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Evensong

on

The Second Sunday in Lent

Sunday 16 March 2025

3.30 p.m.



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Voluntary Andante tranquillo (from Sonata 3) *Felix Mendelssohn*

Please stand at the entry of the Choir and ministers

Hymn O thou who dost accord us
 The highest prize and guerdon,
 Thou hope of all our race,
Jesu, do thou afford us
 The gift we ask of pardon
 For all who humbly seek thy face.

With whispered accusation
 Our conscience tells of sinning
 In thought and word and deed;
Thine is the restoration,
 The work of grace beginning
 For souls from every burden freed.

For who, if thou reject us,
 Shall raise the fainting spirit?
 'Tis thine alone to spare:
That thou to life elect us
 Through our Redeemer's merit,
 Shall be thy people's lowly prayer.

O Trinity most glorious,
 Thy pardon free bestowing,
 Defend us evermore;
That in thy courts victorious,
 Thy love more truly knowing,
 We may with all thy Saints adore.

From the Latin

Tr based on that of J W Hewett

INNSBRUCK, Traditional song set by H Isaac

Harmony by J S Bach

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 The almighty and merciful Lord
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

Matthew Martin

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

O praise the Lord, laud ye the Name of the Lord :
 praise it, O ye servants of the Lord;
 Ye that stand in the house of the Lord :
 in the courts of the house of our God.
 O praise the Lord, for the Lord is gracious :
 O sing praises unto his Name, for it is lovely.
 For why? the Lord hath chosen Jacob unto himself :
 and Israel for his own possession.
 For I know that the Lord is great :
 and that our Lord is above all gods.
 Whatsoever the Lord pleased,
 that did he in heaven, and in earth :
 and in the sea, and in all deep places.
 He bringeth forth the clouds from the ends of the world :
 and sendeth forth lightnings with the rain,
 bringing the winds out of his treasures.
 He smote the first-born of Egypt :
 both of man and beast.
 He hath sent tokens and wonders into the midst of thee,
 O thou land of Egypt :
 upon Pharaoh, and all his servants.
 He smote divers nations :
 and slew mighty kings;
 Sehon king of the Amorites, and Og the king of Basan :
 and all the kingdoms of Canaan;
 And gave their land to be an heritage :
 even an heritage unto Israel his people.
 Thy Name, O Lord, endureth for ever :
 so doth thy memorial,
 O Lord, from one generation to another.
 For the Lord will avenge his people :
 and be gracious unto his servants.
 As for the images of the heathen, they are but silver and gold :
 the work of men's hands.
 They have mouths, and speak not :
 eyes have they, but they see not.

They have ears, and yet they hear not :
neither is there any breath in their mouths.
They that make them are like unto them :
and so are all they that put their trust in them.
Praise the Lord, ye house of Israel :
praise the Lord, ye house of Aaron.
Praise the Lord, ye house of Levi :
ye that fear the Lord, praise the Lord.
Praised be the Lord out of Sion :
who dwelleth at Jerusalem.

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

Jeremiah 22: 1-9, 13-17

Thus says the LORD: Go down to the house of the king of Judah, and speak there this word, and say: Hear the word of the LORD, O King of Judah sitting on the throne of David—you, and your servants, and your people who enter these gates. Thus says the LORD: Act with justice and righteousness, and deliver from the hand of the oppressor anyone who has been robbed. And do no wrong or violence to the alien, the orphan, and the widow, nor shed innocent blood in this place. For if you will indeed obey this word, then through the gates of this house shall enter kings who sit on the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, they, and their servants, and their people. But if you will not heed these words, I swear by myself, says the LORD, that this house shall become a desolation. For thus says the LORD concerning the house of the king of Judah:

You are like Gilead to me,
like the summit of Lebanon;
but I swear that I will make you a desert,
an uninhabited city.

I will prepare destroyers against you,
all with their weapons;
they shall cut down your choicest cedars
and cast them into the fire.

And many nations will pass by this city, and all of them will say one to another, 'Why has the LORD dealt in this way with that great city?' And they will answer, 'Because they abandoned the covenant of the LORD their God, and worshipped other gods and served them.'

Woe to him who builds his house by unrighteousness,
and his upper rooms by injustice;
who makes his neighbours work for nothing,
and does not give them their wages;
who says, 'I will build myself a spacious house
with large upper rooms',
and who cuts out windows for it,
panelling it with cedar,
and painting it with vermilion.

Are you a king
because you compete in cedar?
Did not your father eat and drink
and do justice and righteousness?
Then it was well with him.

He judged the cause of the poor and needy;
then it was well.

Is not this to know me?
says the LORD.

But your eyes and heart
are only on your dishonest gain,
for shedding innocent blood,
and for practising oppression and violence.

After a short silence, all stand with the Choir

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

Jesus said, 'Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions. '

After a short silence, all stand with the Choir

Nunc dimittis

Tomás Luis de Victoria: Nunc dimittis tertii toni

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

Matthew Martin

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 Second Sunday in Lent

Almighty God,
who seest that we have no power of ourselves
to help ourselves:
Keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities
which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts
which may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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, from whom all holy desires,
all good counsels, and all just works do proceed:
give unto thy servants that peace
which the world cannot give;
that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments,
and also that by thee
we being defended from the fear of our enemies
may pass our time in rest and quietness;
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

The Collect for aid against all perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee O Lord;
and by thy great mercy
defend us from all perils and dangers of this night;
for the love of thy only Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Please sit

Anthem Hear my prayer *sung by the Choir*

Hear my prayer, O God, incline thine ear!
Thyself from my petition do not hide!
Take heed to me! Hear how in prayer I mourn to thee!
Without thee all is dark, I have no guide.

The enemy shouteth, the godless come fast!
Iniquity, hatred, upon me they cast!
The wicked oppress me, Ah, where shall I fly?
Perplexed and bewildered, O God, hear my cry!

My heart is sorely pained within my breast,
My soul with deathly terror is oppressed;
Trembling and fearfulness upon me fall;
With horror overwhelmed, Lord, hear me call!

O for the wings of a dove!
Far away would I rove!
In the wilderness build me a nest,
And remain there for ever at rest.

Psalm 55: 1-7

Felix Mendelssohn

Prayers and the Grace

The Reverend Canon Michael Everitt

The prayers conclude with the Grace

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

The minister offers words of farewell and announces the final hymn

Please stand to sing the hymn

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 Con moto maestoso (from Sonata 3) *Felix Mendelssohn*

Daily services this week

At 7.30 a.m. on Thursday, there is a special celebration of the Eucharist (BCP) in the Feretory in honour of St Cuthbert.

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 except on Thursday when it is celebrated in the Feretory. These services are not live-streamed.

At 5.30 p.m., Evensong is sung in the Quire from Monday to Thursday (live-streamed).

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

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.

*Next Sunday—the Third 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. and **Evensong** is sung at 3.30 p.m.*

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Thank you!



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.*

Holy Week and Easter at Durham Cathedral — (L) = live-streamed

Sunday 13 April

10.30 a.m.

Monday 14 April

8.30 a.m.

11.00 a.m.

5.30 p.m.

7.30 p.m.

8.45 p.m.

Tuesday 15 April

8.30 a.m.

12.30 p.m.

5.30 p.m.

7.30 p.m.

Wednesday 16 April

8.30 a.m.

12.30 p.m.

5.30 p.m.

7.30 p.m.

Thursday 17 April

8.30 a.m.

11.00 a.m.

12.30 p.m.

5.30 p.m.

7.30 p.m.

Friday 18 April

8.30 a.m.

12 noon

1.15 p.m.

1.45 p.m.

3.15 p.m.

Saturday 19 April

8.30 a.m.

5.30 p.m.

Sunday 31 March

5.00 a.m.

8.00 a.m.

10.00 a.m.

11.30 a.m.

3.30 p.m.

Palm Sunday

Sung Eucharist and the Procession of Palms (L)

Monday of Holy Week

Morning Prayer (L)

Chrism Eucharist (L)

President and Preacher: The Bishop of Jarrow

Evening Prayer (L)

Stations of the Cross

Compline (L) - online only

Tuesday of Holy Week

Morning Prayer (L)

Holy Communion

Evening Prayer (L)

Sung Compline and Address (L)

Wednesday of Holy Week

** Cathedral closed all day **

Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Holy Cross) (L)

Holy Communion (St Oswald's Church)

Evening Prayer (St Oswald's Church) (L)

Sung Compline and Address (St Oswald's Church) (L)

Maundy Thursday

Morning Prayer (St Oswald's Church) (L)

The Office for the Royal Maundy (invitation only)

Holy Communion (St Oswald's Church)

Evening Prayer (L)

The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday (L)

Preacher: The Reverend Dr Kate Bruce

Good Friday

Morning Prayer (L)

Commemoration of the Passion (L)

Preacher: The Reverend Dr Kate Bruce

Music at the Foot of the Cross

The Liturgy of Good Friday (L)

Preacher: The Reverend Dr Kate Bruce

Evening Prayer at the Pietá (L)

Holy Saturday

Morning Prayer (L)

No service at 12.30 p.m.

Easter Vigil Service of Readings

Easter Day

The Dawn Eucharist

with Baptism and Confirmation

Preacher and President: The Bishop of Jarrow

Holy Communion (BCP)

Festal Eucharist (L)

President: The Bishop of Jarrow. Preacher: The Reverend Dr Kate Bruce

Matins *Preacher: The Dean of Durham*

Evensong

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.)

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 March. We gather after Evensong in the South Transept.

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