



# DURHAM CATHEDRAL

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**Matins**

*on*

**The Third Sunday of Epiphany**

Sunday 21 January 2024

11.30 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.

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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**Voluntary**      Alla sarabanda (Phantasy Quintet)    *Ralph Vaughan Williams*

*Please stand at the entrance of the Choir and ministers*

**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.

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*

*Adapted by W. H. Monk  
from a chorale by J Crüger*

## **Welcome and Introduction**

*The Reverend Canon Professor Simon Oliver*

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*

Praise the Lord, ye servants :  
    O praise the Name of the Lord.  
Blessed be the Name of the Lord :  
    from this time forth for evermore.  
The Lord's Name is praised :  
    from the rising up of the sun  
    Unto the going down of the same.  
The Lord is high above all heathen :  
    and his glory above the heavens.  
Who is like unto the Lord our God  
    that hath his dwelling so high :  
    and yet humbleth himself  
    to behold the things that are in heaven and earth?  
He taketh up the simple out of the dust :  
    and lifteth the poor out of the mire;  
That he may set him with the princes :  
    even with the princes of his people.  
He maketh the barren woman to keep house :  
    and to be a joyful mother of children.

*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 word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, 'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

*After a short silence, please stand with the Choir*

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.

## Second Lesson

John 3: 16-21

‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.’

*After a short silence, please stand with the Choir*

## Jubilate Deo

*Matthew Martin: Jubilate*

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 Third Sunday of Epiphany*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
mercifully look upon our infirmities,  
and in all our dangers and necessities  
stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 so loved the world                      *sung by the Choir*

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that  
whoso believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.  
For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but  
that the world through him might be saved.

*John 3: 16-17*

*John Stainer*

**Sermon**                      *The Reverend Canon Professor Simon Oliver*

*Please stand*

## Hymn

The race that long in darkness pined  
Have seen a glorious light;  
The people dwell in day, who dwelt  
In death's surrounding night.

To hail thy rise, thou better Sun,  
The gathering nations come,  
Joyous as when the reapers bear  
The harvest-treasures home.

To us a Child of hope is born,  
To us a Son is given;  
Him shall the tribes of earth obey,  
Him all the hosts of heaven.

His name shall be the Prince of Peace,  
For evermore adored;  
The Wonderful, the Counsellor,  
The great and mighty Lord.

His power increasing still shall spread;  
His reign no end shall know;  
Justice shall guard his throne above,  
And peace abound below.

*John Morison based on Isaiah 9: 2-7*

DUNDEE, *Melody from the Scottish Psalter*  
*as set in Ravencroft's Psalter*

*Please remain standing*

## The Blessing

Minister

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.

Choir

Amen.

**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!

***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 **Evensong** is sung in the Quire from Tuesday to Friday (live-streamed).

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

Next Sunday—The Third 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 sung in the Quire at 3.30 p.m.

## **Student Evensong**

Students are welcome to attend Evensong any time but we extend a particular welcome to students 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. Food will be served in the Prior's Hall at 6.15 p.m. and people will be free to go any time. For those who want to stay, especially those who are preparing for Baptism and/or Confirmation, at 7.15 p.m. we will offer a short study session in the Solarium on a key area of Christian faith.

### **Farewell to the Bishop of Durham: Saturday 27 January at 4.30 p.m.**

You are warmly invited to a Service of Thanksgiving and Farewell at Durham Cathedral on Saturday 27 January 2024 at 4.30 p.m., at which we thank God for, and formally take our leave of, Paul Butler, Bishop of Durham. Tickets are not required. We hope to see you there for this special act of worship which will include warm tributes to Paul and Rosemary.

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Thank you!



## **Lent Talks 2023: The Practice of Prayer**

This Lent, you are warmly invited to Durham Cathedral as we host a series of talks around the theme of the practice of prayer. Each talk will be given by an expert in their field who will explore a different aspect of prayer, concluding with a short time of prayer on that theme.

The talks will connect a biblical passage or theme with both contemporary culture and the practice of prayer. The talks will be accessible to those exploring faith as well as those who are more experienced in prayer. All are welcome.

18 February: *Looking in the Mirror: Prayer and Self-Reflection*

The Very Reverend Dr Philip Plyming, Dean of Durham

25 February: *Loving It: Prayer and Desire*

Canon Dr Jocelyn Bryan, Lecturer in Psychology and Christian Ministry

3 March: *Wising Up: Prayer and Study*

The Reverend Canon Professor Simon Oliver,

Van Mildert Professor of Divinity

10 March: *Denying our Bodies?: Prayer and Lifestyle*

The Right Reverend Dr Helen-Ann Hartley, Bishop of Newcastle

17 March (Passion Sunday): *Owning Up: Prayer and Penitence*

The Venerable Bob Cooper, Archdeacon of Sunderland

24 March (Palm Sunday): *Keeping Quiet: Prayer and Silence*

The Right Reverend Sarah Clark, Bishop of Jarrow

Where and when: 4.30 p.m. — 5.00 p.m., the Quire, Durham Cathedral (entry via the main door). The talks will follow on from Evensong which starts at 3.30 p.m.; however, all are welcome whether or not you attend Evensong. The talks are free and no tickets are required.

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