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CATHEDRAL

**Matins**

*on*

**The Fifth Sunday after Easter**

Sunday 10 May 2026

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

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

### Hymn

Walking in a garden  
At the close of day,  
Adam tried to hide him  
When he heard God say:  
'Why are you so frightened,  
Why are you afraid?  
You have brought the winter in,  
Made the flowers fade.'

Walking in a garden  
Where the Lord has gone,  
Thee of the disciples,  
Peter, James and John;  
They were very weary,  
Could not keep awake,  
While the Lord was kneeling there,  
Praying for their sake.

Walking in a garden.  
At the break of day,  
Mary asked the gardener  
Where the body lay;  
But he turned towards her,  
Smiled at her and said:  
'Mary, spring is here to stay,  
Only death is dead.'

*Hilary Greenwood*

DUN ALUINN, *Traditional Irish Melody*

**Welcome and Introduction**

*The Reverend Canon Jane Maycock*

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

*Humphrey Clucas*

Cantor  
Choir

O Lord, open thou our lips.  
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*

Thus my heart was grieved :  
and it went even through my reins.  
So foolish was I, and ignorant :  
even as it were a beast before thee.  
Nevertheless, I am always by thee :  
for thou hast holden me by my right hand.  
Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel :  
and after that receive me with glory.  
Whom have I in heaven but thee :  
and there is none upon earth  
that I desire in comparison of thee.  
My flesh and my heart faileth :  
but God is the strength of my heart,  
and my portion for ever.  
For lo, they that forsake thee shall perish :  
thou hast destroyed all them  
that commit fornication against thee.  
But it is good for me to hold me fast by God,  
to put my trust in the Lord God :  
and to speak of all thy works  
in the gates of the daughter of Sion.

*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**

**Job 14: 1-2, 7-15; 19: 23-27a**

'A mortal, born of woman, few of days and full of trouble,  
comes up like a flower and withers,  
flees like a shadow and does not last.

For there is hope for a tree,  
if it is cut down, that it will sprout again,  
and that its shoots will not cease.

Though its root grows old in the earth,  
and its stump dies in the ground,  
yet at the scent of water it will bud  
and put forth branches like a young plant.

But mortals die, and are laid low;  
humans expire, and where are they?

As waters fail from a lake,  
and a river wastes away and dries up,  
so mortals lie down and do not rise again;  
until the heavens are no more, they will not awake  
or be roused out of their sleep.

O that you would hide me in Sheol,  
that you would conceal me until your wrath is past,  
that you would appoint me a set time, and remember me!

If mortals die, will they live again?  
All the days of my service I would wait  
until my release should come.

You would call, and I would answer you;  
you would long for the work of your hands.

O that my words were written down!  
O that they were inscribed in a book!

O that with an iron pen and with lead  
they were engraved on a rock for ever!

For I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;  
and after my skin has been thus destroyed,  
then in my flesh I shall see God,  
whom I shall see on my side,  
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.'

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

We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.  
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.  
To thee all angels cry aloud,  
the heavens and all the powers therein.  
To thee cherubin and seraphin continually do cry,  
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;  
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.  
The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.  
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.  
The noble army of martyrs praise thee.  
The holy Church throughout all the world  
doth acknowledge thee:  
the Father of an infinite majesty;  
thine honourable, true and only Son;  
also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.  
Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.  
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.  
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,  
thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.  
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,  
thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.  
We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.  
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,  
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.  
Make them to be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting.  
O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage.  
Govern them and lift them up for ever.  
Day by day we magnify thee;  
and we worship thy name, ever world without end.  
Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.  
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in thee.  
O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

*Please sit*

## Second Lesson

## 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-end

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

## Jubilate Deo

*Matthew Martin*

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands :  
    serve the Lord with gladness,  
    and come before his presence with a song.  
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God :  
    it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;  
    we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.  
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,  
    and into his courts with praise :  
    be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name.  
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting :  
    and his truth endureth from generation to generation.  
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,  
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**

*sung by the Choir*

My beloved spake, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away. For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land. The fig-tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

*Song of Solomon 2: 10-13*

*Patrick Hadley*

**Sermon**

*The Reverend Canon Jane Maycock*

*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*

*Please stand to sing the hymn*

**Hymn**                **Thou hallowed chosen morn of praise,  
That best and greatest shimest:  
Lady and queen and day of days,  
Of things divine, divinest!  
On thee our praises Christ adore  
For ever and for evermore.**

**Come, let us taste the vine's new fruit,  
For heavenly joy preparing;  
Today the branches with the root  
In resurrection sharing:  
Whom as true God our hymns adore  
For ever and for evermore.**

**Rise, Sion, rise! and looking forth,  
Behold thy children round thee!  
From east and west, from south and north,  
Thy scattered sons have found thee;  
And in thy bosom Christ adore  
For ever and for evermore.**

**O Father, O co-equal Son,  
O co-eternal Spirit,  
In persons Three, in Godhead One,  
And One in power and merit;  
In thee baptized, we thee adore  
For ever and for evermore.**

*Greek, St John of Damascus  
translated by J M Neale*

EISENACH, J H Schein

### **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 Ghost,  
                      be amongst you and remain with you always.

Choir            Amen.

### **Voluntary**

*For all enquiries concerning the provision of pastoral care for members of the cathedral community, please contact The Reverend Daniel Parkinson: [daniel.parkinson@durhamcathedral.co.uk](mailto:daniel.parkinson@durhamcathedral.co.uk).*

## **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:



## **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.

## **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 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 24 June: Robert Quinney, New College, Oxford

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Wednesday 26 August: Benjamin Mills, Durham Cathedral

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