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Matins

on

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 19 November 2023

11.30 a.m.

Welcome to Durham Cathedral

If you are a regular worshipper here, welcome back. If you are visiting, we are delighted that you join us today. Please ask a member of staff for directions if you require assistance.

Worshippers at Matins are invited to arrive early and take refreshments in the Galilee Chapel from 11.00 a.m. before taking their seats in the Quire for the service.

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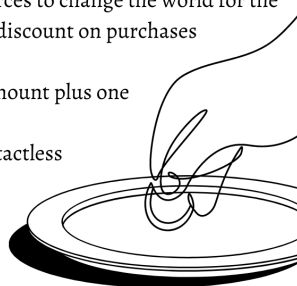
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Please stand at the entrance of the Choir and ministers

Hymn

Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
Bright Seraphs, Cherubim and Thrones,
Raise the glad strain, Alleluia!
Cry out Dominions, Princedoms, Powers,
Virtues, Archangels, Angels' choirs,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia!

O higher than the Cherubim,
More glorious than the Seraphim,
Lead their praises, Alleluia!
Thou Bearer of the eternal Word,
Most gracious, magnify the Lord,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia!

Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
Ye Patriarchs and Prophets blest,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Ye holy Twelve, ye Martyrs strong,
All Saints triumphant, raise the song
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia!

O friends, in gladness let us sing,
Supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia!

Athelstan Riley

LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Ralph Vaughan Williams,*
using phrases from an Easter hymn in
the Cologne Geistliche Kirchengesäng of 1623

Welcome and Introduction

The Reverend Canon Charlie Allen

Minister Let us humbly confess our sins to almighty God.

Please kneel

All **Almighty and most merciful Father;
We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much
the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against thy holy laws.
We have left undone those things
which we ought to have done;
And we have done those things
which we ought not to have done;
And there is no health in us.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.
Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults.
Restore thou them that are penitent;
According to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesu our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake;
That we may hereafter
live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
To the glory of thy holy Name.
Amen.**

Minister May the almighty and merciful God
grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins,
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

All **Our Father,**
 which art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
 in earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive them that 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 stand

Preces

William Smith

Cantor O Lord, open thou our lips.
Choir And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

Please sit

O sing unto the Lord a new song :
 for he hath done marvellous things.
With his own right hand, and with his holy arm :
 hath he gotten himself the victory.
The Lord declared his salvation :
 his righteousness hath he openly shewed
 in the sight of the heathen.
He hath remembered his mercy and truth
 toward the house of Israel :
 and all the ends of the world have seen
 the salvation of our God.
Shew yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands :
 sing, rejoice, and give thanks.
Praise the Lord upon the harp :
 sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.
With trumpets also, and shawms :
 O shew yourselves joyful before the Lord the King.
Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is :
 the round world, and they that dwell therein.
Let the floods clap their hands,
 and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord :
 for he is come to judge the earth.
With righteousness shall he judge the world :
 and the people with equity.

Please stand

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.

Please sit

The one who appeared in human form said, 'Do not fear, greatly beloved, you are safe. Be strong and courageous!' When he spoke to me, I was strengthened and said, 'Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me.' Then he said, 'Do you know why I have come to you? Now I must return to fight against the prince of Persia, and when I am through with him, the prince of Greece will come. But I am to tell you what is inscribed in the book of truth. There is no one with me who contends against these princes except Michael, your prince.

After a short silence, please stand with the Choir

Te Deum laudamus

Charles Villiers Stanford in B flat

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.

Please sit

Second Lesson

Revelation 4

After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.' At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! And the one seated there looks like jasper and cornelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal.

Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing,

'Holy, holy, holy,
the Lord God the Almighty,
who was and is and is to come.'

And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing,

'You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honour and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created.'

After a short silence, please stand with the Choir

Jubilate Deo

Charles Villiers Stanford in B flat

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.

The Apostles' Creed

All I believe in God the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried:
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from thence he shall come
to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

The Lesser Litany, Responses and Collects

William Smith

Cantor The Lord be with you.
Choir And with thy spirit.

Please kneel

Cantor Let us pray.

Choir Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father,
which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the King.
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.
And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Trinity

O Lord, we beseech thee,
absolve thy people from their offences;
that through thy bountiful goodness
we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins,
which by our frailty we have committed:
Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake,
our blessed Lord and Saviour.
Amen.

The Collect for Peace

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord,
in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life,
whose service is perfect freedom:
Defend us thy humble servants
in all assaults of our enemies;
that we, surely trusting in thy defence,
may not fear the power of any adversaries;
through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect for Grace

O Lord, our heavenly Father,
Almighty and everlasting God,
who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day:
Defend us in the same with thy mighty power;
and grant that this day we fall into no sin,
neither run into any kind of danger;
but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance,
to do always that is righteous in thy sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please sit

Anthem

God be in my head

sung by the Choir

God be in my head,
And in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes,
And in my looking;
God be in my mouth,
And in my speaking;
God be in mine heart,
And in my thinking;
God be at my end,
And in my departing.

From the Sarum Book of Hours, 1514

Richard Lloyd

Sermon

Dr Catherine Fox

*Author and
Academic Director of the Manchester Writing School
Manchester Metropolitan University*

Please stand

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?
Yea, we can.

For we know that thou rejoices
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,
Blessed Trinity.
Of the best which thou hast given
Earth and heaven
Render thee.

Francis Pott

ANGEL VOICES, Edwin George Monk

Please remain standing

The Blessing

Minister	Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will, that you may reign with him in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Choir	Amen.

Voluntary Fugue in C major BWV 547

J S Bach

Choral Evensong is sung in the Quire at 3.00 p.m.

Daily services this week

*At 8.30 a.m., **Morning Prayer** (live-streamed) is said in the Feretory from Monday to Saturday.*

*At 12.30 p.m., **Holy Communion** is celebrated each weekday at the St Hild Altar in the Chapel of Nine Altars, except on Tuesday when it is celebrated at the Langley Altar in the Galilee Chapel. These services are not live-streamed.*

*At 5.30 p.m., **Evening Prayer** is said in the Quire on Monday, **Evensong** is sung in the Quire from Tuesday to Saturday (live-streamed from Monday to Friday), and on Tuesday the Cathedral Choir will be joined by the Durham Cathedral School Foundation's choir, as we celebrate Thomas, Cardinal Langley—the DCSF has its foundation in the schools that Langley founded.*

***Compline** is said on Monday at 8.45 p.m. (live-streamed only).*

*Next Sunday: We celebrate the festival of Christ the King. **Holy Communion** (BCP) is celebrated at 8.00 a.m., the **Sung Eucharist** is celebrated at 10.00 a.m., **Choral Matins** is sung in the Quire at 11.30 a.m., at which we welcome Jolyon Mitchell, Principal of St John's College, Durham, as our guest preacher, and **Choral Evensong** is sung in the Quire at 3.30 p.m.*

The Advent Procession with Carols

Saturday 2 December at 6.00 p.m. and Sunday 3 December at 6.00 p.m. One of the most moving and uplifting acts of worship of the Cathedral's year, marking the start of Advent with readings, music, candlelight and lots of incense. If this is a service that you normally attend, you will be there. If you have not experienced it before, you will not want to miss it. Tickets are not required. Just turn up. Please be seated by 5.45 p.m.

Student Evensong

Students are welcome to attend Evensong any time but we extend a particular welcome to them at Evensong on Tuesdays. After the service we will offer food and drink, with a chance to engage with each other and with the cathedral clergy in a variety of locations, and occasionally with other activities too. Evensong on Tuesday starts at 5.30 p.m. and lasts about 40 minutes. The next student Evensong is Tuesday 21 November, and

afterwards we will meet in the South Transept at 6.15 p.m., before going over to the house of one of the Residentiary Canons for a meal. If you're a student, please join us.

Confirmation at Durham Cathedral

Confirmation is a chance for people who have already been baptised to confirm the promises they or their godparents made on their behalf at their baptism. These promises recognise God's love for us through prayer and the laying on of hands by the Bishop. In declaring our faith, we become members of the local and worldwide Christian family and the Church promises to support and pray for us on our journey of faith. (People who have not been baptised may feel ready to be baptised and confirmed at the same time.) Confirmation takes place at Durham Cathedral on Easter Day (Sunday 31 March 2024) at Dawn (5.00 a.m.). If you would like to explore the possibility of confirmation, here are the different ways you can do so:

- **Adult Confirmation:** In January we will run an 8 week course to prepare adults for confirmation. This is also suitable for already-confirmed regular worshippers who would like a 'refresher' course. Please contact the Cathedral Curate, the Reverend Kathryn Tiernan, for further details: kathryn.tiernan@durhamcathedral.co.uk
- **Student Confirmation:** We plan to draw together students who have been worshipping with us at Student Evensong on Tuesdays, or on other occasions during the week, to explore faith both as a preparation for confirmation and, for those already confirmed, as a means of diving deeper into matters of faith. Please contact the Minor Canon for Liturgy and Learning, the Reverend Daniel Parkinson, for further details: daniel.parkinson@durhamcathedral.co.uk
- **Chorister Confirmation:** Year 7 and Year 8 choristers in the Cathedral Choir will be prepared for confirmation by the School Chaplain on the Durham School site during the Easter Term. We will be in touch with chorister parents directly about this.
- **Children who are not choristers in the Cathedral Choir:** their parents or carers should also contact the Cathedral Curate as above.

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