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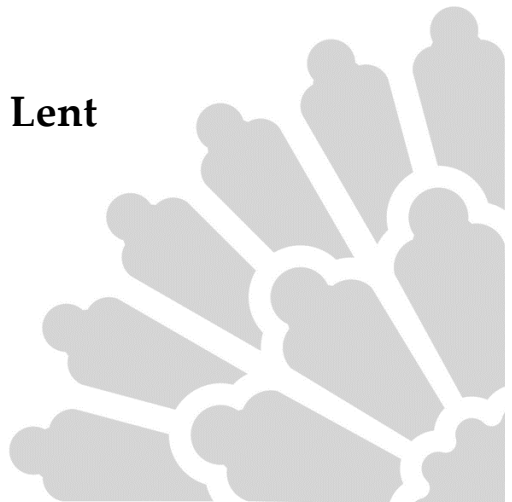
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The Third Sunday before Lent

Septuagesima

Sunday 16 February 2025

11.30 a.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 entrance of the Choir and ministers

Hymn

New every morning is the love
Our wakening and uprising prove;
Through sleep and darkness safely brought,
Restored to life and power and thought.

New mercies, each returning day,
Hover around us while we pray;
New perils past, new sins forgiven,
New thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.

If on our daily course our mind
Be set to hallow all we find,
New treasures still, of countless price,
God will provide for sacrifice.

The trivial round, the common task,
Would furnish all we ought to ask,
Room to deny ourselves, a road
To bring us daily nearer God.

Only, O Lord, in thy dear love
Fit us for perfect rest above;
And help us, this and every day,
To live more nearly as we pray.

John Keble

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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 7

sung by the Choir

O Lord my God, in thee have I put my trust :
save me from all them that persecute me,
and deliver me;
Lest he devour my soul, like a lion, and tear it in pieces :
while there is none to help.
O Lord my God, if I have done any such thing :
or if there be any wickedness in my hands;
If I have rewarded evil
unto him that dealt friendly with me :
yea, I have delivered him
that without any cause is mine enemy;
Then let mine enemy persecute my soul, and take me :
yea, let him tread my life down upon the earth,
and lay mine honour in the dust.
Stand up, O Lord, in thy wrath, and lift up thyself,
because of the indignation of mine enemies :
arise up for me in the judgement
that thou hast commanded.

And so shall the congregation of the people come about thee :
for their sakes therefore lift up thyself again.
The Lord shall judge the people;
give sentence with me, O Lord :
according to my righteousness,
and according to the innocency that is in me.
O let the wickedness of the ungodly come to an end :
but guide thou the just.
For the righteous God : trieth the very hearts and reins.
My help cometh of God :
who preserveth them that are true of heart.
God is a righteous Judge, strong, and patient :
and God is provoked every day.
If a man will not turn, he will whet his sword :
he hath bent his bow, and made it ready.
He hath prepared for him the instruments of death :
he ordaineth his arrows against the persecutors.
Behold, he travaileth with mischief :
he hath conceived sorrow, and brought forth ungodliness.
He hath graven and digged up a pit :
and is fallen himself into the destruction
that he made for other.
For his travail shall come upon his own head :
and his wickedness shall fall on his own pate.
I will give thanks unto the Lord,
according to his righteousness :
and I will praise the Name of the Lord most High.

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

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Write in a book all the words that I have spoken to you. For the days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will restore the fortunes of my people, Israel and Judah, says the LORD, and I will bring them back to the land that I gave to their ancestors and they shall take possession of it.

But as for you, have no fear, my servant Jacob, says the LORD,
and do not be dismayed, O Israel;

for I am going to save you from far away,
and your offspring from the land of their captivity.

Jacob shall return and have quiet and ease,
and no one shall make him afraid.

For I am with you, says the LORD, to save you;

I will make an end of all the nations
among which I scattered you,
but of you I will not make an end.

I will chastise you in just measure,
and I will by no means leave you unpunished.

For thus says the LORD:

Your hurt is incurable,
your wound is grievous.

There is no one to uphold your cause,
no medicine for your wound,
no healing for you.

All your lovers have forgotten you;
they care nothing for you;

for I have dealt you the blow of an enemy,
the punishment of a merciless foe,

because your guilt is great,
because your sins are so numerous.

Why do you cry out over your hurt?

Your pain is incurable.

Because your guilt is great,
because your sins are so numerous,
I have done these things to you.

Therefore all who devour you shall be devoured,
and all your foes, every one of them, shall go into captivity;
those who plunder you shall be plundered,
and all who prey on you I will make a prey.
For I will restore health to you,
and your wounds I will heal,
says the LORD,
because they have called you an outcast:
'It is Zion; no one cares for her!'

Thus says the LORD:
I am going to restore the fortunes of the tents of Jacob,
and have compassion on his dwellings;
the city shall be rebuilt upon its mound,
and the citadel set on its rightful site.
Out of them shall come thanksgiving,
and the sound of merrymakers.
I will make them many, and they shall not be few;
I will make them honoured, and they shall not be
disdained.
Their children shall be as of old,
their congregation shall be established before me;
and I will punish all who oppress them.
Their prince shall be one of their own,
their ruler shall come from their midst;
I will bring him near, and he shall approach me,
for who would otherwise dare to approach me?
says the LORD.
And you shall be my people,
and I will be your God.

After a short silence, please stand with the Choir

We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.
To thee all angels cry aloud,
the heavens and all the powers therein.
To thee cherubin and seraphin continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.
The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.
The noble army of martyrs praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world
doth acknowledge thee:
the Father of an infinite majesty;
thine honourable, true and only Son;
also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.
Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,
thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting.
O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage.
Govern them and lift them up for ever.
Day by day we magnify thee;
and we worship thy name, ever world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, 'It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait at tables. Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word.' What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

Stephen, full of grace and power, did great wonders and signs among the people. Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and others of those from Cilicia and Asia, stood up and argued with Stephen. But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he spoke. Then they secretly instigated some men to say, 'We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God.' They stirred up the people as well as the elders and the scribes; then they suddenly confronted him, seized him, and brought him before the council. They set up false witnesses who said, 'This man never stops saying things against this holy place and the law; for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and will change the customs that Moses handed on to us.' And all who sat in the council looked intently at him, and they saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

After a short silence, please stand with the Choir

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.

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

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 Third Sunday before Lent (Septuagesima)

O Lord, we beseech thee
favourably to hear the prayers of thy people;
that we, who are justly punished for our offences,
may be mercifully delivered by thy goodness,
for the glory of thy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour,
who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost,
ever one God, world without end.
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

How beauteous are their feet

sung by the Choir

How beauteous are their feet
Who stand on Sion's hill,
Who bring salvation on their tongues,
And words of peace instil!

How happy are our ears
That hear this joyful sound,
Which kings and prophets waited for,
And sought, but never found!

How blessed are our eyes
That see this heav'nly light!
Prophets and kings desired it long,
But died without the sight.

The Lord makes bare his arm
Through all the earth abroad;
Let ev'ry nation now behold
Their Saviour and their God.

Isaac Watts

Charles Villiers Stanford

Sermon

The Reverend Canon Michael Everitt

Hymn

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust ever child-like, no cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day

Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Jan Struther

SLANE, Traditional Irish melody

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.

Choir Amen.

Voluntary Prelude and Fugue in C minor, Op. 37 No. 1

Felix Mendelssohn

Evensong is sung at 3.30 p.m., and there is a recital given by the Northern Spirit Choir in aid of Durham Cathedral Choral Association at 5.00 p.m.

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 Saturday (live-streamed Monday to Friday). On Monday, Evensong is sung by the Chapel Choir of St Chad's College, Durham University.

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

Next Sunday—The Second Sunday before Lent (Sexagesima): **Holy Communion** (BCP) is celebrated at 8.00 a.m., the **Sung Eucharist with Holy Baptism** is celebrated at 10.00 a.m., **Morning Prayer with Address** is said at 11.30 a.m., and **Evensong** is sung at 3.30 p.m.

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Student Tuesday

Students are always welcome at Durham Cathedral, but we extend a particular welcome at Evensong on Tuesdays during term-time, after which we gather for food and fellowship in the Deanery. The next Student Tuesday is on 18 February. We gather after Evensong in the South Transept.

The Scott Screen

The Scott Screen at the entrance to the Quire will soon undergo conservation work. In preparation for that work, scaffolding will be erected on both sides of the Screen, starting in the week beginning Monday 10 February. The work will last until at least the end of March. The work will look a little unsightly especially on Sunday mornings. Access to the Quire will not be impeded given that access (and egress) is always via the North Quire Aisle. Please bear with us during this special and much-needed work.

Vision Update for the Worshipping Community in the Prior's Hall

Wednesday 19 February from 6.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

Members of the worshipping community are all invited to a meeting when Philip and members of the team will share an update on the Vision 2033 journey we are on at Durham Cathedral. There will be information about new work planned and the chance to contribute to new projects being considered. Come for Choral Evensong at 5.30 p.m. and stay on (or join us) for drinks and nibbles at 6.15 p.m. in the Prior's Hall. The meeting will start shortly after 6.30 p.m.

Lent Talks 2025

Let Us Pray: Learning and Living the Prayers of the Church

This Lent you are warmly invited to Durham Cathedral for our series of Sunday afternoon Lent Talks. Speakers from a range of traditions will introduce a special prayer which has helped them pray over the years. Talks take place in the Quire of Durham Cathedral on Sundays after Evensong and will conclude with silence as all are invited to use the prayer for ourselves in a time of quiet meditation.

Sunday 9 March—Encountering Joy:

The Prayer of Simeon in the Nunc Dimittis

The Reverend Canon Charlie Allen

Canon Chancellor, Durham Cathedral

Sunday 16 March—Inspiration, Motivation and Blessing: Psalm 84

Canon Jeffrey Hewitt

former Head Verger and Lay Canon Emeritus, Durham Cathedral

Sunday 23 March—Prostrating with Humility, Repenting in the Heart:

The Lenten Prayer of St Ephrem the Syrian

Fr Justin Mihoc

Priest in the Romanian Orthodox Patriarchate

and Rector of the Parish of St Cuthbert and St Bede, Durham

Sunday 30 March—Faith, Love, Vision – and Dogged Determination

Mrs Sue Snowdon, *HM Lord Lieutenant of County Durham*

Sunday 6 April—All hearts are open, all desires known:

The Collect for Purity

The Right Reverend Sarah Clark, *Bishop of Jarrow*

Sunday 13 April (Palm Sunday*)—Inestimable Love:

The General Thanksgiving from the Book of Common Prayer

The Very Reverend Dr Philip Plyming, *Dean of Durham*

Where and when? 4.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m., the Quire, Durham Cathedral (entry via 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. The talks will be livestreamed on the Cathedral's YouTube page. **Note: Palm Sunday's talk will start at 5.00 p.m. in the Galilee Chapel, prior to Bach's St John's Passion being sung at 6.00 p.m. in the Cathedral.*

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