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THE SHRINE OF ST CUTHBERT

Evensong

on

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday 10 March 2024

3.30 p.m.

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Voluntary Andante tranquillo (from Sonata III) *Felix Mendelssohn*

Please stand at the entry of the Choir and ministers

Hymn Now thank we all our God,
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours to-day.

O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The One eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore. Amen.

*German, Martin Rinkart,
translated by Catherine Winkworth*

NUN DANKET, *Melody in J Crüger's
Praxis Pietatis Melica c 1647;
harmony chiefly from Felix Mendelssohn's
Lobgesang 1840*

Welcome and Introduction

The Very Reverend Dr Philip Plyming

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

Matthew Martin

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 13

sung by the Choir

How long wilt thou forget me, O Lord, for ever :
how long wilt thou hide thy face from me?
How long shall I seek counsel in my soul,
and be so vexed in my heart :
how long shall mine enemies triumph over me?

Consider, and hear me, O Lord my God :
 lighten mine eyes, that I sleep not in death.
Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him :
 for if I be cast down, they that trouble me will rejoice at it.
But my trust is in thy mercy :
 and my heart is joyful in thy salvation.
I will sing of the Lord,
 because he hath dealt so lovingly with me :
 yea, I will praise the Name of the Lord most Highest.
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.

Psalm 14

sung by the Choir

The fool hath said in his heart : There is no God.
They are corrupt, and become abominable in their doings :
 there is none that doeth good, no not one.
The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men :
 to see if there were any that would understand,
 and seek after God.
But they are all gone out of the way,
 they are altogether become abominable :
 there is none that doeth good, no not one.
Their throat is an open sepulchre,
 with their tongues have they deceived :
 the poison of asps is under their lips.
Their mouth is full of cursing and bitterness :
 their feet are swift to shed blood.
Destruction and unhappiness is in their ways,
 and the way of peace have they not known :
 there is no fear of God before their eyes.
Have they no knowledge,
 that they are all such workers of mischief :
 eating up my people as it were bread,
 and call not upon the Lord?

There were they brought in great fear,
even where no fear was :
for God is in the generation of the righteous.
As for you,
ye have made a mock at the counsel of the poor :
because he putteth his trust in the Lord.
Who shall give salvation unto Israel out of Sion?
When the Lord turneth the captivity of his people :
then shall Jacob rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

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

Exodus 6: 2-13

God also spoke to Moses and said to him: 'I am the LORD. I appeared to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as God Almighty, but by my name "The LORD" I did not make myself known to them. I also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land in which they resided as aliens. I have also heard the groaning of the Israelites, whom the Egyptians are holding as slaves, and I have remembered my covenant. Say therefore to the Israelites, "I am the LORD, and I will free you from the burdens of the Egyptians and deliver you from slavery to them. I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgement. I will take you as my people, and I will be your God. You shall know that I am the LORD your God, who has freed you from the burdens of the Egyptians. I will bring you into the land that I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; I will give it to you for a possession. I am the LORD." ' Moses told this to the Israelites; but they would not listen to Moses, because of their broken spirit and their cruel slavery.

Then the LORD spoke to Moses, 'Go and tell Pharaoh king of Egypt to let the Israelites go out of his land.' But Moses spoke to the LORD, 'The Israelites have not listened to me; how then shall Pharaoh listen to me, poor speaker that I am?' Thus the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, and gave them orders regarding the Israelites and Pharaoh king of Egypt, charging them to free the Israelites from the land of Egypt.

After a short silence, all stand with the Choir

Magnificat

Charles Villiers Stanford in B flat

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

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

After a short silence, all stand with the Choir

Nunc dimittis

Charles Villiers Stanford in B flat

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

Matthew Martin

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 Fourth Sunday in Lent

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God,
that we, who for our evil deeds
do worthily deserve to be punished,
by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Collect for the First Day of Lent (commonly called Ash Wednesday)

Almighty and everlasting God,
who hatest nothing that thou hast made,
and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent:
Create and make in us new and contrite hearts,
that we worthily lamenting our sins,
and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
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

Hear my prayer, O Lord

sung by the Choir

Hear my prayer, O God, incline Thine ear!
Thyself from my petition do not hide.
Take heed to me! Hear how in prayer I mourn to Thee,
Without Thee all is dark, I have no guide.
The enemy shouteth, The godless come fast!

Iniquity, hatred, upon me they cast!
The wicked oppress me, Ah where shall I fly?
Perplexed and bewildered, O God, hear my cry!
My heart is sorely pained, within my breast,
my soul with deathly terror is oppressed,
trembling and fearfulness upon me fall,
with horror overwhelmed, Lord, hear me call,
O for the wings, for the wings of a dove!
Far away, far away would I rove!
In the wilderness build me a nest,
and remain there for ever at rest.

*Derived from Psalm 55**Felix Mendelssohn**Please kneel***Prayers and the Grace***The Very Reverend Dr Philip Plyming**Please stand***Hymn**

The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight
Thy unction grace bestoweth:
And O what transport of delight
From thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house for ever.

Henry Baker

DOMINUS REGIT ME, *John Bacchus Dykes*

The Blessing

Minister Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;
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

Con moto maestoso (Sonata III)

Felix Mendelssohn

After this service, at 4.30 p.m. here in the Quire, the fourth of our Lent Talks will be given by The Right Reverend Dr Helen-Ann Hartley, Bishop of Newcastle. You are welcome to stay to hear this talk which will end at approximately 5.00 p.m.

At 5.15 p.m. today, a recital of music for organ and clarinet is given by Joseph Beech and Simon Lee in aid of Durham Cathedral Choir Association. Seats are free and there is a retiring collection.

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 (in the Feretory on Tuesday). 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 Thursday (live-streamed Monday to Thursday). Special arrangements in place for St Cuthbert on Friday and Saturday. See below.

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

Next Sunday—The Fifth Sunday of 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., which is followed by the fifth in our series of Lent Talks (see overleaf for details).

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 Plymington. 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.

Lent Talks 2024: 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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