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THE SHRINE OF ST CUTHBERT

Evensong

on

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 5 May 2024

3.30 p.m.

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Please stand at the entry of the Choir and ministers

Hymn

Now is eternal life,
 If ris'n with Christ we stand,
In him to life reborn,
 And holden in his hand;
No more we fear death's ancient dread,
 In Christ arisen from the dead.

And God, the living God,
 Stooped down to man's estate;
By death destroying death,
 Christ opened wide life's gate.
He lives, who died; he reigns on high;
 Who lives in him shall never die.

Unfathomed love divine,
 Reign thou within my heart;
From thee nor depth nor height,
 Nor life nor death can part;
Our life is hid with God in thee,
 Now and through all eternity.

G. W. Briggs

CHRISTCHURCH, C Steggall

Welcome and Introduction

The Reverend Daniel Parkinson

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

My heart is inditing of a good matter :
 I speak of the things which I have made unto the King.
 My tongue is the pen : of a ready writer.
 Thou art fairer than the children of men :
 full of grace are thy lips,
 because God hath blessed thee for ever.
 Gird thee with thy sword upon thy thigh,
 O thou most Mighty :
 according to thy worship and renown.
 Good luck have thou with thine honour :
 ride on, because of the word of truth,
 of meekness, and righteousness;
 and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.
 Thy arrows are very sharp,
 and the people shall be subdued unto thee :
 even in the midst among the King's enemies.
 Thy seat, O God, endureth for ever :
 the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.
 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity :
 wherefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee
 with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.
 All thy garments smell of myrrh, aloes, and cassia :
 out of the ivory palaces,
 whereby they have made thee glad.
 Kings' daughters were among thy honourable women :
 upon thy right hand did stand the queen
 in a vesture of gold, wrought about with divers colours.
 Harken, O daughter, and consider, incline thine ear :
 forget also thine own people, and thy father's house.
 So shall the King have pleasure in thy beauty :
 for he is thy Lord God, and worship thou him.
 And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift :
 like as the rich also among the people
 shall make their supplication before thee.
 The King's daughter is all glorious within :
 her clothing is of wrought gold.

She shall be brought unto the King in raiment of needle-work:
the virgins that be her fellows shall bear her company,
and shall be brought unto thee.
With joy and gladness shall they be brought :
and shall enter into the King's palace.
Instead of thy fathers thou shalt have children :
whom thou mayest make princes in all lands.
I will remember thy Name from one generation to another :
therefore shall the people give thanks unto thee,
world without end.

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

Song of Solomon 4: 16—5: 2; 8: 6-7

Awake, O north wind,
and come, O south wind!
Blow upon my garden
that its fragrance may be wafted abroad.
Let my beloved come to his garden,
and eat its choicest fruits.

I come to my garden, my sister, my bride;
I gather my myrrh with my spice,
I eat my honeycomb with my honey,
I drink my wine with my milk.

Eat, friends, drink,
and be drunk with love.

I slept, but my heart was awake.
Listen! my beloved is knocking.
'Open to me, my sister, my love,
 my dove, my perfect one;
for my head is wet with dew,
 my locks with the drops of the night.'

Set me as a seal upon your heart,
 as a seal upon your arm;
for love is strong as death,
 passion fierce as the grave.
Its flashes are flashes of fire,
 a raging flame.
Many waters cannot quench love,
 neither can floods drown it.
If one offered for love
 all the wealth of one's house,
 it would be utterly scorned.

After a short silence, all stand with the Choir

Magnificat

William Walton: Chichester Service

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

Revelation 3: 14-end

‘And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the origin of God’s creation:

‘I know your works; you are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were either cold or hot. So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am about to spit you out of my mouth. For you say, “I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing.” You do not realize that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. Therefore I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire so that you may be rich; and white robes to clothe you and to keep the shame of your nakedness from being seen; and salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see. I reprove and discipline those whom I love. Be earnest, therefore, and repent. Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me. To the one who conquers I will give a place with me on my throne, just as I myself conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.’

After a short silence, all stand with the Choir

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, and turn to the East

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 Sixth Sunday of Easter

O Lord, from whom all good things do come:
Grant to us thy humble servants,
that by thy holy inspiration
we may think those things that be good,
and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ. 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

Greater love hath no man

sung by the Choir

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness. Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified, in the Name of the Lord Jesus; ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

*Words selected from Scripture**John Ireland**Please kneel***Prayers and the Grace***The Reverend Daniel Parkinson**Please stand***Hymn**

Love Divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,
 Pure and spotless let us be;
 Let us see thy great salvation,
 Perfectly restored in thee.
 Changed from glory into glory,
 Till in heaven we take our place,
 Till we cast our crowns before thee,
 Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Charles Wesley

*BLAENWERN, William Rowlands
 descant by Daniel Cook*

The Blessing

Minister The God of peace,
 who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
 that great shepherd of the sheep,
 through the blood of the eternal covenant,
 make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
 working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
 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 Greater Love hath no man

John Ireland

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 Thursday). These services are not live-streamed.

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

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

Feast days: the Church celebrates the feast of the Ascension of Our Lord on Thursday, a Principal Festival in the Church's calendar. There will be a Festal Eucharist celebrated in the Cathedral at 5.30 p.m. (live-streamed).

On Tuesday and Wednesday, the Cathedral Choir travel to London to sing at the Festival of the Clergy Support Trust, which is hosted by St Paul's Cathedral.

Next Sunday—The Seventh Sunday of Easter (Sunday after Ascension Day): **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., at which we install an Honorary Canon.

Peace Doves: an art installation by Peter Walker

We would like to invite you to be part of the creation of our Peace Doves installation which we will be hosting in August. Please share your message or prayer of peace, hope and love by making a Peace Dove at the tables next to the Font.

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. It 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.

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