



**DURHAM  
CATHEDRAL**

THE SHRINE OF ST CUTHBERT

**Sung Eucharist**

*on*

**The Second Sunday before Advent**

*Charles Villiers Stanford:  
Communion Service in C and F*

**Sunday 19 November 2023**

**10.00 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.

## Junior Church

Junior Church gathers in the South Transept (front of the church on the right). If you are new to the Cathedral or a visitor, your child is welcome to join us. Please take your child to the South Transept and complete a consent form with one of the leaders. You can then take a seat in the service and collect your child afterwards from the South Transept. Children stay in church for the start of our worship and then go through to the Chapter House for story-telling and craft activities and then re-join the service at the distribution of Communion when they receive a blessing.

## Refreshments after the Service

Refreshments are served after this service in the Galilee Chapel at the back of the Cathedral where we are joined by worshippers arriving to attend Matins at 11.30 a.m. Do join us there.

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## The Gathering

**Voluntary** Kyrie, Gott Vater in Ewigkeit BWV 669

*J.S. Bach*

*Please stand at the entrance of the ministers*

**Hymn** Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Sion, city of our God;  
He whose word cannot be broken  
Formed thee for his own abode:  
On the Rock of Ages founded,  
What can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,  
Springing from eternal love,  
Well supply thy sons and daughters,  
And all fear of want remove:  
Who can faint, while such a river  
Ever flows their thirst to assuage?  
Grace, which like the Lord the giver,  
Never fails from age to age.

Saviour, if of Sion's city  
I through grace a member am,  
Let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in thy name:  
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,  
All his boasted pomp and show;  
Solid joys and lasting treasure  
None but Sion's children know.

*John Newton*

*ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril Taylor*

President        In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
                      and of the Holy Spirit.  
**All                Amen.**

### **The Greeting**

*The Reverend Canon Michael Hampel*

President        The Lord be with you.  
**All                And also with you.**

*The President welcomes the people and introduces the service*

### **Prayers of Penitence**

Deacon         The saints were faithful unto death  
                      and now dwell in the heavenly kingdom for ever.  
                      As we celebrate their joy,  
                      let us bring to the Lord our sins and weaknesses,  
                      and ask for his mercy.

*Silence is kept*

**All                Most merciful God,  
                      Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
                      we confess that we have sinned  
                      in thought, word and deed.  
                      We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
                      We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
                      In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
                      help us to amend what we are,  
                      and direct what we shall be;  
                      that we may do justly, love mercy,  
                      and walk humbly with you, our God.  
                      Amen.**

President        May God our Father forgive you your sins,  
                      and bring you to the fellowship of his table  
                      with his saints for ever.  
**All                Amen.**

*During the Gloria which follows, Junior Church collects a cross from the altar and processes to the Chapter House*

## **Gloria in excelsis**

*sung by the Choir*

Glory be to God on high,  
and in earth peace, good will towards men.  
We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee, we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

## **The Collect**

President      Let us pray.

*Silence is kept*

President        Heavenly Father,  
                     whose blessed Son was revealed  
                     to destroy the works of the devil  
                     and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:  
                     grant that we, having this hope,  
                     may purify ourselves even as he is pure;  
                     that when he shall appear in power and great glory  
                     we may be made like him  
                     in his eternal and glorious kingdom;  
                     where he is alive and reigns with you,  
                     in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
                     one God, now and for ever.

All                **Amen.**

*Please sit*

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **First Reading**

**1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians.

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

**All** For the word of the Lord  
**thanks be to God.**

*Please stand and turn to face the Book of the Gospels as it is processed into the Nave*

**The Gospel**

**Matthew 25: 14-30**

Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



Choir Jesus Christ is the firstborn from the dead;  
to him be glory and power for ever.



Deacon The Lord be with you  
**All and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to St Matthew.



Jesus said to his disciples, 'The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them.

Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



*Please sit after the Preacher's prayer*

**Sermon**

*The Reverend Canon Charlie Allen*

*Please stand as the President approaches the Altar to say the Creed*

## The Creed

All

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

President        Let us pray for the coming of God's kingdom.

*Please kneel or sit*

*After each petition:*

**All**                Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

*At the end:*

President        Almighty God, we give you thanks  
for the Blessed Virgin Mary, Cuthbert, Bede,  
and for the whole company of your saints in glory,  
with whom in fellowship we join our prayers and praises;  
by your grace may we, like them,  
be made perfect in your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All**                **Amen.**

*Please stand*

## The Liturgy of the Eucharist

### The Peace

President        May the God of peace sanctify you:  
may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness  
that you may be blameless before him  
at the coming of our Lord Jesus with his saints.

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

*If you wish, please exchange a sign of peace with those near to you*

## Hymn

We hail thy presence glorious,  
O Christ our great high priest,  
O'er sin and death victorious,  
At thy thanksgiving feast:  
As thou art interceding  
For us in heaven above,  
Thy Church on earth is pleading  
Thy perfect work of love.

Through thee in every nation  
Thine own their hearts upraise,  
Offering one pure oblation,  
One sacrifice of praise:  
With thee in blest communion  
The living and the dead  
Are joined in closest union,  
One body with one head.

O living Bread from heaven,  
Jesu, our Saviour good,  
Who thine own self hast given  
To be our souls' true food;  
For us thy body broken  
Hung on the cross of shame:  
This bread, its hallowed token,  
We break in thy dear name.

O stream of love unending,  
Poured from the one true vine,  
With our weak nature blending  
The strength of life divine;  
Our thankful faith confessing  
In thy life-blood outpoured,  
We drink this cup of blessing  
And praise thy name, O Lord.

## Taking of the Bread and Wine

President Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

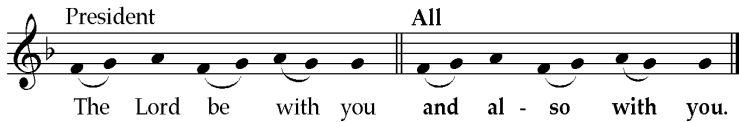
Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed be God,  
by whose grace creation is renewed,  
by whose love heaven is opened,  
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

## Eucharistic Prayer G



President Blessed are you, Lord God,  
our light and our salvation;  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
From the beginning you have created all things  
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.

In the fullness of time you made us in your image,  
the crown of all creation.  
You give us breath and speech,  
that with angels and archangels  
and all the powers of heaven  
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

Choir            Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,  
                      heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
                      Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. Amen.

President        How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.  
                      As a mother tenderly gathers her children,  
                      you embraced a people as your own.  
                      When they turned away and rebelled  
                      your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour,  
born of Mary, to be the living bread,  
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.  
He offered his life for sinners,  
and with a love stronger than death  
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,  
he came to supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.  
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, 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.

Deacon  
All

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:  
**Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

President

Father, we plead with confidence  
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;  
we remember his dying and rising in glory,  
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you  
these gifts of your creation;  
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,  
form us in the likeness of Christ,  
and build us into a living temple to your glory.  
Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.  
Reveal her unity, guard her faith,  
and preserve her in peace.

Remember for good those whom we love but see no longer,  
that all who with Christ have entered the shadow of death  
may rest in peace and rise in glory.

Bring us at the last with the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Cuthbert, Bede, and all the saints  
to the vision of that eternal splendour  
for which you have created us;

through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise

All

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

President      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.

## The Breaking of the Bread

President      Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
All              we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

## Giving of Communion

President      God's holy gifts  
                    for God's holy people.  
All              Jesus Christ is holy,  
                    Jesus Christ is Lord,  
                    to the glory of God the Father.

*Junior Church returns to receive Communion or a blessing*

*Please sit down and then follow the directions of the vergers to form a line to receive Holy Communion. There is one station at the front of the Nave and one station at the rear. Hold your hands out so that the clergy may place the host into your hand. After you have received the consecrated host, you may receive from the chalice if you wish, or simply return to your seats via the side aisles. Gluten-free wafers are available at both stations.*

*All those who are members of a Christian church of any denomination are welcome to receive Communion. If this is not part of your tradition or you are not sure, you are nevertheless welcome to receive a blessing at the communion station from the priest there. In this case, you should move forward with the communicants and bow your head as an indication to the priest that you wish to receive a blessing.*

### **Agnus Dei**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:  
grant us thy peace.

### **Anthem**

Ave verum corpus

Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine:  
Vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine:  
Cuius latus perforatum, unda fluxit sanguine:  
Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.

O dulcis, O pie, O Jesu Fili Mariae, miserere mei. Amen.

*Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,  
Who suffered for our redemption on the cross,  
And from whose wounded side there poured blood:  
Be our salvation in the crisis of death.*

*O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus, O Son of Mary, have mercy on me.  
Amen.*

*Pope Innocent VI*

*William Byrd*

*After all have received Holy Communion, please stand as the President approaches the Altar*

## Prayer after Communion

President      Let us pray.

Gracious Lord,  
in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope:  
bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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.**

## The Dismissal

President      The Lord be with you.

All              **And also with you.**

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.

All              **Amen.**

Deacon        Go in the peace of Christ.

All                
Thanks      be      to      God.

## Hymn

Blessèd City, heavenly Salem,  
Vision dear of peace and love,  
Who, of living stones upbuilded,  
Art the joy of heaven above,  
And, with angel cohorts circled,  
As a bride to earth dost move!

From celestial realms descending,  
Bridal glory round her shed,  
To his presence, decked with jewels,  
By her Lord shall she be led:  
All her streets, and all her bulwarks,  
Of pure gold are fashioned.

Bright with pearls her portals glitter,  
They are open evermore;  
And, by virtue of his merits,  
Thither faithful souls may soar,  
Who for Christ's dear name in this world  
Pain and tribulation bore.

Laud and honour to the Father,  
Laud and honour to the Son,  
Laud and honour to the Spirit,  
Ever three, and ever One:  
One in love, and One in splendour,  
While unending ages run. Amen.

*Latin c 7th century tr. J M Neale*

WESTMINSTER ABBEY  
*adapted from the Alleluyas in  
Purcell's 'O God, Thou art my God' for  
Belville in The Psalmist 1843*

## Voluntary

Prelude in C major BWV 547

*J S Bach*

*Please join us for refreshments in the Galilee Chapel after the service: everyone is welcome.*

*Choral Matins is sung in the Quire at 11.30 a.m., at which we welcome the author Catherine Fox as our guest preacher. and 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](mailto: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](mailto: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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