



DURHAM
CATHEDRAL

Sung Eucharist

with

Holy Baptism

on

The Second Sunday before Lent

Antony le Fleming: Missa Brevis

Sunday 23 February 2025

10.00 a.m.



Welcome to Durham Cathedral

*Inspired by our saints, Cuthbert and Bede,
the mission of Durham Cathedral
is to offer everyone the opportunity
to encounter God and know God's love in Jesus Christ.*

Junior Church

Junior Church gathers in the South Transept (front of the church on the right). If you are new to the Cathedral or a visitor, your child is welcome to join us. Please take your child to the South Transept and complete a consent form with one of the leaders. You can then take a seat in the service and collect your child afterwards from the South Transept. Children stay in church for the start of our worship and then go through to the Chapter House for story-telling and craft activities and then re-join the service at the distribution of Communion when they receive a blessing. There is also a 'baby zone' in the Chapter House for pre-schoolers but at least one parent must remain with very young children.

Refreshments after the Service

Refreshments are served after this service in the Galilee Chapel at the back of the Cathedral where we are joined by worshippers arriving to attend Matins at 11.30 a.m. Do join us there.

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This service is sung by the City of London Chamber Choir

The Gathering

Voluntary

Please stand at the entrance of the choir and ministers

Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning
our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy! all the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man
thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy, there is none beside thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name,
in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Reginald Heber

NICAËA, John Bacchus Dykes

The Greeting

The Reverend Canon Michael Hampel

President In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
 and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The President welcomes the people

Prayers of Penitence

Deacon Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us
 that to enter the kingdom of heaven
 we must be born again of water and the Spirit,
 and has given us baptism
 as the sign and seal of this new birth.
 Here we are washed by the Holy Spirit and made clean.
 Here we are clothed with Christ,
 dying to sin that we may live his risen life.
 As children of God, we have a new dignity
 and God calls us to fullness of life.

Let us recall our own baptism
and resolve to follow the commandments of God,
walking from henceforth in his holy ways
in love and charity with our neighbours.

Silence is kept

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:

 Lord, have mercy.
All Lord, have mercy.

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:

 Christ, have mercy.
All Christ, have mercy.

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:

Lord, have mercy.

All

Lord, have mercy.

President

The almighty and merciful Lord
grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins,
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Junior Church collects a cross from the Altar and processes to the Chapter House

Gloria in excelsis

sung by the choir

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Et in terra pax hominibus
bonae voluntatis.

Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam.
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.

Domine Fili unigenite,
Jesu Christe, Domine Deus,
Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.

Qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus sanctus,
tu solus Dominus,
tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe,
cum Sancto Spiritu
in gloria Dei Patris.
Amen.

*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you,
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of
the Father:
receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.*

The Collect

President Let us pray.

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit
reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Please sit

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Revelation 4

A reading from the Book of Revelation.

After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.' At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! And the one seated there looks like jasper and cornelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal.

Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing,

‘Holy, holy, holy,
the Lord God the Almighty,
who was and is and is to come.’

And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing,

‘You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honour and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created.’

All For the word of the Lord
thanks be to God.

Please stand and turn to face the Book of the Gospels as it is processed into the Nave

The Gospel

Luke 8: 22-25

Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



Choir Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.
You have the words of eternal life.



Deacon The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to St Luke.



One day Jesus got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Please sit after the Preacher's prayer

Sermon

The Reverend Daniel Parkinson

The Liturgy of Baptism

The Presentation

The parents and godparents of the candidate for baptism gather before the Altar with the candidate

The President addresses the whole congregation

President Faith is the gift of God to his people.
In baptism the Lord is adding to our number
those whom he is calling.
People of God, will you welcome N
and uphold her in her new life in Christ?

All With the help of God, we will.

The President says to the parents and godparent

Parents and godparents,
the Church receives N with joy.
Today we are trusting God for her growth in faith.
Will you pray for her, draw her by your example
into the community of faith
and walk with her in the way of Christ?

Answer With the help of God, we will.

In baptism N begins her journey in faith.
You speak for her today.
Will you care for her
and help her to take her place
within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

Answer With the help of God, we will.

The Decision

The President addresses the parents and godparents

President In baptism, God calls us out of darkness
 into his marvellous light.
 To follow Christ means dying to sin
 and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

 Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?
Answer *I reject them.*

 Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?
Answer *I renounce them.*

 Do you repent of the sins that separate us
 from God and neighbour?
Answer *I repent of them.*

The parents and godparents turn to face the altar

 Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?
Answer *I turn to Christ.*

 Do you submit to Christ as Lord?
Answer *I submit to Christ.*

 Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?
Answer *I come to Christ.*

Signing with the Cross

The President makes the sign of the cross with holy oil on the forehead of the candidate, saying

N, Christ claims you for his own.
Receive the sign of his cross.

All Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.
Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ
against sin, the world and the devil,
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you
from the powers of darkness,
restore in you the image of his glory,
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

All **Amen.**

The President invites the family and godparents to process to the Font

During the hymn, the people stand and turn to face the Font

Hymn Come down, O Love divine,
Seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
Within my heart appear,
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
Till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let thy glorious light
Shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
Mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become mine inner clothing;
True lowliness of heart,
Which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
With which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace,
Till he become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

*Italian, Bianco da Siena,
translated by R F Littledale*

DOWN AMPNEY, *Ralph Vaughan Williams*

Prayer over the Water

The President stands before the water of baptism

President Alleluia! Praise God who made heaven and earth;
All who keeps his promise for ever. Alleluia!

**All Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ was baptised in the river Jordan,
we thank you for the gift of water
to cleanse us and revive us.
We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea
you led your people out of slavery
to freedom in the Promised Land.
We thank you that through the deep waters of death
you brought your Son,
and raised him to life in triumph.

Bless this water, that your servant who is washed in it
may be made one with Christ in his death
and in his resurrection,
to be cleansed and delivered from all sin.
Send your Holy Spirit upon her,
bring her to new birth in the household of faith
and raise her with Christ to full and eternal life;
for all might, majesty, authority and power are yours,
now and for ever.

All

Amen.

The Profession of Faith

The President addresses the congregation

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess
together with the parents and godparents of this child
the faith of the Church.

All

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Baptism

President N, I baptise you
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

The President anoints the newly-baptised child with the Oil of Chrism and says

May God,
who has received you by baptism into his Church,
pour upon you the riches of his grace,
that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people
you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit,
and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

All Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

President As a royal priesthood, let us pray to the Father
through Christ who ever lives to intercede for us.

Minister Almighty God, reveal your kingdom among the nations;
may peace abound and justice flourish.

Your name be hallowed.

All Your kingdom come.

Send down upon us the gift of the Spirit
and renew your Church with power from on high.

All Your name be hallowed.
Your kingdom come.

Deliver the oppressed, strengthen the weak,
heal and restore your creation.

All Your name be hallowed.
Your kingdom come.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the Church on earth,
we join our prayers with all the saints in glory.

All Your name be hallowed.
Your kingdom come.

President God of grace and life,
in your love you have given us a place among your people;
keep us faithful to our baptism,
and prepare us for that glorious day
when the whole creation will be made perfect
in your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Welcome and Peace

President There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
N, by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

All **We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;**
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.

The congregation welcomes the newly-baptised with applause

President Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your apostles,
 ‘Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you’:
 look not on our sins but on the faith of your Church
 and grant it the peace and unity of your kingdom.

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
 and also with you.

If you wish, please exchange a sign of peace with those near to you

The altar party and parents and godparents return to their places during the hymn

Hymn Alleluia, sing to Jesus,
 His the sceptre, his the throne;
 Alleluia, his the triumph,
 His the victory alone:
 Hark! the songs of peaceful Sion
 Thunder like a mighty flood;
 Jesus, out of every nation,
 Hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia, not as orphans
 Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia, he is near us,
 Faith believes, nor questions how;
Though the cloud from sight received him
 When the forty days were o’er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise,
 ‘I am with you evermore’?

Alleluia, Bread of Angels,
 Thou on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia, here the sinful
 Flee to thee from day to day;
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
 Earth’s Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless
 Sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia, King eternal,
Thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia, born of Mary,
Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
Thou within the veil hast entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim
In the Eucharistic Feast.

W Chatterton Dix

HYFRYDOL, Melody by Richard Huw Pritchard

Taking of the Bread and Wine

President Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
 through your goodness
 we have this bread to set before you,
 which earth has given and human hands have made.
 It will become for us the bread of life.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness
we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Faithful God, receive all we offer you this day.
May we so live the life of Christ
that your Church may be a sign of salvation
to all the nations of the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All Amen.

President All

The Lord be with you and al - so with you.

President All

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

President All

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give thanks and praise.

President Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great goodness
to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks
because by water and the Holy Spirit
you have made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord;
you raise us to new life in him
and renew in us the image of your glory.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

Choir	Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Osanna in excelsis.	<i>Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.</i>
	Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Osanna in excelsis.	<i>Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.</i>
President	Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.	
Deacon All	Great is the mystery of faith: Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.	

President And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once
for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Cuthbert, Bede, and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

President Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**All Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

President We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
All **Though we are many, we are one body,**
 because we all share in one bread.

Giving of Communion

President Jesus is the Lamb of God
 who takes away the sin of the world.
 Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,**
 but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

Please sit down and then follow the directions of the vergers to form a line to receive Holy Communion. There is one station at the front of the Nave and one station at the rear. Please hold your hands out so that the clergy may place the host into your hand. After you have received you may receive from the chalice if you wish, or simply return to your seats via the side aisles. Gluten-free wafers are available at both stations.

All those who are members of a Christian church of any denomination are welcome to receive Communion. If this is not part of your tradition or you are not sure, you are nevertheless welcome to receive a blessing at the communion station from the priest there. In this case, you should move forward with the communicants and bow your head as an indication to the priest that you wish to receive a blessing.

Agnus Dei

sung by the choir

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Junior Church returns to receive Communion or a blessing

Anthem

Ave verum corpus

sung by the choir

Ave verum corpus, natum
Ex Maria Virgine,
Vere passum, immolatum
In cruce pro homine.

Cuius latus perforatum
Vero fluxit sanguine;
Esto nobis praegustatum,
Mortis in examine.

O Clemens, O pie, O dulcis Jesu Fili Mariae.

*Hail, true Body,
born of the Virgin Mary,
who suffered for our redemption
on the cross,*

*and from whose wounded side
there poured true blood:
be our salvation
in the crisis of death.*

O merciful Jesu, O holy Jesu, O sweet Son of Mary.

Pope Innocent VI

Edward Elgar

After all have received Holy Communion, please stand as the President approaches the Altar

Prayer after Communion

President Let us pray.

Silence is kept

God our creator, by your gift
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

**All Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

Giving of a Lighted Candle

The parents and godparents and the newly-baptised gather at the Altar

President God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.
N, you have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.

**All Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.**

The President offers words of farewell before pronouncing the Blessing

The Blessing

President The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

The peace of God, which passes 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.**

Choir Go in the peace of Christ.



Thanks be to God.

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

Voluntary

We are very grateful to the City of London Chamber Choir for singing at this service for us

Please join us for refreshments in the Galilee Chapel after the service: everyone is welcome

Morning Prayer with Address is said in the Quire at 11.30 a.m. and Evensong is sung in the Quire at 3.30 p.m. by the City of London Chamber Choir

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 from Monday to Wednesday and on Friday and Saturday in the Quire, and **Evening Prayer** is said in the Quire on Thursday (live-streamed Monday to Friday).*

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

*Next Sunday—the Sunday next before Lent (Quinquagesima): **Holy Communion** (BCP) is celebrated at 8.00 a.m., the **Sung Eucharist** 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. Next Sunday's services are sung by St Peter's Consort, Belfast.*

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

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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 Plymington, *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.*

Ash Wednesday: 5 March

Please join us to mark the beginning of Lent with special services throughout the day—including Holy Communion (BCP) in the Feretory at 7.30 a.m. and the Sung Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes at 5.30 p.m. Ashes are also imposed at the Eucharist at 12.30 p.m.

Celebrating St Cuthbert 2025

We are looking forward to celebrating St Cuthbert, our patron saint whose shrine church this is. We will sing a special service of Evensong with a Procession to the Shrine on **Friday 21 March at 6.00 p.m.** The service is sung by Durham Cathedral Choir and the preacher is Professor Dee Dyas, Professor of the History of Christianity and Director of the Centre for Pilgrimage Studies at the University of York and a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society. We very much hope you will be with us on this special day which epitomises so much of what Durham Cathedral stands for. Please bring guests with you too. All congregational seating is unreserved. The service will last about one hour and drinks will be served in church afterwards.

On **Saturday 22 March**, during the day, there will be family activities in the Cathedral on the theme of St Cuthbert. There is also a Pilgrimage Walk from St Mary and St Cuthbert's Church, Chester-le-Street, to Durham Cathedral leaving at 10.30 a.m. or you can join at Finchale Priory, leaving at 1.15 p.m. and arriving at the Cathedral in time for a celebration of the Eucharist at 4.00 p.m. (see below). You can get to Chester-le-Street by train or to Finchale Priory by bus from Durham County Hall. The latter will leave County Hall at 12.15 p.m. (Cars may be parked at County Hall free of charge that day.) The bus to Finchale costs £7. You don't need to book onto the pilgrimage itself but you do need to book the bus:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/finchale-camino-annual-pilgrimage-2025-tickets-1249436270519

And, at 4.00 p.m., there will be a celebration of the Eucharist in honour of St Cuthbert sung by Durham Cathedral Consort and Junior Consort and Newcastle Cathedral Choir at which the president and preacher is the Bishop of Jarrow, the Right Reverend Sarah Clark. You are welcome to attend and sit in the congregation. Seats are free for all and you don't need to tell us if you are coming.

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 25 February. We gather after Evensong in the South Transept.

The Office for the Royal Maundy: Thursday 17 April at 11.00 a.m.

On Maundy Thursday, HM The King, accompanied by HM The Queen, will distribute the Royal Maundy at Durham Cathedral to 152 men and women who have undertaken Christian service of note in their local communities. The service will be attended by these recipients and their guests together with representatives of the Diocese of Durham and the County. Worshipping members of local churches including the Cathedral can enter a ballot to receive two seats (one for you and one for a guest). **You need to send an email to maundy@durhamcathedral.co.uk before Monday 17 March with your full name and date of birth and the full name and date of birth of your guest.** Ballot entries (up to a maximum of 200 seats) will be drawn out of a hat on Monday 24 March and successful entrants notified. Please note that the guest list will be shared confidentially with the police for security purposes. (Our worship for Holy Week will not be affected although some services will take place in alternative locations and the Chrism Eucharist will move to Monday of Holy Week at 11.00 a.m.)

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