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THE SHRINE OF ST CUTHBERT

Evensong

on

The First Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 2 June 2024

3.30 p.m.

Welcome to Durham Cathedral

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is to offer everyone the opportunity
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The service is sung by Aberdeen Cathedral Voices

Voluntary

Please stand at the entry of the Choir and ministers

Hymn

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in his justice,
Which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings
Have such kindly judgement given.

For the love of God is broader
Than the measure of man's mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.
But we make his love too narrow
By false limits of our own;
And we magnify his strictness
With a zeal he will not own.

There is plentiful redemption
In the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members
In the sorrows of the head.
There is grace enough for thousands
Of new worlds as great as this;
There is room for fresh creations
In that upper home of bliss.

If our love were but more simple,
We should take him at his word;
And our lives would be all gladness
In the joy of Christ our Lord.

Welcome and Introduction

The Reverend Canon Charlie Allen

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. **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.

Please sit

Psalm 35: 1-10

sung by the Choir

Plead thou my cause, O Lord,
with them that strive with me :
and fight thou against them that fight against me.
Lay hand upon the shield and buckler :
and stand up to help me.

Bring forth the spear,
and stop the way against them that persecute me :
say unto my soul, I am thy salvation.
Let them be confounded, and put to shame,
that seek after my soul :
let them be turned back, and brought to confusion,
that imagine mischief for me.
Let them be as the dust before the wind :
and the angel of the Lord scattering them.
Let their way be dark and slippery :
and let the angel of the Lord persecute them.
For they have privily laid their net
to destroy me without a cause :
yea, even without a cause
have they made a pit for my soul.
Let a sudden destruction come upon him unawares,
and his net, that he hath laid privily, catch himself :
that he may fall into his own mischief.
And, my soul, be joyful in the Lord :
it shall rejoice in his salvation.
All my bones shall say, Lord, who is like unto thee,
who deliverest the poor
from him that is too strong for him :
yea, the poor, and him that is in misery,
from him that spoileth 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

Run to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem,
look around and take note!

Search its squares and see
if you can find one person
who acts justly and seeks truth—
so that I may pardon Jerusalem.
Although they say, 'As the LORD lives',
yet they swear falsely.

O LORD, do your eyes not look for truth?
You have struck them,
but they felt no anguish;
you have consumed them,
but they refused to take correction.
They have made their faces harder than rock;
they have refused to turn back.

Then I said, 'These are only the poor,
they have no sense;
for they do not know the way of the LORD,
the law of their God.

Let me go to the rich
and speak to them;
surely they know the way of the LORD,
the law of their God.'

But they all alike had broken the yoke,
they had burst the bonds.

Therefore a lion from the forest shall kill them,
a wolf from the desert shall destroy them.
A leopard is watching against their cities;
everyone who goes out of them shall be torn in pieces—
because their transgressions are many,
their apostasies are great.

How can I pardon you?
Your children have forsaken me,
and have sworn by those who are no gods.

When I fed them to the full,
 they committed adultery
 and trooped to the houses of prostitutes.
They were well-fed lusty stallions,
 each neighing for his neighbour's wife.
Shall I not punish them for these things?
says the LORD;
 and shall I not bring retribution on a nation such as this?
Go up through her vine-rows and destroy,
 but do not make a full end;
strip away her branches,
 for they are not the LORD's.
For the house of Israel and the house of Judah
 have been utterly faithless to me,
says the LORD.
They have spoken falsely of the LORD,
 and have said, 'He will do nothing.
No evil will come upon us,
 and we shall not see sword or famine.'
The prophets are nothing but wind,
 for the word is not in them.
Thus shall it be done to them!

Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of hosts:
Because they have spoken this word,
I am now making my words in your mouth a fire,
 and this people wood, and the fire shall devour them.
I am going to bring upon you
 a nation from far away, O house of Israel,
says the LORD.

It is an enduring nation,
 it is an ancient nation,
a nation whose language you do not know,
 nor can you understand what they say.
Their quiver is like an open tomb;
 all of them are mighty warriors.
They shall eat up your harvest and your food;

they shall eat up your sons and your daughters;
they shall eat up your flocks and your herds;
they shall eat up your vines and your fig trees;
they shall destroy with the sword
your fortified cities in which you trust.

But even in those days, says the LORD, I will not make a full end of you. And when your people say, 'Why has the LORD our God done all these things to us?' you shall say to them, 'As you have forsaken me and served foreign gods in your land, so you shall serve strangers in a land that is not yours.'

After a short silence, all stand with the Choir

Magnificat

Basil Harwood in A 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

Second Lesson

Romans 7: 7-end

What then should we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet, if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, 'You shall not covet.' But sin, seizing an opportunity in the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. Apart from the law sin lies dead. I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died, and the very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. For sin, seizing an opportunity in the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and just and good. Did what is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, working death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

For we know that the law is spiritual; but I am of the flesh, sold into slavery under sin. I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

After a short silence, all stand with the Choir

Nunc dimittis

Basil Harwood in A 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, 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 First Sunday after Trinity

O God,
the strength of all them that put their trust in thee,
mercifully accept our prayers;
and because through the weakness of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without thee,
grant us the help of thy grace,
that in keeping of thy commandments we may please thee,
both in will and deed; 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

O how glorious is the kingdom

sung by the Choir

O how glorious is the kingdom
wherein all the saints rejoice with Christ.
Clothed with white robes, they follow the Lamb
whithersoever he goeth.

Antiphon at First Vespers of All Saints' Day

Basil Harwood

Please kneel

Prayers and the Grace

The Reverend Canon Charlie Allen

Please stand

Hymn

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise him still the same for ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
Ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace!

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PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss

The Blessing

Minister The peace of God, which passeth all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord:
And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,
be amongst you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Voluntary Fête, Op. 51

Jean Langlais

We are very grateful to Aberdeen Cathedral Voices for singing this service.

Friends' Festival Evensong: Saturday 8 June 2024 at 4.00 p.m.

The Friends hold their annual gathering on Saturday 8 June and a special service of Evensong takes place at the earlier time of 4.00 p.m. This service is followed by the traditional 'singing from the tower' by the Cathedral Choir at approximately 5.15 p.m. The best vantage point for the latter is on Palace Green. You don't have to be a Friend to attend either of these events.

Durham Churches Together Annual General Meeting

Waddington St United Reformed Church

Wednesday 5th June 2024

7.00 pm to 8.30pm

The Speaker is The Very Revd Dr Philip Plyming, Dean of Durham
Cathedral All Welcome

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. These services are not live-streamed.

At 5.30 p.m., **Evensong** is sung in the Quire from Monday to Friday (live-streamed Monday to Friday).

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

Next Sunday—The Second Sunday after Trinity: **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.

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.

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