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THE SHRINE OF ST CUTHBERT

Evensong

on

The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 11 August 2024

3.30 p.m.

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The service is sung by the Colne Singers.

Voluntary

Please stand at the entry of the Choir and ministers

Hymn

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art,
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord,
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son,
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,
Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might,
Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower,
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Be thou my inheritance now and always,
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart,
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won,
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

*Irish, c 8th century,
translated by Mary Byrne*

*SLANE, Traditional Irish melody,
harmonised by Erik Routley*

Welcome and Introduction

The Reverend Canon Michael Everitt

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

Kenneth Leighton

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 91: 1-12

sung by the choir

Whoso dwelleth under the defence of the most High :
shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope,
and my strong hold :
my God, in him will I trust.
For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter :
and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall defend thee under his wings,
and thou shalt be safe under his feathers :
his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.
Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night :
nor for the arrow that flieth by day;
For the pestilence that walketh in darkness :
nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noon-day.
A thousand shall fall beside thee,
and ten thousand at thy right hand :
but it shall not come nigh thee.
Yea, with thine eyes shalt thou behold :
and see the reward of the ungodly.
For thou, Lord, art my hope :
thou hast set thine house of defence very high.
There shall no evil happen unto thee :
neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.
For he shall give his angels charge over thee :
to keep thee in all thy ways.
They shall bear thee in their hands :
that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.

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

Job 39: 1 — 40: 4

‘Do you know when the mountain goats give birth?
Do you observe the calving of the deer?

Can you number the months that they fulfil,
and do you know the time when they give birth,
when they crouch to give birth to their offspring,
and are delivered of their young?

Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open;
they go forth, and do not return to them.

‘Who has let the wild ass go free?

Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass,
to which I have given the steppe for its home,
the salt land for its dwelling-place?

It scorns the tumult of the city;
it does not hear the shouts of the driver.

It ranges the mountains as its pasture,
and it searches after every green thing.

‘Is the wild ox willing to serve you?

Will it spend the night at your crib?
Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes,
or will it harrow the valleys after you?
Will you depend on it because its strength is great,
and will you hand over your labour to it?
Do you have faith in it that it will return,
and bring your grain to your threshing-floor?

‘The ostrich’s wings flap wildly,
though its pinions lack plumage.

For it leaves its eggs to the earth,
and lets them be warmed on the ground,
forgetting that a foot may crush them,
and that a wild animal may trample them.

It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own;
though its labour should be in vain, yet it has no fear;
because God has made it forget wisdom,
and given it no share in understanding.

When it spreads its plumes aloft,
it laughs at the horse and its rider.

‘Do you give the horse its might?
Do you clothe its neck with mane?
Do you make it leap like the locust?
Its majestic snorting is terrible.

It paws violently, exults mightily;
it goes out to meet the weapons.

It laughs at fear, and is not dismayed;
it does not turn back from the sword.
Upon it rattle the quiver,
the flashing spear, and the javelin.
With fierceness and rage it swallows the ground;
it cannot stand still at the sound of the trumpet.
When the trumpet sounds, it says "Aha!"
From a distance it smells the battle,
the thunder of the captains, and the shouting.

'Is it by your wisdom that the hawk soars,
and spreads its wings towards the south?
Is it at your command that the eagle mounts up
and makes its nest on high?
It lives on the rock and makes its home
in the fastness of the rocky crag.
From there it spies the prey;
its eyes see it from far away.
Its young ones suck up blood;
and where the slain are, there it is.'

And the LORD said to Job:
'Shall a fault-finder contend with the Almighty?
Anyone who argues with God must respond.'

Then Job answered the LORD:
'See, I am of small account; what shall I answer you?
I lay my hand on my mouth.

After a short silence, all stand with the choir

Magnificat

George Dyson in D

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

Hebrews 12: 1-17

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And you have forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as children—

‘My child, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord,
or lose heart when you are punished by him;
for the Lord disciplines those whom he loves,
and chastises every child whom he accepts.’

Endure trials for the sake of discipline. God is treating you as children; for what child is there whom a parent does not discipline? If you do not have that discipline in which all children share, then you are illegitimate and not his children. Moreover, we had human parents to discipline us, and we respected them. Should we not be even more willing to be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share his holiness. Now, discipline always seems painful rather than pleasant at the time, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed.

Pursue peace with everyone, and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springs up and causes trouble, and through it many become defiled. See to it that no one becomes like Esau, an immoral and godless person, who sold his birthright for a single meal. You know that later, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, even though he sought the blessing with tears.

After a short silence, all stand with the choir

Nunc dimittis

George Dyson in D

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.

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

Kenneth Leighton

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 Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

O God,
who declarest thy almighty power
most chiefly in shewing mercy and pity:
Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace,
that we, running the way of thy commandments,
may obtain thy gracious promises,
and be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure;
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

Lord of the worlds above

sung by the choir

Lord of the worlds above,
How pleasant and how fair
The dwellings of thy love,
Thy earthly temples, are!
To thine abode
My heart aspires,
With warm desires
To see my God.

O happy souls that pray
Where God appoints to hear!
O happy ones that pay
Their constant service there!

They praise thee still;
And happy they
That love the way
To Sion's hill.

They go from strength to strength
Through this dark vale of tears,
Till each arrives at length,
Till each in heaven appears;
O glorious seat!
When God our King
Shall thither bring
Our willing feet.

God is our Sun and Shield,
Our Light and our Defence;
With gifts his hands are filled,
We draw our blessings thence.
Thrice happy he,
O God of Hosts,
Whose spirit trusts
Alone in thee.

Isaac Watts

William Harris

Please kneel

Prayers and the Grace

The Reverend Canon Michael Everitt

The prayers conclude with the Grace

**All The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 and the love of God,
 and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
 be with us all evermore. Amen.**

Please stand to sing the hymn

Hymn

Thou art the Way: by thee alone
From sin and death we flee;
And he who would the Father seek
Must seek him, Lord, by thee.

Thou art the Truth: thy word alone
True wisdom can impart;
Thou only, canst inform the mind
And purify the heart.

Thou art the Life: the rending tomb
Proclaims thy conquering arm;
And those who put their trust in thee
Nor death nor hell shall harm.

Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life:
Grant us that Way to know,
That Truth to keep, that Life to win,
Whose joys eternal flow.

George Doane

ST JAMES, Raphael Courteville

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 Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All

Amen.

Voluntary

We are very grateful to the Colne Singers for singing this service.

Services this coming week are sung by the Choir of St Mary's Priory, Abergavenny.

The Blessed Virgin Mary

We celebrate the feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, one of Durham Cathedral's patron saints, this coming Thursday with services all day including at 5.30 p.m. a special sung celebration of the Eucharist. Please join us!

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 apart from on Thursday 15 August when it is celebrated at the High Altar. These services are not live-streamed.*

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

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

***Feast days:** the Church celebrates the feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Thursday.*

*Next Sunday—The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity: **Holy Communion** (BCP) is celebrated at 8.00 a.m., the **Sung Eucharist** is celebrated at 10.00 a.m., **Morning Prayer with an Address** is said at 11.30 a.m., and **Evensong** is sung at 3.30 p.m.*

Access to the Cathedral

From Monday 8 July for approximately 14 weeks, vehicle access to the Bailey and therefore to the south side of the Cathedral will be severely limited between 9.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. from Monday to Friday. Apart from a small window between 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m., it will not be possible to access the College by vehicle. For more information, please visit: www.durham.gov.uk/traffic