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**Evensong**

*on*

**The Fifth Sunday after Easter**

Sunday 10 May 2026

3.30 p.m.



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**Voluntary**      Rhapsody, Op 4

*Harold Darke*

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

**Hymn**            **The Day of Resurrection!**  
                      **Earth, tell it out abroad;**  
**The Passover of gladness,**  
                      **The Passover of God!**  
**From death to life eternal,**  
                      **From earth unto the sky,**  
**Our Christ hath brought us over**  
                      **With hymns of victory.**

**Our hearts be pure from evil,**  
                      **That we may see aright**  
**The Lord in rays eternal**  
                      **Of resurrection-light;**  
**And, listening to his accents,**  
                      **May hear so calm and plain**  
**His own 'All hail,' and, hearing,**  
                      **May raise the victor strain.**

**Now let the heavens be joyful,**  
                      **And earth her song begin,**  
**The round world keep high triumph,**  
                      **And all that is therein;**  
**Let all things seen and unseen**  
                      **Their notes of gladness blend,**  
**For Christ the Lord hath risen,**  
                      **Our joy that hath no end.**

*Greek, St John of Damascus,  
translated by John Mason Neale*

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**Welcome and Introduction**

*The Very Reverend Dr Philip Plyming*

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**

*Humphrey Clucas*

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*

Her foundations are upon the holy hills :  
the Lord loveth the gates of Sion  
more than all the dwellings of Jacob.  
Very excellent things are spoken of thee :  
thou city of God.  
I will think upon Rahab and Babylon :  
with them that know me.  
Behold ye the Philistines also :  
and they of Tyre, with the Morians; lo, there was he born.  
And of Sion it shall be reported that he was born in her :  
and the most High shall stablish her.  
The Lord shall rehearse it when he writeth up the people :  
that he was born there.  
The singers also and trumpeters shall he rehearse :  
All my fresh springs shall be in thee.  
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.

Thy mercy, O Lord, reacheth unto the heavens :  
and thy faithfulness unto the clouds.  
Thy righteousness standeth like the strong mountains :  
thy judgements are like the great deep.  
Thou, Lord, shalt save both man and beast;  
How excellent is thy mercy, O God :  
and the children of men  
shall put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.  
They shall be satisfied with the plenteousness of thy house :  
and thou shalt give them drink of thy pleasures,  
as out of the river.  
For with thee is the well of life :  
and in thy light shall we see light.  
O continue forth thy loving-kindness  
unto them that know thee :  
and thy righteousness unto them that are true of heart.

*Please stand*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen.

*Please sit*

The word of the LORD of hosts came to me, saying: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I am jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I am jealous for her with great wrath. Thus says the LORD: I will return to Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem; Jerusalem shall be called the faithful city, and the mountain of the LORD of hosts shall be called the holy mountain. Thus says the LORD of hosts: Old men and old women shall again sit in the streets of Jerusalem, each with staff in hand because of their great age. And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in its streets. Thus says the LORD of hosts: Even though it seems impossible to the remnant of this people in these days, should it also seem impossible to me, says the LORD of hosts? Thus says the LORD of hosts: I will save my people from the east country and from the west country; and I will bring them to live in Jerusalem. They shall be my people and I will be their God, in faithfulness and in righteousness.

Thus says the LORD of hosts: Let your hands be strong—you that have recently been hearing these words from the mouths of the prophets who were present when the foundation was laid for the rebuilding of the temple, the house of the LORD of hosts. For before those days there were no wages for people or for animals, nor was there any safety from the foe for those who went out or came in, and I set them all against one another. But now I will not deal with the remnant of this people as in the former days, says the LORD of hosts. For there shall be a sowing of peace; the vine shall yield its fruit, the ground shall give its produce, and the skies shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these things. Just as you have been a cursing among the nations, O house of Judah and house of Israel, so I will save you and you shall be a blessing. Do not be afraid, but let your hands be strong.

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

**Magnificat**

*Herbert Howells: Westminster 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*

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

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

**Nunc dimittis**

*Herbert Howells: Westminster 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**

*Humphrey Clucas*

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 Fifth Sunday after Easter*

O Lord,  
from whom all good things do come:  
Grant to us thy humble servants,  
that by thy holy inspiration  
we may think those things that be good,  
and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
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**

*sung by the Choir*

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people: and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

*Revelation 21: 1 - 4*

*Edgar Bainton*

**Prayers and the Grace**

*The Very Reverend Dr Philip Plymington*

*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**

This joyful Eastertide,  
Away with sin and sorrow.  
My Love, the Crucified,  
Hath sprung to life this morrow:  
*Had Christ, that once was slain,  
Ne'er burst his three-day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain:  
But now hath Christ arisen.*

My flesh in hope shall rest,  
And for a season slumber:  
Till trump from east to west  
Shall wake the dead in number:

Death's flood hath lost his chill,  
Since Jesus crossed the river:  
Lover of souls, from ill  
My passing soul deliver:

*G R Woodward*

THIS JOYFUL EASTERTIDE  
*Melody from David's Psalmen Amsterdam  
arranged by Charles Wood*

**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.

Choir

Amen.

**Voluntary**

Fanfare (4 Extemporisation)

*Percy Whitlock*

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### **Community Newsletter**

Many of you will have received the May 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:



### **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.

### **Community Gathering**

The next Community Gathering will take place on Thursday 14 May immediately following the Liturgy of Ascension Day. The Sung Eucharist begins at 5.30 p.m., and should last approximately one hour, and we will then gather in the Deanery garden for drinks from approximately 6.45 p.m. All are welcome to both the service and the gathering which follows.

## Services and other events this week:

(L) = live-streamed (NL) = not live-streamed

Monday 11 May	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 12 May	8.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Feretary) (L)
	12.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (Benedict Altar) (NL)
	5.30 p.m.	Evensong: Student Tuesday (Quire) (L)
Wednesday 13 May	8.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Feretary) (L)
	12.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (Benedict Altar) (NL)
	2.00 p.m.	Mothers Union Eucharist (Quire) (NL)
	5.30 p.m.	Evensong (Quire) (L)
	6.30 p.m.	Catholic Chaplaincy Mass
Thursday 14 May		<i>Ascension Day</i>
	7.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (Feretary) (NL)
	8.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Feretary) (L)
	12.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (High Altar) (NL)
	5.30 p.m.	Evensong (Quire) (L)
	6.45 p.m.	Community Gathering
Friday 15 May		<i>Matthias the Apostle</i>
	8.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer and Litany (Feretary) (L)
	12.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (High Altar) (NL)
	5.30 p.m.	Evensong (Quire) (L)
Saturday 16 May	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.	Durham Choral Society Concert (Nave) (NL)
Sunday 17 May		<i>The Seventh Sunday of Easter</i>
	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP) (High Altar) (NL)
	10.00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist (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.

### **Installation of the Bishop of Durham: Sunday 7 June at 3.00 p.m.**

Tickets for this service will be released on the Cathedral's ticketsolve platform in the next week or so. Orders of service next Sunday will confirm details. Depending on availability, people will be able to book two complimentary tickets on a first come/first served basis.

## 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.

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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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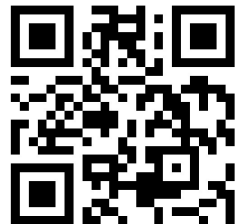
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