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## **Evensong**

*on*

**The Second Sunday after Easter**

Sunday 19 April 2026

3.30 p.m.



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*This service is sung by the Choir of St Martin-in-the-Fields*

## **Voluntary**

*Please stand at the entry of the choir and ministers*

## **Hymn**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Hearts to heaven and voices raise;  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,  
Sing to God a hymn of praise;  
He who on the Cross a victim  
For the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,  
Now is risen from the dead.**

**Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits  
Of the holy harvest field,  
Which will all its full abundance  
At his second coming yield;  
Then the golden ears of harvest  
Will their heads before him wave,  
Ripened by his glorious sunshine  
From the furrows of the grave.**

**Christ is risen, we are risen;  
Shed upon us heavenly grace,  
Rain, and dew, and gleams of glory  
From the brightness of thy face;  
That we, Lord, with hearts in heaven  
Here on earth may fruitful be,  
And by angel-hands be gathered,  
And be ever safe with thee.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**Glory be to God on high;**  
**To the Father, and the Saviour,**  
**Who has gained the victory;**  
**Glory to the Holy Spirit,**  
**Fount of love and sanctity;**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**To the Triune Majesty.**

*Christopher Wordsworth*

*LUX EOI, Arthur Sullivan*

**Welcome and Introduction**

*The Reverend Canon Michael Hampel*

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**

*Bernard Rose*

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 48**

*sung by the choir*

Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised :  
    in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill.  
The hill of Sion is a fair place,  
    and the joy of the whole earth :  
    upon the north-side lieth the city of the great King;  
    God is well known in her palaces as a sure refuge.  
For lo, the kings of the earth :  
    are gathered, and gone by together.  
They marvelled to see such things :  
    they were astonished, and suddenly cast down.  
Fear came there upon them, and sorrow :  
    as upon a woman in her travail.  
Thou shalt break the ships of the sea :  
    through the east-wind.  
Like as we have heard,  
    so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts,  
    in the city of our God :  
    God upholdeth the same for ever.  
We wait for thy loving-kindness, O God :  
    in the midst of thy temple.  
O God, according to thy Name,  
    so is thy praise unto the world's end :  
    thy right hand is full of righteousness.  
Let the mount Sion rejoice,  
    and the daughter of Judah be glad :  
    because of thy judgements.  
Walk about Sion, and go round about her :  
    and tell the towers thereof.  
Mark well her bulwarks, set up her houses :  
    that ye may tell them that come after.  
For this God is our God for ever and ever :  
    he shall be our guide unto death.

*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**

**Haggai 1: 13–2: 9**

Then Haggai, the messenger of the LORD, spoke to the people with the LORD's message, saying, I am with you, says the LORD. And the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and worked on the house of the LORD of hosts, their God, on the twenty-fourth day of the month, in the sixth month.

In the second year of King Darius, in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by the prophet Haggai, saying: Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the LORD; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the LORD; work, for I am with you, says the LORD of hosts, according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. For thus says the LORD of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendour, says the LORD of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the LORD of hosts. The latter splendour of this house shall be greater than the former, says the LORD of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the LORD of hosts.

*After a short silence, all stand with the choir*

## Magnificat

*Herbert Howells: Gloucester Service*

My soul doth magnify the Lord :  
    And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.  
For he hath regarded :  
    the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
For behold, from henceforth :  
    all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me :  
    and holy is his Name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him :  
    throughout all generations.  
He hath showed strength with his arm :  
    he hath scattered the proud  
    in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat :  
    and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things :  
    and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He remembering his mercy  
    hath holpen his servant Israel :  
    as he promised to our forefathers,  
    Abraham and his seed for ever.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:  
    and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
    world without end. Amen.

*Please sit*

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— the work of each builder will become visible, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done. If what has been built on the foundation survives, the builder will receive a reward. If the work is burned, the builder will suffer loss; the builder will be saved, but only as through fire.

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

*After a short silence, all stand with the choir*

**Nunc dimittis**

*Herbert Howells: Gloucester Service*

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

*Bernard Rose*

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 after Easter*

Almighty God,  
who hast given thine only Son to be unto us  
both a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life:  
Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive  
that his inestimable benefit,  
and also daily endeavour ourselves  
to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life;  
through the same 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**

Blessèd city, heavenly Salem

*sung by the choir*

Blessèd city, heav'nly Salem,  
Vision dear of peace and love,  
Who, of living stones art builded  
In the height of heav'n above,  
And by Angel-hands apparel'd  
As a bride doth earthward move.

Out of heav'n from God descending,  
New and ready to be wed  
To thy Lord, whose love espous'd thee,  
Fair adorn'd shalt thou be led;  
All thy gates and all thy bulwarks  
Of pure gold are fashionèd.

Bright thy gates of pearl are shining,  
They are open evermore;  
And, their well-earn'd rest attaining,  
Thither faithful souls do soar.  
Who for Christ's dear Name in this world  
Pain and tribulation bore.

Many a blow and biting sculpture  
Polish'd well those stones elect,  
In their places now compacted  
By the heav'nly Architect.  
Nevermore to leave the Temple.  
Which with them the Lord hath deck'd.

To this Temple, where we call thee,  
Come, O Lord of Hosts, today;  
With thy wonted loving-kindness  
Hear thy servants as they pray;  
And thy fullest benediction  
Shed within its walls away. Amen.

*Latin, from the plain-song hymns*

*Urbs beata Jerusalem and Angularis fundamentum,  
c 7th century, translated by John Mason Neale*

*Edward Bairstow*

*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**            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*

### **The Blessing**

Minister      The God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
that great shepherd of the sheep,  
through the blood of the eternal covenant,  
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,  
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

All              **Amen.**

### **Voluntary**

*We're very grateful to the Choir of St Martin-in-the-Fields for singing at this service today*

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## **Community Newsletter**

Many of you will have received the April edition of the Cathedral's new community newsletter. It is issued once a month and includes pastoral words from different members of the cathedral clergy and news about things that might interest the cathedral community—especially about worship, music, talks, and other events that build up our worship and fellowship. It will go to regular worshippers who have joined the community roll as well as other constituencies closely associated with the Cathedral. If you are a regular worshipper here but not on the community roll, you are welcome to join it by sending an email to [community@durhamcathedral.co.uk](mailto:community@durhamcathedral.co.uk). Alternatively, you can sign up to the newsletter by scanning this QR code:



### **Installation of Jane Maycock as Canon Missioner:**

**Sunday 3 May at 3.30 p.m.**

Our new Canon Missioner and member of Chapter, the Reverend Canon Jane Maycock, will be installed at Evensong on Sunday 3 May at 3.30 p.m. and everyone is warmly invited to come along and support Jane as we welcome her into the cathedral community. At this service, we will also be giving thanks for the 40th anniversary of the special link between the Diocese of Durham and the Diocese of Lesotho in Southern Africa.

### **Ascension Day: Thursday 14 May**

We celebrate Christ's ascension into heaven forty days after his resurrection with special services all day. In addition to our usual services, Holy Communion according to the Book of Common Prayer is celebrated at 7.30 a.m. in the Feretory. At 5.30 p.m., the Eucharist will be sung by the Cathedral Choir for this principal feast day. Please celebrate this holy day with us.

**Services and other events this week:**  
**(L) = live-streamed (NL) = not live-streamed**

Monday 20 April	8.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Feretary) (L)
	12.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (Benedict Altar) (NL)
	5.30 p.m.	Evening Prayer (Quire) (L)
	8.45 p.m.	Compline (online only) (L)
Tuesday 21 April	8.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Feretary) (L)
	12.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (Benedict Altar) (NL)
	5.30 p.m.	Evensong (Quire) (L)
Wednesday 22 April	8.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Feretary) (L)
	12.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (Benedict Altar) (NL)
	2.00 p.m.	Funeral Service
	5.30 p.m.	Evensong (Quire) (L)
	7.00 p.m.	Organ Recital: Katherine Dienes-Williams (Quire and Nave) (NL)
Thursday 23 April		<i>St George, Martyr, Patron of England</i>
	8.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Feretary) (L)
	12.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (High Altar) (NL)
	5.30 p.m.	Evensong (Quire) (L)
	7.30 p.m.	Music of Bruce Springsteen
Friday 24 April	8.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Feretary) (L)
	12.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (Benedict Altar) (NL)
	5.30 p.m.	Evensong (Quire) (L)
	7.30 p.m.	Music of Bruce Springsteen
Saturday 25 April		<i>Mark the Evangelist</i>
	8.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Feretary) (L)
	12.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (High Altar) (NL)
	5.30 p.m.	Evensong (Quire) (L)
Sunday 26 April		<i>The Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>
	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP) (High Altar) (NL)
	10.00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist and Holy Baptism (CW1) (Nave) (L)
	11.30 a.m.	Matins (Quire) (NL)
	3.30 p.m.	Evensong (Quire) (NL)

### **Pentecost Praise at Durham Cathedral: Sunday 24 May at 6.30 p.m.**

Pentecost Praise is a celebration service being hosted for the second time by Durham Cathedral in partnership with local churches. It offers an opportunity for Christians to gather together to give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church, and to celebrate and pray for God's work in the world today. Music will be led by a band drawn from churches across the region, and the service will include anointing and prayer ministry. Pentecost Praise will be led by Philip Plyming, Dean of Durham, and Hannah Wilkinson, Senior Leader and Youth Lead at St Nic's Durham. The preacher will be Sam Ward, UK CEO of The Message Trust. Do plan to come, and bring friends from your church or youth group.

### **Celebrating our Saints: The Venerable Bede**

We invite you to join us for our celebrations of our other great saint, The Venerable Bede, whose feast day falls on Monday 25 May 2026. There will be a simple celebration of Holy Communion at Bede's tomb according to the Book of Common Prayer at 7.30 a.m. There will be another celebration of the Eucharist at Bede's tomb at 12.30 p.m., and we conclude the day with a special Festal Evensong at 5.30 p.m., which will be sung by the Chapel Choir of Hild Bede College, Durham University. At this service our guest preacher will be Professor Anna Rowlands, St Hilda Professor of Catholic Social Thought and Practice, Durham University, and Ecumenical Canon at Durham University. Those attending Evensong are invited to join us for refreshments after the service. We are also excited to announce that, on the following evening (Tuesday 26 May) at 7.30 p.m. in the nave our new 'Bede Librarian', the historian, novelist, and podcaster, Tom Holland will give a Durham Cathedral Institute lecture entitled: 'Cuthbert, Bede, and the renewal of culture'. Sadly this event is now fully subscribed but a recording of the lecture will be made available subsequently.

## Organ Recitals 2026

Our organ recitals follow last year's revised and successful format. Once a month, there will be an hour long recital starting at 7.00 p.m. We're keen to encourage people who don't normally come to our organ recitals to join us, alongside those familiar with these special recitals, and enjoy the magnificent sound of one of the country's greatest cathedral organs played by some of Britain's greatest organists.

Wednesday 22 April: Katherine Dienes-Williams, Guildford Cathedral

Wednesday 27 May: Joseph Beech, Durham Cathedral

Wednesday 24 June: Robert Quinney, New College, Oxford

Wednesday 22 July: Imogen Morgan, St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh

Wednesday 26 August: Benjamin Mills, Durham Cathedral

Wednesday 23 September: Daniel Cook, Durham Cathedral

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