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CATHEDRAL

THE SHRINE OF ST CUTHBERT

Eucharist

on

The Feast of the Baptism of Christ

Sunday 7 January 2024

10.00 a.m.

Welcome to Durham Cathedral

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

Junior Church

There is no Junior Church today. Junior Church resumes on Sunday 14 January.

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 The Holy Boy

Stephen Ireland

At the entrance of the ministers, please stand and turn to face the Font at West end of the Cathedral

The Greeting

The Very Reverend Dr Philip Plyming

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

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

The President welcomes the people and introduces the service

Thanksgiving for Holy Baptism

President I saw water flowing from the threshold of the temple.
All **Wherever the river flows**
everything will spring to life. Alleluia.

All On the banks of the river
grow trees bearing every kind of fruit.
Their leaves will not wither nor their fruit fail.

All Their fruit will serve for food,
their leaves for the healing of the nations.
For the river of the water of life
flows from the throne of God and of the Lamb.

The President pours water into the Font

President God in Christ gives us water welling up for eternal life.
With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
All Lord, give us this water and we shall thirst no more.

**All Praise God who made heaven and earth,
who keeps his promise for ever.**

**All Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, sovereign God of all,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
You are our light and our salvation.

Your gift of water brings life and freshness to the earth;
in baptism it is a sign of the washing away of our sins
and the gift of life eternal.

Sanctify this water, we pray.
Renew the living spring of your life within us,
that we may be free from sin
and filled with your saving health;
through Christ our Lord.

**All Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
Blessed be God for ever.**

*During the hymn which follows, the servers and ministers process to the Altar, and
the President sprinkles the people with holy water*

**Hymn Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesu, Lord, to thee we raise,
Manifested by the star
To the sages from afar;
Branch of royal David's stem
In thy birth at Bethlehem;
Anthems be to thee address,
God in Man made manifest.**

Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
And at Cana wedding-guest
In thy Godhead manifest;
Manifest in power divine,
Changing water into wine;
Anthems be to thee address,
God in Man made manifest.

Manifest in making whole
Palsied limbs and fainting soul;
Manifest in valiant fight,
Quelling all the devil's might;
Manifest in gracious will,
Ever bringing good from ill;
Anthems be to thee address,
God in Man made manifest

Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,
Mirrored in thy holy word;
May we imitate thee now,
And be pure, as pure art thou;
That we like to thee may be
At thy great Epiphany,
And may praise thee, ever blest,
God in Man made manifest.

Christopher Wordsworth

ST EDMUND, Charles Steggall

Absolution

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

President Glory to God in the highest,
All and peace to his people on earth.
 Lord God, heavenly King,
 almighty God and Father,
 we worship you, we give you thanks,
 we praise you for your glory.
 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
 Lord God, Lamb of God,
 you take away the sin of the world:
 have mercy on us;
 you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
 receive our prayer.
 For you alone are the Holy One,
 you alone are the Lord,
 you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

President Let us pray.

Silence is kept

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling
as your adopted children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who 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

Acts 19: 1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.' Paul said, 'John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.' On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

For the word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

The Gospel

Mark 1: 4-11

Deacon

Alleluia, alleluia.

This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.

All

Alleluia.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please sit

Sermon

The Reverend Canon Michael Everitt

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 worship the Saviour with joy
and make our prayer to our heavenly Father.

Please kneel or sit

After each petition:

 Lord hear us.
All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

At the end:

President Lord Jesus Christ,
 in you the Father makes us and all things new.
 Transform the poverty of our nature
 by the riches of your grace,
 and in the renewal of our lives
 make known your heavenly glory.

All **Amen.**

Please stand

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Peace

President God has made us one in Christ.
 He has set his seal upon us and,
 as a pledge of what is to come,
 has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

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

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

Hymn On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
 Announces that the Lord is nigh;
 Come then and hearken, for he brings
 Glad tidings from the King of kings.

 Then cleansed be every Christian breast,
 And furnished for so great a guest!
 Yea, let us each our hearts prepare
 For Christ to come and enter there.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,
Our refuge and our great reward;
Without thy grace our souls must fade,
And wither like a flower decayed.

Stretch forth thine hand to heal our sore,
And make us rise, to fall no more;
Once more upon thy people shine,
And fill the world with love divine.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee
Whose advent sets thy people free,
Whom, with the Father, we adore,
And Spirit blest, for evermore. Amen.

Adapted from a chorale in
Musicalisches Hand-Buch Hamburg

WINCHESTER NEW, *Charles Coffin*
translated by John Chandler

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.

Father, look upon the face of Jesus Christ your Son,
who gave up his life to set all people free.
From the rising of the sun to its setting,
may your name be great among the nations,
and in every place a pure sacrifice be offered to your glory.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer F

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

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is truly right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

You celebrated your new gift of baptism
in signs and wonders at the Jordan.
Your voice was heard from heaven
to awaken faith in the presence among us
of your Word made flesh.
Your Spirit was seen as a dove,
revealing Jesus as your servant,
and anointing him with the oil of gladness
to preach the good news to the poor.

Therefore, as we celebrate the union of earth and heaven,
we rejoice to echo the song of the angels in heaven
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.**

President Lord God, you are the most holy one,
enthroned in splendour and light,
yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ
you reveal the power of your love
made perfect in our human weakness.

Embracing our humanity,
Jesus showed us the way of salvation;
loving us to the end,
he gave himself to death for us;
dying for his own,
he set us free from the bonds of sin,
that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

On the night he gave up himself for us all
he took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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 Christ is the bread of life:
All **When we eat this bread and drink this cup
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

President Therefore we proclaim the death
that he suffered on the cross,
we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb,
we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high
and we long for his coming in glory.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption,
Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation
be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
form us into the likeness of Christ
and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Look with favour on your people
and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.
Bless the earth, heal the sick,
let the oppressed go free,
and fill your Church with power from on high.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth
to feast with the Blessed Virgin Mary, John the Baptist,
Cuthbert, Bede, and all your saints
at the table in your kingdom,
where the new creation is brought to perfection
in Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

President Let us pray for the coming of God's kingdom
in the words our Saviour 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 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.

Agnus Dei

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.

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.

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.

Please stand as the President approaches the Altar

Prayer after Communion

President Let us pray.

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 the Son of God
perfect in you the image of his glory
and gladden your hearts
with the good news of his kingdom;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Deacon Go in the peace of Christ.
 Thanks be to God.

Please remain standing to sing the hymn

Hymn Hail to the Lord's Anointed!
 Great David's greater Son;
Hail, in the time appointed,
 His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
 To set the captive free;
To take away transgression,
 And rule in equity.

He comes with succour speedy
 To those who suffer wrong;
To help the poor and needy,
 And bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing,
 Their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying,
 Were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers
Upon the fruitful earth,
And love, joy, hope, like flowers,
Spring in his path to birth:
Before him on the mountains
Shall peace the herald go;
And righteousness in fountains
From hill to valley flow.

Kings shall fall down before him,
And gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore him,
His praise all people sing;
To him shall prayer unceasing
And daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing,
A kingdom without end.

O'er every foe victorious,
He on his throne shall rest,
From age to age more glorious,
All-blessing and all-blest:
The tide of time shall never
His covenant remove;
His name shall stand for ever;
That name to us is Love.

*James Montgomery,
based on Psalm 72*

*CRÜGER, adapted by W H Monk
from a chorale by J Crüger*

Voluntary Marche des Rois Mages

Théodore Dubois

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

Morning Prayer with Address is said in the Quire at 11.30 a.m., and Evening Prayer is said in the Quire at 3.30 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 in the North Transept. These services are not live-streamed.

At 5.30 p.m., **Evening Prayer** is said in the Quire on Monday, and **Choral Evensong** is sung in the Quire from Tuesday to Saturday (live-streamed from Monday to Friday).

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

Next Sunday— The Second Sunday of Epiphany: **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., and **Choral Evensong** is said in the Quire at 3.30 p.m.

Epiphany Procession: Sunday 21 January at 3.30 p.m.

You are warmly invited to join us at the Cathedral for a special service to celebrate the season of Epiphany. The service involves beautiful choral music, readings, and prayers, which dramatically draw together the three manifestations of Christ's glory—the visit of the Magi, the revelation of the Holy Trinity at the baptism in the river Jordan, and the turning of water into wine at a wedding in Cana—as the choir, clergy, and congregation process around the Cathedral. This is a truly 'Durham' service, and is not to be missed!

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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