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Matins

on

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday 10 March 2024

11.30 a.m.

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Voluntary Improvisation (from Trois Pièces)

Nadia Boulanger

Please stand at the entrance of the Choir and ministers

Hymn

The God of love my Shepherd is,
And he that doth me feed;
While he is mine and I am his,
What can I want or need?

He leads me to the tender grass,
Where I both feed and rest;
Then to the streams that gently pass:
In both I have the best.

Or if I stray, he doth convert,
And bring my mind in frame,
And all this not for my desert,
But for his holy name.

Yea, in death's shady black abode
Well may I walk, not fear;
For thou art with me, and thy rod
To guide, thy staff to bear.

Surely thy sweet and wondrous love
Shall measure all my days;
And as it never shall remove
So neither shall my praise.

George Herbert

UNIVERSITY, *From John Randall's*
Psalms & Hymn Tunes

Admission of Choristers

The Reverend Canon Michael Hampel

Please sit

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 27

sung by the Choir

The Lord is my light, and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear :
the Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?
When the wicked, even mine enemies, and my foes,
came upon me to eat up my flesh :
they stumbled and fell.
Though an host of men were laid against me,
yet shall not my heart be afraid :
and though there rose up war against me,
yet will I put my trust in him.
One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require :
even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to behold the fair beauty of the Lord,
and to visit his temple.

For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle :
yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me,
and set me up upon a rock of stone.
And now shall he lift up mine head :
above mine enemies round about me.
Therefore will I offer in his dwelling
an oblation with great gladness :
I will sing, and speak praises unto the Lord.
Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto thee :
have mercy upon me, and hear me.
My heart hath talked of thee, Seek ye my face :
Thy face, Lord, will I seek.
O hide not thou thy face from me :
nor cast thy servant away in displeasure.
Thou hast been my succour :
leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.
When my father and my mother forsake me :
the Lord taketh me up.
Teach me thy way, O Lord :
and lead me in the right way, because of mine enemies.
Deliver me not over into the will of mine adversaries :
for there are false witnesses risen up against me,
and such as speak wrong.
I should utterly have fainted :
but that I believe verily to see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.
O tarry thou the Lord's leisure :
be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart;
and put thou thy trust in the Lord.

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 LORD said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the LORD said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the LORD." Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.' Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD.' But the LORD said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.' Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the LORD chosen this one.' Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the LORD chosen this one.' Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The LORD has not chosen any of these.' Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.' He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

After a short silence, please stand with the Choir

O all ye Works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord :
 praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord :
 praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Heavens, bless ye the Lord :
 praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Waters that be above the Firmament, bless ye the Lord :
 praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O all ye Powers of the Lord, bless ye the Lord :
 praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Sun and Moon, bless ye the Lord :
 praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Stars of Heaven, bless ye the Lord :
 praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Showers and Dew, bless ye the Lord :
 praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Winds of God, bless ye the Lord :
 praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Fire and Heat, bless ye the Lord :
 praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Winter and Summer, bless ye the Lord :
 praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Dews and Frosts, bless ye the Lord :
 praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Frost and Cold, bless ye the Lord :
 praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Ice and Snow, bless ye the Lord :
 praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Nights and Days, bless ye the Lord :
 praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Light and Darkness, bless ye the Lord :
 praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Lightnings and Clouds, bless ye the Lord :
 praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O let the Earth bless the Lord :
 yea, let it praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Mountains and hills, bless ye the Lord :
 praise him, and magnify him for ever.
 O all ye Green Things upon the Earth, bless ye the Lord :
 praise him, and magnify him for ever.
 O ye Wells, bless ye the Lord :
 praise him, and magnify him for ever.
 O ye Seas and Floods, bless ye the Lord :
 praise him, and magnify him for ever.
 O ye Whales, and all that move in the Waters,
 bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him for ever.
 O all ye Fowls of the Air, bless ye the Lord :
 praise him, and magnify him for ever.
 O all ye Beasts and Cattle, bless ye the Lord :
 praise him, and magnify him for ever.
 O ye Children of Men, bless ye the Lord :
 praise him, and magnify him for ever.
 O let Israel bless the Lord :
 praise him, and magnify him for ever.
 O ye Priests of the Lord, bless ye the Lord :
 praise him, and magnify him for ever.
 O ye Servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord :
 praise him, and magnify him for ever.
 O ye Spirits and Souls of the Righteous, bless ye the Lord :
 praise him and magnify him for ever.
 O ye holy and humble Men of heart, bless ye the Lord :
 praise him, and magnify him for ever.
 O Ananias, Azarias, and Misael, bless ye the Lord :
 praise him, and magnify him 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

As he walked along, Jesus saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' Jesus answered, 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' Some were saying, 'It is he.' Others were saying, 'No, but it is someone like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.' But they kept asking him, 'Then how were your eyes opened?' He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." Then I went and washed and received my sight.' They said to him, 'Where is he?' He said, 'I do not know.'

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.' Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?' And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.' He said, 'He is a prophet.'

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, 'Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?' His parents answered, 'We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.' His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.'

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, 'Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.' He answered, 'I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.'

After a short silence, please stand with the Choir

Benedictus

Charles Villiers Stanford: Benedictus in B flat

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel :
 for he hath visited and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us :
 in the house of his servant David.
As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets :
 which have been since the world began;
That we should be saved from our enemies :
 and from the hands of all that hate us;
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers :
 and to remember his holy covenant;
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather
 Abraham : that he would give us;
That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies :
 might serve him without fear;
In holiness and righteousness before him :
 all the days of our life.
And thou, Child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest :
 for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord
 to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people :
 for the remission of their sins,
Through the tender mercy of our God :
 whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness,
 and in the shadow of death :
 and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
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

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 of 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, 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

A litany

sung by the Choir

Drop, drop, slow tears,
And bathe those beauteous feet,
Which brought from heaven
The news and Prince of Peace

Cease not, wet eyes,
His mercies to entreat;
To cry for vengeance
Sin doth never cease.

In your deep flood
Drown all my faults and fears;
Nor let his eye
See sin, but though my tears.

*Phineas Fletcher**William Walton***Sermon***The Reverend Canon Charlie Allen**Please stand***Hymn**

Let saints on earth in concert sing
With those whose work is done;
For all the servants of our King
In heaven and earth are one.

One family, we dwell in him,
One Church, above, beneath;
Though now divided by the stream,
The narrow stream of death.

One army of the living God,
To his command we bow:
Part of the host have crossed the flood,
And part are crossing now.

E'en now to their eternal home
There pass some spirits blest;
While others to the margin come,
Waiting their call to rest.

Jesus, be thou our constant guide;
Then, when the word is given,
Bid Jordan's narrow stream divide,
And bring us safe to heaven.

Charles Wesley

DUNDEE. *Melody form the Scottish Psalter
as set in Ravenscroft's Psalmes*

Please remain standing

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 Psalm Prelude Set 2, No. 1

Herbert Howells

At 3.30 p.m., Evensong is sung in the Quire after which the fourth in our series of Lent Talks is given by The Right Reverend Dr Helen-Ann Hartley, Bishop of Newcastle (see over for more details).

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 overleaf.

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).

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. 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:

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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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