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Evensong

on

The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

Sunday 28 January 2024

3.30 p.m.

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Voluntary *Wie schön leucht' uns der Morgenstern*
(No. 44 from 66 Choral-Improvisationen)

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

This service is sung by the Durham Cathedral Consort of Singers

Please stand at the entry of the Choir and ministers

Hymn O Trinity of blessed light,
 O Unity of primal might,
 The fiery sun now goes his way,
 Shed thou within our hearts thy ray.

To thee our morning song of praise,
To thee our evening prayer we raise,
Thy glory, suppliant, we adore,
For ever and for evermore.

O Trinity, O Unity,
Thou help of man's infirmity,
Protect us through the hours of night,
Who art our everlasting light.

To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Let glory, praise and worship be
From age to age eternally. Amen.

Latin, Tr J.M. Neale

ILLSEY, John Bishop

Welcome and Introduction

The Reverend Canon Michael Everitt

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 **The almighty and merciful Lord**
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

Richard Lloyd

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

Psalm 34

sung by the Choir

I will alway give thanks unto the Lord :

his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

My soul shall make her boast in the Lord :

the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

O praise the Lord with me :

and let us magnify his Name together.

I sought the Lord, and he heard me :

yea, he delivered me out of all my fear.

They had an eye unto him, and were lightened :

and their faces were not ashamed.

Lo, the poor crieth, and the Lord heareth him :

yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him:

and delivereth them.

O taste, and see, how gracious the Lord is :

blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

O fear the Lord, ye that are his saints :
for they that fear him lack nothing.
The lions do lack, and suffer hunger :
but they who seek the Lord
shall want no manner of thing that is good.
Come, ye children, and hearken unto me :
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
What man is he that lusteth to live :
and would fain see good days?
Keep thy tongue from evil :
and thy lips, that they speak no guile.
Eschew evil, and do good :
seek peace, and ensue it.
The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous :
and his ears are open unto their prayers.
The countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil :
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them :
and delivereth them out of all their troubles.
The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart :
and will save such as be of an humble spirit.
Great are the troubles of the righteous :
but the Lord delivereth him out of all.
He keepeth all his bones :
so that not one of them is broken.
But misfortune shall slay the ungodly :
and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.
The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants :
and all they that put their trust in him
shall not be destitute.

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

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." ' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.' Then the LORD said to Samuel, 'See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfil against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house for ever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering for ever.'

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, 'Samuel, my son.' He said, 'Here I am.' Eli said, 'What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.' So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, 'It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him.'

As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.

After a short silence, all stand with the Choir

Magnificat

Thomas Tertius Noble in A minor

My soul doth magnify the Lord :
And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded :
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth :
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me :
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him :
throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm :
he hath scattered the proud
in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat :
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things :
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant
Israel : as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed for ever.
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

So with yourselves; since you are eager for spiritual gifts, strive to excel in them for building up the church.

Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray for the power to interpret. For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unproductive. What should I do then? I will pray with the spirit, but I will pray with the mind also; I will sing praise with the spirit, but I will sing praise with the mind also. Otherwise, if you say a blessing with the spirit, how can anyone in the position of an outsider say the 'Amen' to your thanksgiving, since the outsider does not know what you are saying? For you may give thanks well enough, but the other person is not built up. I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you; nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind, in order to instruct others also, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

Brothers and sisters, do not be children in your thinking; rather, be infants in evil, but in thinking be adults.

After a short silence, all stand with the Choir

Nunc dimittis

Thomas Tertius Noble in A minor

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :
according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation :
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people.
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
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 remain standing

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

Richard Lloyd

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

O God, who knowest us to be set in the midst
of so many and great dangers,
that by reason of the frailty of our nature
we cannot always stand upright:
Grant to us such strength and protection,
as may support us in all dangers,
and carry us through all temptations;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect for peace

O God, from whom all holy desires,
all good counsels, and all just works do proceed:
give unto thy servants that peace
which the world cannot give;
that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments,
and also that by thee
we being defended from the fear of our enemies
may pass our time in rest and quietness;
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

The Collect for aid against all perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee O Lord;
and by thy great mercy
defend us from all perils and dangers of this night;
for the love of thy only Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Please sit

Anthem	The Magi's dream	<i>sung by the Choir</i>
	Night has come to Bethlehem, The family is asleep Exhausted by the wonders seen, The news outrageous, deep 'That I may come and worship him.'	

Ox, and ass have closed their eyes,
Their ears now hear no sound
Shepherds have gone back to their flocks,
The mouse still noses around.
'That I may come and worship him.'

Kings have left for their distant lands,
Fractious camels moan.
At a desert spring they make their farewells.
'It's a mighty way to home!'
'That I may come and worship him.'

Later that night their heads are filled
with a dream-drenched holy ray.
'Do not return to Herod the king,
Go back another way.'
'That I may come and worship him.'

And so our Christ is saved from death
His mission to complete
To change the world by selfless love
Satan's legions to beat.

Robert Tear

James Whitbourn

Please kneel

Prayers and the Grace

The Reverend Canon Michael Everitt

Please stand

Hymn

We have a gospel to proclaim,
Good news for all in all the earth,
The gospel of a Saviour's name:
We sing his glory, tell his worth.

Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,
Not in a royal house or hall,
But in a stable dark and dim:
The Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of his death at Calvary,
Hated by those he came to save,
In lonely suffering on the cross:
For all he loved, his life he gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn,
Empty the tomb, for he was free:
He broke the power of death and hell
That we might share his victory.

Tell of his reign at God's right hand,
By all creation glorified:
He sends his Spirit on his Church,
To live for him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel message we proclaim
We sing his glory, tell his worth.

Edward Burns

FULDA, William Gardiner in Sacred Melodies, 1815

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.

Voluntary Finale in D

Thomas Tertius Noble

We are grateful to the Durham Cathedral Consort of Singers for singing at this service

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, except on Friday when it is celebrated at the High Altar for the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas). These services are not live-streamed.

At 5.30 p.m., **Evensong** is sung in the Quire from Monday to Saturday, except on Friday, when we celebrate the Sung Eucharist for the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, also known as Candlemas (live-streamed Monday to Friday).

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

Next Sunday—The Second Sunday before Lent: **Holy Communion** (BCP) is celebrated at 8.00 a.m., the **Sung Eucharist** is celebrated at 10.00 a.m., **Matins** is sung in the Quire at 11.30 a.m., and **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.

The Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple: Candlemas

On Thursday 1 February, on the Eve of Candlemas, join us for a special service of Evensong at 5.30 p.m. with a procession and, on Friday 2 February at 5.30 p.m., the Cathedral will be awash with candle flame as we celebrate this principal feast—a day of holy obligation. Please join us for a choral celebration of the Eucharist when candles will be blessed for you to take home and use on special occasions. Beautiful music, the preaching of the Word, incense and candlelight as we draw our celebration of the season of incarnation to a close.

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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