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Matins

on

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Passion Sunday

Sunday 17 March 2024

11.30 a.m.

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Voluntary Prelude in F minor Op. 7, No. 2

Marcel Dupré

Please stand at the entrance of the Choir and ministers

Hymn We sing the praise of him who died,
 Of him who died upon the cross;
The sinner's hope let men deride,
 For this we count the world but loss.

Inscribed upon the Cross we see
 In shining letters, 'God is love';
He bears our sins upon the Tree;
 He brings us mercy from above.

The Cross! it takes our guilt away;
 It holds the fainting spirit up;
It cheers with hope the gloomy day,
 And sweetens ev'ry bitter cup.

It makes the coward spirit brave,
 And nerves the feeble arm for fight;
It takes its terror from the grave,
 And gilds the bed of death with light;

The balm of life, the cure of woe,
 The measure and the pledge of love,
The sinner's refuge here below,
 The angels' theme in heaven above.

Thomas Kelly

BOW BRICKHILL, Sydney Nicholson

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

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious :
and his mercy endureth for ever.
Let them give thanks whom the Lord hath redeemed :
and delivered from the hand of the enemy;
And gathered them out of the lands,
from the east, and from the west :
from the north, and from the south.
They went astray in the wilderness out of the way :
and found no city to dwell in;
Hungry and thirsty : their soul fainted in them.
So they cried unto the Lord in their trouble :
and he delivered them from their distress.
He led them forth by the right way :
that they might go to the city where they dwelt.
O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness :
and declare the wonders that he doeth
for the children of men!
For he satisfieth the empty soul :
and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.
Such as sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death :
being fast bound in misery and iron;
Because they rebelled against the words of the Lord :
and lightly regarded the counsel of the most Highest;
He also brought down their heart through heaviness :
they fell down, and there was none to help them.
So when they cried unto the Lord in their trouble :
he delivered them out of their distress.
For he brought them out of darkness,
and out of the shadow of death :
and brake their bonds in sunder.
O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness :
and declare the wonders that he doeth
for the children of men !
For he hath broken the gates of brass :
and smitten the bars of iron in sunder.
Foolish men are plagued for their offence :
and because of their wickedness.

Their soul abhorred all manner of meat :
and they were even hard at death's door.
So when they cried unto the Lord in their trouble :
he delivered them out of their distress.
He sent his word, and healed them :
and they were saved from their destruction.
O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness :
and declare the wonders that he doeth
for the children of men!
That they would offer unto him the sacrifice of thanksgiving :
and tell out his works with gladness!

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 24: 3-8

Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord and all the ordinances; and all the people answered with one voice, and said, 'All the words that the Lord has spoken we will do.' And Moses wrote down all the words of the Lord. He rose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and set up twelve pillars, corresponding to the twelve tribes of Israel. He sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt-offerings and sacrificed oxen as offerings of well-being to the Lord. Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he dashed against the altar. Then he took the book of the covenant, and read it in the hearing of the people; and they said, 'All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient.' Moses took the blood and dashed it on the people, and said, 'See the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words.'

After a short silence, please stand with the Choir

How doth the city sit solitary, that was full of people :
 how is she become as a widow.
She that was great among the nations,
 and princess among the provinces :
 how is she become tributary!
She weepeth sore in the night, and her tears are on her cheeks :
 among all her lovers she hath none to comfort her.
The ways of Zion do mourn,
 because none come to the solemn assembly :
 all her gates are desolate, and she herself is in bitterness.
The Lord hath afflicted her
 for the multitude of her transgressions :
 her children are gone into captivity before the enemy.
All they that go by clap their hands at her :
 they hiss and wag their head at the daughter of Jerusalem,
 saying,
Is this the city that men called The perfection of beauty :
 The joy of the whole earth?

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return unto the Lord thy God.

For these things I weep :
 Mine eye runneth down with water.
From on high hath the Lord sent fire into my bones,
 and it prevaieth against them :
 he hath made me desolate and faint all the day.
My flesh and my skin hath he made old :
 he hath broken my bones.
He hath builded against me :
 and compassed me with gall and travail.
He hath made me to dwell in dark places :
 as those that have been long dead.
I am become a derision to all my people :
 and their song all the day.
Let him give his cheek to him that smiteth him :
 let him be filled full with reproach.
Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? :
 behold and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow.
Remember mine affliction and my misery :
 the wormwood and the gall.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return unto the Lord thy God.

Remember, O Lord, what is come upon us :

 behold and see our reproach.

The joy of our heart is ceased :

 our dance is turned into mourning.

The crown is fallen from our head :

 woe unto us for we have sinned.

For this our heart is faint :

 for these things our eyes are dim.

Let us search and try our ways :

 and turn again unto the Lord.

Turn thou us unto thee, O Lord, and we shall be turned :

 renew our days as of old.

It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed :

 because his compassions fail not.

They are new every morning :

 great is thy faithfulness.

The Lord is my portion, saith my soul :

 therefore will I hope in him.

O Lord, thou hast pleaded the causes of my soul :

 thou hast redeemed my life.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return unto the Lord thy God.

Please sit

Second Lesson

Hebrews 12: 18-end

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.' Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.') But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, 'Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.' This phrase 'Yet once more' indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

After a short silence, please stand with the Choir

Benedictus

Edward Elgar: Benedictus in F

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

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 Fifth Sunday of Lent

We beseech thee, Almighty God,
mercifully to look upon thy people;
that by thy great goodness
they may be governed and preserved evermore,
both in body and soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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 Were you there? *sung by the Choir*

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble!
Were you there when they nailed him to the Tree?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they rolled the stone away?

Spiritual, arranged by Richard Lloyd

Sermon *The Reverend Canon Professor Simon Oliver*

Please stand

Hymn 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 floods
Drown all my faults and fears;
Nor let his eye
See sin, but through my tears.

Phineas Fletcher

Song 46, Orlando Gibbons

Please remain standing

The Blessing

Minister Christ crucified draw you to himself,
to find in him a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sins forgiven;
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 Fugue in F minor Op. 7, No. 2

Marcel Dupré

At 3.30 p.m., Evensong is sung in the Quire after which the fifth in our series of Lent Talks is given by The Venerable Bob Cooper, Archdeacon of Sunderland (see overleaf 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 (the High Altar on Tuesday and the Feretory on Wednesday). These services are not live-streamed.*

*At 5.30 p.m., **Evening Prayer** is said in the Quire on Monday and Saturday **Evensong** is sung in the Quire from Tuesday to Friday (live-streamed Monday to Friday).*

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

*Next Sunday—Palm Sunday: **Holy Communion** (BCP) is celebrated at 8.00 a.m., the **Sung Eucharist** is celebrated at 10.30 a.m., there is no service at 11.30 a.m., and **Evensong** is sung in the Quire at 3.30 p.m., which is followed by the last 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.

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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Holy Week and Easter at Durham Cathedral

Regular services take place as usual unless otherwise indicated below

Palm Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist with Procession of Palms and Reading of the Passion (No service at 11.30 a.m.)
Monday	7.30 p.m.	Compline with Address by the Dean
Tuesday	7.00 p.m.	Bach: St John Passion performed by Durham Cathedral Choir with Royal Northern Sinfonia
Wednesday	7.30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Maundy Thursday	11.00 a.m.	Chrism Eucharist
	7.30 p.m.	The Liturgy of the Day with the Stripping of the Altars and the Judas Cup Ceremony and a Watch till 10.00 p.m.
Good Friday	12 noon	The Three Hours
	12 noon	Commemoration of the Passion
	1.15 p.m.	Music at the Foot of the Cross
	1.45 p.m.	The Liturgy of the Day
	3.15 p.m.	Evening Prayer at the Pieta (No service at 5.30 p.m.)
Easter Eve	5.30 p.m.	Easter Vigil Service of Readings (No service at 12.30 p.m.)
Easter Day	5.00 a.m.	Dawn Eucharist with Baptism and Confirmation

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