together seek his mercy and strength.

The Bishop kneels and silence is kept

Anthem Parce mihi, Domine *sung by the Choir*

Parce mihi, Domine, nihil enim sunt dies mei.
Quid est homo, quia magnificas eum?
aut quid apponis erga eum cor tuum?
Visitas eum diluculo, et subito probas illum.
Usquequo non parcis mihi, nec dimittis me,
ut glutiam salivam meam?
Peccavi: quid faciam tibi, o custos hominum?
Quare posuisti me contrarium tibi,
et factus sum mihimet ipsi gravis?
Cur non tollis peccatum meum,
et quare non aufers iniquitatem meam?
Ecce nunc in pulvere dormiam:
et si mane me quæsieris, non subsistam.

*Spare me, O Lord, for my days are as nothing.
What is man, that thou shouldst magnify him?
Or that thou shouldst set thine heart upon him?
Thou dost visit him at daybreak, and test him suddenly.
How long wilt thou not spare me, nor let me go,
that I might swallow my spittle?
I have sinned; what shall I do unto thee, O keeper of men?
Why hast thou set me against thee,
and I am become burdensome to myself?
Why dost thou not remove my sin,
and why dost thou not take away my wickedness?
Behold, now I shall sleep in the dust;
and if thou seekest me in the morning, I shall not be.*

*The First Lesson at Matins of the Office of the Dead
from Job 7: 16-21*

Cristòbal Morales

Bishop

Christ came in humility to share our lives:
forgive our pride.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ came with good news for all people:
forgive our silence.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ came in love to a world of suffering:
forgive our self-centredness.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May the God of love and power forgive us
and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Dean

Right Reverend Father in God,
we have looked forward to your coming with great joy.

In the name of the Lord we greet you
and welcome you into your Cathedral Church.

All

In the name of the Lord, we welcome you. Alleluia.

Bishop

Peace be with you.

All

And also with you.

Processional Hymn *during which the Bishop makes his way to the Crossing*

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise him still the same for ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
Ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace!

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PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss
Descant: Daniel Cook

Please sit

Dean Let the Archbishop of York's Mandate now be read.

The Chancellor reads the Mandate

STEPHEN GEOFFREY by Divine Providence **LORD ARCHBISHOP OF YORK** Primate of England and Metropolitan.

To Our Beloved in Christ **THE VERY REVEREND DR PHILIP JAMES JOHN PLYMING** Dean of Durham **GREETING**

WHEREAS the Episcopal See of Durham became vacant by the retirement of the Right Reverend **PAUL ROGER BUTLER** late Bishop thereof and the College of Canons of the Cathedral Church of Christ, Blessed Mary the Virgin and St Cuthbert of Durham have petitioned for and obtained His Majesty's Royal Licence and did elect **RICHARD LEE SIMPSON** for their and the said Cathedral Church's Bishop and Pastor

AND WHEREAS We have by His Majesty's Letters Patent confirmed the said Election and have also committed to the Bishop so elected the care, government and administration of the Spiritualities of the said Bishopric and have also decreed that the said Bishop shall be inducted and installed (by himself or his lawful Proxy in his name) into the possession of the said Bishopric

WE THEREFORE require that you do induct and install the said **RICHARD LEE SIMPSON** (or his lawful Proxy) into the real, actual and corporeal possession of the said Bishopric of DURHAM (or that you cause him to be so inducted and installed) with full Episcopal rights and that you assign him the Episcopal Seat in the said Cathedral Church usually assigned and appointed to the Bishop thereof, and that you place him (or cause him to be placed) therein in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, And as soon as these acts have been completed to certify in writing accordingly to our Registrar

IN WITNESS whereof We have caused our Seal to be hereunto affixed

DATED the Twenty-ninth day of April in the year of Our Lord Two thousand and twenty-six

✠ Stephen Ebor:

The Declaration and Oath

- Dean Before we proceed to the Enthronement of our Bishop,
I ask him to make the Declaration of Assent,
as a reminder of the basis
of the faith, worship and witness of the Church of England.
- Registrar The Church of England is part of the One,
Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church,
worshipping the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
It professes the faith
uniquely revealed in the Holy Scriptures
and set forth in the Catholic Creeds,
which faith the Church is called upon to proclaim afresh
in each generation.
Led by the Holy Spirit,
it has borne witness to Christian truth
in its historic formularies:
the Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion,
the Book of Common Prayer,
and the Ordering of Bishops, Priests and Deacons.
In the declaration you are about to make
will you affirm your loyalty to this inheritance of faith
as your inspiration and guidance under God,
in bringing the grace and truth of Christ to this generation
and making him known to those in your care?
- Bishop I, Richard Lee Simpson, do so affirm,
and accordingly declare my belief
in the faith which is revealed in the Holy Scriptures,
and set forth in the Catholic Creeds,
and to which the historic formularies
of the Church of England bear witness;
and in public prayer and administration of the sacraments,
I will use only the forms of service
which are authorised or allowed by Canon.

Dean I now ask you to declare
 that you will faithfully serve this Diocese
 and observe the Statutes of this Cathedral Church.

*King's Scholars of Durham Cathedral Schools Foundation hold before the Bishop
the Durham Gospels upon which the Bishop takes the appointed oath*

Bishop I, Richard Lee Simpson,
 by Divine Providence Lord Bishop of Durham,
 do swear that I shall observe
 and according to my strength defend
 the rights, privileges, liberties,
 immunities, statutes and customs
 of the same Bishopric, Cathedral Church
 and Diocese of Durham,
 in so far as they are not contrary or opposed to divine right
 and to the laws and statutes of this realm.
 So help me God and these holy Gospels of God.

The Declaration and Oath are then signed

Dean Let us pray that the Holy Spirit
 will inspire and enable our common life in Christ,
 to the glory of God the Father
 and for the good of the whole Church.

Please kneel or remain seated

Silence is kept

Please stand for the hymn

Hymn during which the Dean, accompanied by children from the Diocese of Durham, conducts the Bishop to the Cathedra in the Quire

Come down, O Love divine,
Seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
Within my heart appear,
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
Till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let thy glorious light
Shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
Mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become mine inner clothing;
True lowliness of heart,
Which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
With which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace,
Till he become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

*Italian, Bianco da Siena,
Translated by R F Littledale*

*DOWN AMPNEY, Ralph Vaughan Williams
Descant: Daniel Cook*

Please remain standing

The Enthronement and Installation

Dean Our help is in the name of the Lord
All **who has made heaven and earth.**

All Blessed be the name of the Lord
from this time forth for evermore.

Dean By virtue of the Mandate
 of the Most Reverend Father in God
 Stephen Geoffrey Cottrell
 by Divine Providence Lord Archbishop of York,
 I, Philip James John Plyming, Dean of Durham,
 induct, install and enthrone you Richard Lee Simpson
 into possession of the Bishopric of Durham,
 with its rights and dignities
 and all its opportunities of service;
 and I place you in the episcopal seat
 of this Cathedral Church of Christ,
 Blessed Mary the Virgin and St Cuthbert of Durham,
 in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Dean and the Bishop kneel together and pray:

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.

Anthem

sung by the Choir

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands :
 serve the Lord with gladness,
 and come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God :
 it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
 we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
 and into his courts with praise :
 be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name.
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting :
 and his truth endureth from generation to generation.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
 and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
 world without end. Amen.

Benjamin Britten in C

The Dean leads the Bishop to his stall in the Quire and installs him, saying

Dean I, Philip James John Plyming,
 Dean of this Cathedral Church,
 do hereby install you, Richard Lee Simpson,
 into the stall traditionally belonging to the Bishop
 in the Quire of this Cathedral Church
 of Christ, Blessed Mary the Virgin
 and Saint Cuthbert of Durham.

The Lord preserve your going out and your coming in
from this time forth for evermore.

All **Amen.**

The Bishop, escorted by the Dean, returns to the Crossing

Dean My friends in Christ,
 I present to you Rick,
 duly enthroned and installed as our Bishop.

The congregation greets the Bishop with applause

Song The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want,
 He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
 His goodness restores my soul.
 And I will trust in you alone,
 And I will trust in you alone,
 For your endless mercy follows me,
 Your goodness will lead me home.

He guides my ways in righteousness,
 And he anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
 I feast on his pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,
 I will not fear the evil one,
For you are with me, and your rod and staff
 Are the comfort I need to know.
 And I will trust in you alone,
 And I will trust in you alone,
 For your endless mercy follows me,
 Your goodness will lead me home.

Stuart Townend, based on Psalm 23

Please remain standing

The Collect

Bishop Let us pray.

Silence is kept

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit

First Reading

Isaiah 40: 1-11

read by Dr Rachel Lunney

The First Reading is written in the Prophecy of Isaiah, Chapter 40,
beginning to read at the 1st verse.

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!'

And I said, 'What shall I cry?'

All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;

say to the cities of Judah,
'Here is your God!'

See, the Lord God comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

Here ends the First Reading.

Second Reading

Luke 24: 13-35

*read by the Reverend Chris Knights, Bishop's Chaplain
Martin Peacock, St Brandon's Church, Brancepeth
Margaret Lawson, Holy Trinity Church, Jesmond*

The Second Reading is written in the Gospel according to St Luke, Chapter 24, beginning to read at the 13th verse.

Now on that same day two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them,

‘What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?’

They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him,

‘Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?’

He asked them,

‘What things?’

They replied,

‘The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.’

Then he said to them,

‘Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?’

Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying,

‘Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.’

So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other,

‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?’

That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying,

‘The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!’

Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Here ends the Second Reading.

Leader	Come, Holy Spirit.
All	Come, Holy Spirit.
	Come, Holy Spirit.
	Come, Holy Spirit.
	Maranatha.
	Maranatha.
	Come, Lord, come.
	Come, Lord, come.

Iona Community

Sermon

The Bishop

Anthem

sung by the Choir

We wait for thy loving kindness, O God:
in the midst of thy temple. Alleluia!
O God, according to thy name,
so is thy praise unto the world's end:
thy right hand is full of righteousness. Alleluia!
We wait for thy loving kindness, O God:
in the midst of thy temple.
O Lord, send us now prosperity. Amen.

Psalm 48: 8–9; Psalm 118: 25b

William McKie

The Prayers

*introduced by the Right Reverend Frank White
Honorary Assistant Bishop, Diocese of Durham*

In the power of the Spirit
and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father.

Please kneel or remain seated

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Iona Community

*Alianore Smith, Church and Theology Manager,
International Justice Mission and Rick's goddaughter*

Gracious God, fountain of all wisdom,
we pray for all Christian people;
for Bishop Rick, for all Christian leaders,
and for those who teach and guard the faith.

May the word of Christ dwell richly in our hearts,
and knit us together in the bond of your love.

Hear us.

Hear us, good Lord.

*The Venerable Nick Barker,
former Archdeacon of Auckland and Trustee, Durham-Lesotho Link*

We pray for the leaders of the nations,
and for those in authority under them.

Give them the gift of your wisdom,
and a right discernment in all things.

Hear us.

Hear us, good Lord.

*Dr Val Barron, Community Organiser, Tyne and Wear Citizens
and member of the Durham Crown Nominations Committee*

We pray for the cities, towns, villages
and local communities within the Diocese of Durham;
for those who live and work there,
and for those who visit these places.

Speak your word of peace in our midst,
and help us to serve one another as Christ has served us.

Hear us.

Hear us, good Lord.

*The Reverend James Harvey, Priest-in-Charge
St Cuthbert Darlington and Holy Trinity Darlington*

We pray for those who do not believe,
and yet who long to know you, the very Word of life.

Open their ears to hear your voice,
and open their hearts to the knowledge
of your love in Christ.

Hear us.

Hear us, good Lord.

*Canon Dr Jamie Harrison, Chair of the House of Laity, General Synod,
member of the Durham Crown Nominations Committee and retired GP*

We pray for those bowed down
with grief, fear or sickness
whom we name in our hearts.

Silence is kept

May your living Word bring comfort and healing
to all those in need.

Hear us.

Hear us, good Lord.

Dr Hanna Lucas, theologian

We give thanks for all those who have died
in the faith of Christ
and we rejoice with the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Cuthbert, Bede, Oswald, Hild, Margaret, Aidan
and all your saints,
trusting in the promise of your word fulfilled.

Hear us.

Hear us, good Lord.

A prayer for the Bishop led by the Right Reverend Frank White

Faithful God,
we thank you for calling Rick to be our Bishop.
Stir up in him the gifts of your grace.
Inspire him in his leadership,
his sharing of the good news,
his teaching and his pastoral care.
Bless Rachel who shares life with him in this place.
Hear us, as we commit ourselves anew to Christ,
the shepherd and guardian of our souls.

Leader

Come, Holy Spirit.

All

Come, Holy Spirit.

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Come, Holy Spirit.

Maranatha.

Maranatha.

Come, Lord, come.

Come, Lord, come.

Iona Community

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

All

**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.**

Please sit

The Greetings

While the Choir sings Te Deum laudamus (see page 28), the following people greet the Bishop on behalf of the people whom they represent

Representing national life

HM Lord-Lieutenant of County Durham
Mr Mike Butterwick, CBE

Representing the City and County of Durham

The Right Worshipful
The Mayor of Durham

The Chair of Durham County Council
Councillor Robbie Rodiss

The Leader of Durham County Council
Councillor Andrew Husband

Representing the Diocese of Durham

The Chair of the House of Laity of the Diocesan Synod
Canon Frances Stenlake

The Chair of the House of Clergy of the Diocesan Synod
The Reverend Paul Arnold

The Diocesan Secretary
Canon James Morgan

Representing Durham Cathedral

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Dean of Newcastle

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Te Deum laudamus

We praise thee, O God : we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee : the Father everlasting.
To thee all angels cry aloud : the heavens, and all the powers therein.
To thee cherubin and seraphin : continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy : Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full : of the majesty of thy glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles : praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets : praise thee.
The noble army of Martyrs : praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world : doth acknowledge thee;
The Father : of an infinite Majesty;
Thine honourable, true : and only Son;
Also the Holy Ghost : the Comforter.
Thou art the King of Glory : O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son : of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man :
 thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death :
 thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God : in the Glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come : to be our Judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants :
 whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy Saints : in glory everlasting.
O Lord, save thy people : and bless thine heritage.
Govern them : and lift them up for ever.
Day by day : we magnify thee;
And we worship thy name : ever world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord : to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us : have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us : as our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted : let me never be confounded.

Charles Villiers Stanford in C

Please stand

The Peace

Bishop The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples
and said "Peace be with you."
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

 The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All And also with you.

Dean Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Members of the congregation share a sign of peace

Song *during which the Bishop escorted by the Chapter moves to the Chapter House*

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! — who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones he came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied —
For every sin on him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am his and he is mine —
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from his hand;
Till he returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Stuart Townend

Keith Getty

Please sit

While the hymn is being sung the Dean places the Bishop in the ancient stone seat of the Abbots of Durham in the Chapter House, and says

Right Reverend Father in God,
we gladly receive you as Visitor of this Cathedral Church.
We place you here in the chair
anciently assigned to the Bishop of Durham.
May our Good Shepherd the Lord Jesus Christ
uphold you in the service of all
who are entrusted to your care. Amen.

A Pilgrimage to the Shrine of St Cuthbert

The procession returns to the Cathedral and the Bishop and Chapter move to the Sanctuary and enter the Feretory, the Shrine of St Cuthbert, and we all pray silently for the movement of the Holy Spirit in the Church before the Bishop and Chapter move to the High Altar Sanctuary

The Giving of the Pastoral Staff

At the High Altar, the Dean presents the Lightfoot Crozier to the Bishop, saying

Receive this pastoral staff.
Keep watch over the flock
of which God has appointed you shepherd.
Encourage the faithful, restore the lost,
build up the body of Christ,
for the sake of him who gave his life for the sheep:
Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Please stand

The Blessing and Dismissal

Bishop The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Bishop God the Holy Trinity
make you strong in faith and love,
defend you on every side,
and guide you in truth and peace;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Hymn *during which the Bishop makes his way to the North Door of the Cathedral*

Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

Crown him the Virgin's Son,
The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won
Which now his brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic Rose,
As of that Rose the Stem;
The root whence mercy ever flows,
The Babe of Bethlehem.

Crown him the Lord of love!
Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds yet visible above
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
Whose power a sceptre sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
And all be prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end,
And round his piercèd feet
Fair flowers of Paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime:
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail
Throughout eternity.

Matthew Bridges (adapted)

DIADEMATA, *George Elvey*
Descant: *Daniel Cook*

Please remain standing and turn to face the west end of the Cathedral

The Dean offers words of thanks and farewell

The Bishop blesses the City and Diocese of Durham, saying

God bless this City and Diocese,
and all who live and work here.
May he visit you with mercy,
surround you with love,
and fill your hearts with courage, strength and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

Voluntary

Toccata from Symphony No 5

Charles-Marie Widor

The Bishop will remain at the North Door to take his leave of members of the congregation.

Guests invited to refreshments in the Cloisters should make their way there showing the same ticket which they used to gain their seats.

The Order of the Procession

The Crucifer and Acolytes
The Head Verger
The Bishop's Liturgical Chaplain
The Bishop escorted by the Chapter
The Master of the Choristers and Organist
The Cathedral Choir
The Chaplain of Durham Cathedral Schools Foundation
The Principal of Durham Cathedral Schools Foundation
A Verger
Representatives of World Faiths
Ecumenical Representatives
Representatives of the Nordkirche
The Chapter of Newcastle Cathedral
The Bishop of Newcastle
The Director of the Cuthbert Centre for Pilgrimage and Prayer
The Assistant Curate
Deanery Lay Chairs
Area Deans
The Bishop's Chaplain
A Verger
The College of Canons
The Archdeacons of Durham and Sunderland
The Assistant Bishops
The Deputy Registrar
The Registrar
The Durham Gospels escorted by King's Scholars
The Diocesan Chancellor

HM Lord-Lieutenant of County Durham
HM Lord-Lieutenant of Tyne and Wear
HM Vice Lord-Lieutenant of County Durham
The Mayor of Durham
The Chair of Durham County Council
The Leader of Durham County Council
The High Sheriff of the County Palatine of Durham
The Member of Parliament for the City of Durham
The Vice-Chancellor of Durham University
The Assistant Chief Constable of Durham Constabulary
A Representative of the County Durham and Darlington Chief Fire Officer

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