



DURHAM
CATHEDRAL

Evensong

on

The Feast of St Hild of Whitby

Sunday 17 November 2024
3.30 p.m.



Welcome to Durham Cathedral

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is to offer everyone the opportunity
to encounter God and know God's love in Jesus Christ.*

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Voluntary

Please stand at the entry of the choir and ministers

Hymn

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Sion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken
Formed thee for his own abode:
On the Rock of Ages founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters,
And all fear of want remove:
Who can faint, while such a river
Ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord the giver,
Never fails from age to age.

Saviour, if of Sion's city
I through grace a member am,
Let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name:
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
All his boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasure
None but Sion's children know.

John Newton

ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril Taylor

Welcome and Introduction

The Very Reverend Dr Philip Plyming

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

Philip Moore

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 133

sung by the Choir

Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is :
 brethren, to dwell together in unity !
It is like the precious ointment upon the head,
 that ran down unto the beard :
 even unto Aaron's beard,
 and went down to the skirts of his clothing.
Like as the dew of Hermon :
 which fell upon the hill of Sion.
For there the Lord promised his blessing :
 and life for evermore.
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.

Psalm 134

Behold now, praise the Lord :
 all ye servants of the Lord;
Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord :
 even in the courts of the house of our God.
Lift up your hands in the sanctuary :
 and praise the Lord.
The Lord that made heaven and earth :
 give thee blessing out of Sion.

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

Remember your creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come, and the years draw near when you will say, 'I have no pleasure in them'; before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars are darkened and the clouds return with the rain; on the day when the guards of the house tremble, and the strong men are bent, and the women who grind cease working because they are few, and those who look through the windows see dimly; when the doors on the street are shut, and the sound of the grinding is low, and one rises up at the sound of a bird, and all the daughters of song are brought low; when one is afraid of heights, and terrors are in the road; the almond tree blossoms, the grasshopper drags itself along and desire fails; because all must go to their eternal home, and the mourners will go about the streets; before the silver cord is snapped, and the golden bowl is broken, and the pitcher is broken at the fountain, and the wheel broken at the cistern, and the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the breath returns to God who gave it.

After a short silence, all stand with the Choir

Magnificat

Richard Lloyd: The Hereford 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

Ephesians 4: 1-8, 11-13

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said,

'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;
he gave gifts to his people.'

The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

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 face 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

Philip Moore

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 of St Hild of Whitby

O eternal God,
who madest the abbess Hild
to shine like a jewel in our land
and through her holiness and leadership
didst bless thy Church with newness of life and unity:
so assist us by thy grace that we, like her,
may to yearn for the gospel of Christ
and bring reconciliation to those who are divided;
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.

During the hymn, the Choir, ministers, and congregation make a pilgrimage to St Hild's Altar. Please follow the ministers up the South Quire aisle. Please follow the directions of the vergers and take great care on the stairs.

Hymn

Jerusalem the golden,
With milk and honey blest,
Beneath thy contemplation
Sink heart and voice opprest.
I know not, O I know not,
What social joys are there,
What radiancy of glory,
What light beyond compare.

They stand, those halls of Sion,
Conjubilant with song,
And bright with many an angel,
And all the martyr throng;
The Prince is ever in them,
The daylight is serene,
The pastures of the blessed
Are decked in glorious sheen.

There is the throne of David,
And there, from care released,
The song of them that triumph,
The shout of them that feast;
And they who, with their leader,
Have conquered in the fight,
For ever and for ever
Are clad in robes of white.

O sweet and blessed country,
Shall I ever see thy face?
O sweet and blessed country,
Shall I ever win thy grace?
Exult, O dust and ashes!
The Lord shall be thy part:
His only, his for ever,
Thou shalt be, and thou art!

Bernard of Cluny
translated by John Mason Neale

EWING, From the tune St Bede
by Alexander Ewing

The Prayers and Grace

led by the Very Reverend Dr Philip Plyming

The officiant offers incense at the St Hild Altar during the anthem

Anthem

Justorum animae

sung by the Choir

Justorum animae in manu Dei sunt,
et non tanget illos tormentum malitiae.
Visi sunt oculis insipientium mori;
illi autem sunt in pace.

*The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and there shall no torment touch them.
In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die;
but they are in peace.*

From Wisdom 3

Charles Villiers Stanford

The Blessing

God give you grace to follow his saints
in faith and hope and love;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be with you and remain with you always.

All

Amen.

The Choir and ministers process out of the Chapel of the Nine Altars via the North Quire aisle. Please stay for a moment to offer your own prayers before you leave.

Voluntary

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 at the Hild Altar, except on Wednesday when it celebrated at the Langley Altar. These services are not live-streamed.*

*At 5.30 p.m., **Evensong** is sung from Monday to Saturday at 5.30 p.m. (live-streamed from Monday to Friday).*

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

*Next Sunday—The Feast of Christ the King (The Sunday Next Sunday before Advent): **Holy Communion** (BCP) is celebrated at 8.00 a.m., the **Sung Eucharist** is celebrated at 10.00 a.m., **Matins** is sung at 11.30 a.m., and **Evensong** is sung at 3.30 p.m.*

24 Hours of Prayer for the appointment of a new Bishop of Durham

On Tuesday 26 November, the process to appoint a new Bishop will reach its climax and we will gather in the Feretory at the Shrine of St Cuthbert to pray for 24 hours for the movement of the Holy Spirit and for discernment, for those who will help to make the appointment and for those who will be considered as the potential new Bishop of Durham. Please join us at any time during the day or night from Morning Prayer at 8.30 a.m. until Morning Prayer on Wednesday 27 November. After hours, you will need to arrive via the College and report to the Porters Lodge. After 10.30 p.m., the College Gate will be closed and you will need to knock on the porters window to gain admittance.

The Advent Procession with Carols:

Saturday 30 November and Sunday 1 December at 6.00 p.m.

The Advent Procession is one of the most moving and inspiring acts of worship in Durham Cathedral's year and we want you to be part of it, together with your guests. It takes place on Saturday 30 November at 6.00 p.m. (note the new earlier start time) and is repeated on Sunday 1 December at 6.00 p.m. It lasts about 75 minutes. The Cathedral Choir moves throughout the Cathedral and the light grows as the service unfolds. It is a real opportunity to experience a sense of the sacred amidst ancient stones and it creates a wonderful sense of anticipation for Christmas – with candles and lots of incense! You don't need a ticket. There will be plenty of room on both nights. Just turn up after the doors open at 5.15 p.m. and be seated by 5.45 p.m. If you have attended this service before, you won't want to miss it. If you haven't, you need to come this year and see what you've been missing. We look forward to seeing you and your guests there.

Benjamin Britten's Ceremony of Carols:

Saturday 14 December at 6.00 p.m.

Durham Cathedral is offering something new this Christmas: a performance of that stunningly beautifully musical work by Benjamin Britten – A Ceremony of Carols – on **Saturday 14 December at 6.00 p.m.** in a wonderful celebration of Christmas which will last about one hour. Hear the Cathedral's Lay Clerks and Choral Scholars sing the ancient music of Vespers followed by A Ceremony of Carols sung by the Cathedral Choristers, accompanied by harpist Helena Pearson and conducted by Daniel Cook. There is no charge and tickets are not required. Just turn up after the doors open at 5.15 p.m. and be seated by 5.45 p.m. Donations will be invited as you leave if you are able to make an offering.

Access to the Cathedral

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 from now until and including Thursday 5 December and from Monday 6 January for between 8 and 12 weeks. 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

Student Tuesday

Students are welcome to attend Evensong any time but we extend a particular welcome to students at Evensong on Tuesdays. From Tuesday 22 October each week, 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. We hope to build up a good community of students who worship regularly with us. Evensong on Tuesday starts at 5.30 p.m. and lasts about 40 minutes. Food will be served at 6.15 p.m. and people will be free to go any time.

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