



DURHAM CATHEDRAL

THE SHRINE OF ST CUTHBERT

Evensong

on

The Sunday Next before Lent

The Sunday called Quinquagesima

*sung by Durham Cathedral Choir with the Junior Consort
and the Choirs of the Colleges of Durham University*

Sunday 11 February 2024

3.30 p.m.

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At 3.30 p.m., the congregation stands at the entry of the Choir, the Chaplains and Heads of the Colleges, the Vice-Chancellor and Warden, and the cathedral ministers

During the opening hymn, the Dean escorts the Vice-Chancellor and Warden to her official seat in the Cathedral

Hymn

Light's abode, celestial Salem,
Vision whence true peace doth spring,
Brighter than the heart can fancy,
Mansion of the highest King;
O how glorious are the praises
Which of thee the prophets sing!

There for ever and for ever
Alleluia is outpoured;
For unending, for unbroken
Is the feast-day of the Lord;
All is pure and all is holy
That within thy walls is stored.

There no cloud or passing vapour
Dims the brightness of the air;
Endless noon-day, glorious noon-day,
From the Sun of suns is there;
There no night brings rest from labour,
For unknown are toil and care.

O how glorious and resplendent,
Fragile body, shalt thou be,
When endued with so much beauty,
Full of health and strong and free,
Full of vigour, full of pleasure
That shall last eternally!

Now with gladness, now with courage,
Bear the burden on thee laid,
That hereafter these thy labours
May with endless gifts be paid;
And in everlasting glory
Thou with joy may'st be arrayed.

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 15th century
Translated by John Mason Neale

REGENT SQUARE, *Henry Smart*

Please remain standing

Welcome and Introduction

The Very Reverend Dr Philip Plming
Dean of Durham

Preces

Thomas Tomkins

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.

Please sit

Psalm 2

sung by the choirs

Why do the heathen so furiously rage together :
and why do the people imagine a vain thing?
The kings of the earth stand up,
and the rulers take counsel together :
against the Lord, and against his Anointed.
Let us break their bonds asunder :
and cast away their cords from us.
He that dwelleth in heaven shall laugh them to scorn :
the Lord shall have them in derision.
Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath :
and vex them in his sore displeasure.
Yet have I set my King :
upon my holy hill of Sion.
I will preach the law, whereof the Lord hath said unto me :
Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.
Desire of me, and I shall give thee
the heathen for thine inheritance :
and the utmost parts of the earth for thy possession.
Thou shalt bruise them with a rod of iron :
and break them in pieces like a potter's vessel.
Be wise now therefore, O ye kings :
be learned, ye that are judges of the earth.
Serve the Lord in fear :
and rejoice unto him with reverence.
Kiss the Son, lest he be angry,
and so ye perish from the right way :
if his wrath be kindled, (yea, but a little,)
blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

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

First Lesson

1 Kings 19: 1-12

*read by Professor Karen O'Brien
Vice-Chancellor and Warden
Durham University*

The First Lesson is written in the First Book of Kings, Chapter 19, beginning to read at the 1st verse

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, 'So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.' Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: 'It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, 'Get up and eat.' He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, 'Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.' He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'

He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting

mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.

Here ends the First Lesson.

After a short silence, all stand with the choirs

Magnificat

Edward Bairstow in D

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

Second Lesson

2 Peter 1: 16-end

read by Lily Collis

Undergraduate, University College

The Second Lesson is written in the Second Epistle of St Peter, Chapter 1, beginning to read at the 16th verse.

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Here ends the Second Lesson.

After a short silence, all stand with the choirs

Nunc dimittis

Edward Bairstow in D

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

Thomas Tomkins

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 Sunday called Quinquagesima (the Next Sunday before Lent)

O Lord, who hast taught us
that all our doings without charity are nothing worth:
Send thy Holy Ghost,
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity,
the very bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whosoever liveth
is counted dead before thee.
Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. 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 How beauteous are their feet *sung by the choirs*

How beauteous are their feet
Who stand on Sion's hill,
Who bring salvation on their tongues,
And words of peace instil!

How happy are our ears
That hear this joyful sound,
Which kings and prophets waited for,
And sought, but never found!

How blessed are our eyes
That see this heav'nly light!
Prophets and kings desired it long,
But died without the sight.

The Lord makes bare his arm
Through all the earth abroad;
Let ev'ry nation now behold
Their Saviour and their God.

Isaac Watts

Charles Villiers Stanford

Prayers and the Grace

*The Reverend Canon Gavin Wort
University Lead Chaplain*

Let us pray.

Please kneel or remain seated for the prayers

**All The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
 and the love of God
 and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
 be with us all evermore.
 Amen.**

Sermon

The Very Reverend Dr Philip Plyming

Please stand

Hymn

Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

Crown him the Virgin's Son,
The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won
Which now his brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic Rose,
As of that Rose the Stem;
The root whence mercy ever flows,
The Babe of Bethlehem.

Crown him the Lord of love!
Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds yet visible above
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
Whose power a sceptre sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
Absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end,
And round his piercèd feet
Fair flowers of Paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime.
Glassed in a sea of light,
Where everlasting waves
Reflect his throne - the Infinite!
Who lives — and loves — and saves.

The Blessing

The Dean

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.

All Amen.

Voluntary Laudes

Francis Pott

At 5.15 p.m. today in the Chapel of the Nine Altars here at the Cathedral, Durham Cathedral Consort of Singers performs a recital of sacred music which lasts approximately one hour. Seats are free of charge with a retiring collection afterwards.

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 Wednesday when it is celebrated at the High Altar for Ash Wednesday. 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 on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday (live-streamed Monday to Friday).*

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

*On Wednesday we mark the beginning of Lent with the observance of **Ash Wednesday**. At 7.30 a.m., Holy Communion (BCP) is celebrated in the Feretory. The Imposition of Ashes can be received at the said service of Holy Communion at 12.30 p.m. and at the Sung Eucharist at 5.30 p.m.*

*Next Sunday — The First Sunday of Lent: **Holy Communion** (BCP) is celebrated at 8.00 a.m., the **Sung Eucharist** is celebrated at 10.00 a.m. sung by the Chapel Choir of University College, **Morning Prayer with Address** is said in the Quire at 11.30 a.m., and **Evensong** is sung in the Quire at 3.30 p.m. also sung by Castle Choir, which is followed by the first in our series of Lent Talks (see overleaf for details).*

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.

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.

Celebrating St Cuthbert 2024

We are looking forward to celebrating St Cuthbert, our patron saint whose shrine church this is. We will sing a special service of Evensong with a Procession to the Shrine on **Friday 15 March at 6.00 p.m.** The service is sung by Durham Cathedral Choir and the preacher is the Dean of Durham, the Very Reverend Dr Philip Plyming. We very much hope you will be with us on this special day which epitomises so much of what Durham Cathedral stands for. Please bring guests with you too. All congregational seating is unreserved. The service will last about one hour and drinks will be served in the Cloisters afterwards. On **Saturday 16 March**, during the day, there will be family activities in the Cathedral on the theme of St Cuthbert. There will also be a pilgrimage from St Mary's and St Cuthbert's Church, Chester-le-Street, starting at 10.00 a.m. Pilgrims may prefer to join the pilgrimage from Finchale Priory at 1.15 p.m. You can get to Chester-le-Street by train or Finchale Priory by bus from Durham County Hall which will leave County Hall at 12.30 p.m. (Cars may be parked at County Hall free of charge that day.) The bus to Finchale costs £6 and can be booked here:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/finchale-camino-annual-pilgrimage-2024-tickets-803085509377

And, at 4.00 p.m., there will be a celebration of the Eucharist in honour of St Cuthbert sung by Durham Cathedral Choir and Newcastle Cathedral Choir at which the preacher is the new Dean of Newcastle, the Very Reverend Lee Batson. You are welcome to attend and sit in the congregation. Seats are free for all and you don't need to tell us if you are coming.

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