



DURHAM CATHEDRAL

Matins

on

The First Sunday in Lent

Sunday 9 March 2025

11.30 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.*

Worshippers at Matins are invited to arrive early and take refreshments in the Galilee Chapel from 11.00 a.m. before taking their seats in the Quire for the service.

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Voluntary Prelude in F minor, Op 7

Marcel Dupré

Please stand at the entrance of the Choir and ministers

Hymn

Now is the healing time decreed
For sins of heart and word and deed,
When we in humble fear record
The wrong that we have done the Lord:

Who, always merciful and good,
Has borne so long our wayward mood,
Nor cut us off unsparingly
In our so great iniquity.

Therefore with fasting and with prayer,
Our secret sorrow we declare,
With all good striving seek his face,
And lowly-hearted plead for grace.

Cleanse us, O Lord, from every stain,
Help us the gifts of grace to gain,
Till with the angels, linked in love,
Joyful we tread thy courts above.

We pray thee, holy Trinity,
One God, unchanging Unity,
That we from this our abstinence
May reap the fruits of penitence. Amen.

Latin, translated by T A Lacey

JENA (DAS NEUGEBORENE KINDELEIN)

*Later form of melody from
Vulpinus' Gesangbuch, Jena 1609
Harmony chiefly by J S Bach*

Welcome and Introduction

The Reverend Kathryn Tiernan

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

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

The Lord, even the most mighty God, hath spoken :
 and called the world, from the rising up of the sun,
 unto the going down thereof.
Out of Sion hath God appeared :
 in perfect beauty.
Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence :
 there shall go before him a consuming fire,
 and a mighty tempest
 shall be stirred up round about him.
He shall call the heaven from above :
 and the earth, that he may judge his people.
Gather my saints together unto me :
 those that have made a covenant with me with sacrifice.
And the heaven shall declare his righteousness :
 for God is Judge himself.
Hear, O my people, and I will speak :
 I myself will testify against thee, O Israel;
 for I am God, even thy God.
I will not reprove thee because of thy sacrifices,
 or for thy burnt-offerings :
 because they were not alway before me.
I will take no bullock out of thine house :
 nor he-goat out of thy folds.
For all the beasts of the forest are mine :
 and so are the cattle upon a thousand hills.
I know all the fowls upon the mountains :
 and the wild beasts of the field are in my sight.
If I be hungry, I will not tell thee :
 for the whole world is mine, and all that is therein.
Thinkest thou that I will eat bulls' flesh :
 and drink the blood of goats?
Offer unto God thanksgiving :
 and pay thy vows unto the most Highest.
And call upon me in the time of trouble :
 so will I hear thee, and thou shalt praise me.

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

Micah 6: 1-8

Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

‘O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.’

‘With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?

Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?’

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

After a short silence, please stand with the Choir

Benedicite

George Dyson in F

O all ye Works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Heavens, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Waters that be above the Firmament,
bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O all ye Powers of the Lord, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Sun and Moon, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Stars of Heaven, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Showers and Dew, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Winds of God, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Fire and Heat, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Winter and Summer, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Dews and Frosts, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Frost and Cold, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Ice and Snow, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye Nights and Days, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Light and Darkness, bless ye the Lord :
 praise him, and magnify him for ever.
 O ye Lightnings and Clouds, bless ye the Lord :
 praise him, and magnify him for ever.
 O let the Earth bless the Lord :
 yea, let it praise him, and magnify him for ever.
 O ye Mountains and hills, bless ye the Lord :
 praise him, and magnify him for ever.
 O all ye Green Things upon the Earth, bless ye the Lord :
 praise him, and magnify him for ever.
 O ye Wells, bless ye the Lord :
 praise him, and magnify him for ever.
 O ye Seas and Floods, bless ye the Lord :
 praise him, and magnify him for ever.
 O ye Whales, and all that move in the Waters,
 bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him for ever.
 O all ye Fowls of the Air, bless ye the Lord :
 praise him, and magnify him for ever.
 O all ye Beasts and Cattle, bless ye the Lord :
 praise him, and magnify him for ever.
 O ye Children of Men, bless ye the Lord :
 praise him, and magnify him for ever.
 O let Israel bless the Lord :
 praise him, and magnify him for ever.
 O ye Priests of the Lord, bless ye the Lord :
 praise him, and magnify him for ever.
 O ye Servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord :
 praise him, and magnify him for ever.
 O ye Spirits and Souls of the Righteous, bless ye the Lord :
 praise him and magnify him for ever.
 O ye holy and humble Men of heart, bless ye the Lord :
 praise him, and magnify him for ever.
 O Ananias, Azarias, and Misael, bless ye the Lord :
 praise him, and magnify him 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

Luke 5: 27-end

After this Jesus went out and saw a tax-collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up, left everything, and followed him.

Then Levi gave a great banquet for him in his house; and there was a large crowd of tax-collectors and others sitting at the table with them. The Pharisees and their scribes were complaining to his disciples, saying, 'Why do you eat and drink with tax-collectors and sinners?' Jesus answered, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have come to call not the righteous but sinners to repentance.'

Then they said to him, 'John's disciples, like the disciples of the Pharisees, frequently fast and pray, but your disciples eat and drink.' Jesus said to them, 'You cannot make wedding-guests fast while the bridegroom is with them, can you? The days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days.' He also told them a parable: 'No one tears a piece from a new garment and sews it on an old garment; otherwise the new will be torn, and the piece from the new will not match the old. And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the new wine will burst the skins and will be spilled, and the skins will be destroyed. But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins. And no one after drinking old wine desires new wine, but says, "The old is good." '

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

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 in Lent

O Lord,
who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights:
Give us grace to use such abstinence,
that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit,
we may ever obey thy godly motions
in righteousness and true holiness,
to thy honour and glory,
who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost,
one God, world without end.
Amen.

The Collect for the First Day of Lent (commonly called Ash Wednesday)

Almighty and everlasting God,
who hatest nothing that thou hast made,
and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent:
Create and make in us new and contrite hearts,
that we worthily lamenting our sins,
and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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

A litany

sung by the Choir

Drop, drop, slow tears,
And bathe those beauteous feet,
Which brought from heaven
The news and Prince of Peace

Cease not, wet eyes,
His mercies to entreat;
To cry for vengeance
Sin doth never cease.

In your deep flood
Drown all my faults and fears;
Nor let his eye
See sin, but though my tears.

Phineas Fletcher

William Walton

Sermon

The Reverend Kathryn Tiernan

The sermon is followed by a prayer and 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.**

The minister offers words of farewell and announces the final hymn

Hymn Lord, thy word abideth,
And our footsteps guideth;
Who its truth believeth
Light and joy receiveth.

When our foes are near us,
Then thy word doth cheer us,
Word of consolation,
Message of salvation.

When the storms are o'er us,
And dark clouds before us,
Then its light directeth,
And our way protecteth.

Who can tell the pleasure,
Who recount the treasure,
By thy word imparted
To the simple-hearted?

Word of mercy, giving
Succour to the living;
Word of life, supplying
Comfort to the dying!

O that we discerning
Its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear thee,
Evermore be near thee.

H W Baker

*RAVENSHAW, mediaeval German melody
adapted and harmonised by W H Monk*

The Blessing

Minister Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;
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 Fugue in F minor, Op 7 *Marcel Dupré*

Evensong is sung at 3.30 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., **Evening Prayer** is said in the Quire on Monday, **Evensong** is sung in the Quire from Tuesday to Saturday (live-streamed Monday to Friday).*

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

*Next Sunday—the Second Sunday of Lent: **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., **Evensong** is sung at 3.30 p.m., and there is a DCCA recital by the Durham Cathedral Consort of Singers at 5.30 p.m.*

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 11 March. We gather after Evensong in the South Transept.

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.

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 choirs from Durham Cathedral and Newcastle Cathedral 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.

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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