



DURHAM
CATHEDRAL

Evensong

on

The Third Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 21 June 2026

3.30 p.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.*

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Voluntary

Please stand at the entry of the Choir and ministers

Hymn Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
 To his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
 Who like me his praise should sing?
 Praise him! Praise him!
 Praise him! Praise him!
 Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour
 To our fathers in distress;
Praise him still the same for ever,
 Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
 Praise him! Praise him!
 Praise him! Praise him!
 Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us;
 Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us,
 Rescues us from all our foes.
 Praise him! Praise him!
 Praise him! Praise him!
 Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
 Ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him,
 Dwellers all in time and space.
 Praise him! Praise him!
 Praise him! Praise him!
 Praise with us the God of grace!

H F Lyte

*PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss
Descant by Daniel Cook*

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

Thomas Tomkins

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

God is our hope and strength :
 a very present help in trouble.
Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved :
 and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea.
Though the waters thereof rage and swell :
 and though the mountains shake
 at the tempest of the same.
The rivers of the flood thereof
 shall make glad the city of God :
 the holy place of the tabernacle of the most Highest.
God is in the midst of her,
 therefore shall she not be removed :
 God shall help her, and that right early.
The heathen make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved :
 but God hath shewed his voice,
 and the earth shall melt away.
The Lord of hosts is with us :
 the God of Jacob is our refuge.
O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord :
 what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.
He maketh wars to cease in all the world :
 he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder,
 and burneth the chariots in the fire.
Be still then, and know that I am God :
 I will be exalted among the heathen,
 and I will be exalted in the earth.
The Lord of hosts is with us :
 the God of Jacob is our refuge.

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

When Saul returned from following the Philistines, he was told, 'David is in the wilderness of En-gedi.' Then Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and went to look for David and his men in the direction of the Rocks of the Wild Goats. He came to the sheepfolds beside the road, where there was a cave; and Saul went in to relieve himself. Now David and his men were sitting in the innermost parts of the cave. The men of David said to him, 'Here is the day of which the LORD said to you, "I will give your enemy into your hand, and you shall do to him as it seems good to you."' Then David went and stealthily cut off a corner of Saul's cloak. Afterwards David was stricken to the heart because he had cut off a corner of Saul's cloak. He said to his men, 'The LORD forbid that I should do this thing to my lord, the LORD's anointed, to raise my hand against him; for he is the LORD's anointed.' So David scolded his men severely and did not permit them to attack Saul. Then Saul got up and left the cave, and went on his way.

Afterwards David also rose up and went out of the cave and called after Saul, 'My lord the king!' When Saul looked behind him, David bowed with his face to the ground, and did obeisance. David said to Saul, 'Why do you listen to the words of those who say, "David seeks to do you harm"? This very day your eyes have seen how the LORD gave you into my hand in the cave; and some urged me to kill you, but I spared you. I said, "I will not raise my hand against my lord; for he is the LORD's anointed." See, my father, see the corner of your cloak in my hand; for by the fact that I cut off the corner of your cloak, and did not kill you, you may know for certain that there is no wrong or treason in my hands. I have not sinned against you, though you are hunting me to take my life. May the LORD judge between me and you! May the LORD avenge me on you; but my hand shall not be against you. As the ancient proverb says, "Out of the wicked comes forth wickedness"; but my hand shall not be against you. Against whom has the king of Israel come out? Whom do you pursue? A dead dog? A single flea? May the LORD therefore be judge, and give sentence between me and you. May he see to it, and plead my cause, and vindicate me against you.'

When David had finished speaking these words to Saul, Saul said, 'Is that your voice, my son David?' Saul lifted up his voice and wept. He said to David, 'You are more righteous than I; for you have repaid me good, whereas I have repaid you evil.

After a short silence, all stand with the Choir

Magnificat

Heinrich Schütz : Deutsches Magnificat SWV 494

*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

He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.' One of the dinner guests, on hearing this, said to him, 'Blessed is anyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!' Then Jesus said to him, 'Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, "Come; for everything is ready now." But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, "I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my apologies." Another said, "I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please accept my apologies." Another said, "I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come." So the slave returned and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, "Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame." And the slave said, "Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room." Then the master said to the slave, "Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those who were invited will taste my dinner."' "

After a short silence, all stand with the Choir

Nunc dimittis

Gustav Holst: Nunc dimittis

*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

Thomas Tomkins

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 Third Sunday after Trinity

O Lord,
we beseech thee mercifully to hear us;
and grant that we,
to whom thou hast given an hearty desire to pray,
may by thy mighty aid
be defended and comforted in all dangers and adversities;
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

sung by the Choir

Love bade me welcome; yet my soul drew back,
Guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack
From my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning
If I lack'd anything.

'A guest,' I answer'd, 'worthy to be here:'
Love said, 'You shall be he.'
'I, the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear,
I cannot look on thee.'
Love took my hand and smiling did reply,
'Who made the eyes but I?'

'Truth, Lord; but I have marr'd them: let my shame
Go where it doth deserve.'
'And know you not,' says Love, 'Who bore the blame?'
'My dear, then I will serve.'
'You must sit down,' says Love, 'and taste my meat.'
So I did sit and eat.

George Herbert

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Prayers and the Grace

The Very Reverend Dr Philip Plyming

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

Jerusalem the golden,
With milk and honey blest,
Beneath thy contemplation
Sink heart and voice opprest.
I know not, O I know not,
What social joys are there,
What radiancy of glory,
What light beyond compare.

They stand, those halls of Sion,
Conjubilant with song,
And bright with many an angel,
And all the martyr throng;
The Prince is ever in them,
The daylight is serene,
The pastures of the blessed
Are decked in glorious sheen.

There is the throne of David,
And there, from care released,
The song of them that triumph,
The shout of them that feast;
And they who, with their leader,
Have conquered in the fight,
For ever and for ever
are clad in robes of white.

O sweet and blessed country,
Shall I ever see thy face?
O sweet and blessed country,
Shall I ever win thy grace?
Exult, O dust and ashes!
The Lord shall be thy part:
His only, his for ever,
Thou shalt be, and thou art!

Bernard of Cluny
translated by John Mason Neale

EWING
From the tune St Bede by Alexander Ewing

The Blessing

Minister The peace of God, which passeth all understanding,
 keep your hearts and minds
 in the knowledge and love of God,
 and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord:
 And the blessing of God Almighty,
 the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,
 be amongst you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Voluntary Toccata and Fugue in D minor (Dorian), BWV 538 *J S Bach*

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.

Altered arrangements for some upcoming services

Advance notice that, on Saturday 27 June, there is no service of Evensong at 5.30 p.m. to accommodate the Ordination of Priests at 4.00 p.m. and, on Sunday 28 June, the Sung Eucharist at 10.00 a.m. and Matins at 11.30 a.m. are replaced by the Ordination of Deacons at 10.00 a.m. On Saturday 11 July, there is no service of Evensong at 5.30 p.m. to accommodate the Miners Festival Service at 3.00 p.m. On Sunday 12 July, the Sung Eucharist at 10.00 a.m. and Matins at 11.30 a.m. are replaced by Matins for the Courts of Justice at 11.00 a.m. On affected Sundays, Holy Communion is celebrated at 8.00 a.m. as usual and Choral Evensong is sung at 3.30 p.m.

The Miners' Festival Service and Matins for HM Courts of Justice

Everyone is welcome at these special services led by cathedral ministers together with the Cathedral Choir at which we give thanks to God for the broad aspects of our common life together in the region. On Saturday 11 July at 3.00 p.m., the Miners' Festivals Service includes the blessing of new lodge banners, brass bands, an address by Transport Minister, The Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill, CBE, and a sermon by Bishop of Blackburn, The Right Reverend Philip North. On Sunday 12 July at 11.00 a.m., the justice service includes an address by former Supreme Court Justice, The Right Honourable The Lord Sumption, and a sermon by the Dean of Durham, The Very Reverend Dr Philip Plymington.

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

Monday 22 June	8.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Feretary) (L)
	12.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (Galilee Chapel) (NL)
	5.30 p.m.	Evensong (Quire) (L)
	8.45 p.m.	Compline (online only) (L)
Tuesday 23 June	8.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Feretary) (L)
	12.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (Galilee Chapel) (NL)
	5.30 p.m.	Evensong (Quire) (L)
Wednesday 24 June		<i>The Birth of John the Baptist</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)
	7.00 p.m.	Organ Recital: Robert Quinney (Quire) (NL)
Thursday 25 June	8.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Feretary) (L)
	12.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (High Altar) (NL)
	5.30 p.m.	Evensong (Quire) (L)
Friday 26 June	8.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer and Litany (Feretary) (L)
	12.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (Galilee Chapel) (NL)
	5.30 p.m.	Evensong (Quire) (L)
Saturday 27 June	8.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Feretary) (L)
	12.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (Galilee Chapel) (NL)
	<u>4.00 p.m.</u>	Ordination of Priests (Nave) (NL)
		<i>President and Preacher: The Bishop of Durham</i>
Sunday 28 June		<i>The Fourth Sunday after Trinity</i>
	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP) (High Altar) (NL)
	10.00 a.m.	Ordination of Deacons (Nave) (L)
		<i>President and Preacher: The Bishop of Durham</i>
	3.30 p.m.	Evensong (Nave) (NL)

The Cathedral's Saints

Our saints are well celebrated over the summer. Do come and join us to celebrate them:

Friday 10 July: Eve of St Benedict's Day

Durham was a Benedictine monastery following the Rule of St Benedict, the 6th century monk and 'Father of Western Monasticism' whose 'rule of life' for monks became the model for monastic life. A special service of Evensong in his honour will culminate in a procession to the Chapter House where we will hear parts of the Rule read in the very place where a 'chapter' of the Rule was read regularly—a fact which gave the room its name and which in turn gave the name 'Chapter' to the governing body of the Cathedral which met in the 'Chapter' House.

Wednesday 5 August: St Oswald's Day

A relic of St Oswald is housed in St Cuthbert's shrine in the Feretory. Morning Prayer at 8.30 a.m. and the Eucharist at 12.30 p.m. are said in the Feretory. At 5.30 p.m., Evensong includes a procession to the Shrine and we will be joined by friends from St Oswald's Church here in Durham.

Tuesday 11 August: The Anniversary of the Foundation of the Cathedral

The foundation stone was laid on 11 August 1093 in the presence of King Malcolm of Scotland and his wife St Margaret of Scotland. At Evensong on this day we mark this moment with a procession to the Margaret Altar in a service sung by the Choir of the Anglican Grosvenor Chapel, London, and the Choir of Farm Street Roman Catholic Church.

Saturday 15 August: The Blessed Virgin Mary

The feast day of the Blessed Virgin Mary—one of the Cathedral's patrons—is celebrated all day with a celebration of the Eucharist at the High Altar and 12.30 p.m. and a Sung Eucharist in the Nave at 5.30 p.m.

Sunday 30 August: Eve of St Aidan's Day

At Evensong at 3.30 p.m., we will celebrate St Aidan, the mentor of St Cuthbert, and make a procession to the Aidan Altar in the Chapel of the Nine Altars. The following day, the Eucharist at 12.30 p.m. will be celebrated at the Aidan Altar.

Friday 4 September: The Translation of the Relics of St Cuthbert

Before the Cathedral was fully complete but when the Quire had been completed, the Relics of St Cuthbert were rehoused in the part of the Cathedral where we now venerate them. Morning Prayer at 8.30 a.m. and the Eucharist at 12.30 p.m. are said in the Feretory this day. At 5.30 p.m., Evensong includes a procession to the Shrine.

In God We Trust? Religion and the State
250 Years after the American Declaration of Independence
with Dr Fiona Hill and Canon Professor Simon Oliver

Monday 29 June 2026, 7.30pm

In this special evening at Durham Cathedral, internationally renowned foreign policy expert and Chancellor of Durham University Dr Fiona Hill will be joined by Simon Oliver, Van Mildert Professor in the Department of the Theology and Religion, to reflect on how religion and state interact with particular reference to the United States, Russia, Germany and the UK. Drawing on their understanding of different contexts past and present, they will explore how the relationship between religion and state is one that is constantly changing, and holds both opportunities and threats for community and global cohesion. The evening will be hosted and chaired by the Dean of Durham, the Very Revd Dr Philip Plyming and will include time for audience Q&A. Free tickets can be reserved by using the following link:

<https://www.durhamcathedral.co.uk/explore/durham-cathedral-institute>

Community Newsletter

Many of you will have received the June 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 goes to regular worshippers who have joined the community roll as well as other constituencies closely associated with the Cathedral. Alternatively, you can sign up to the newsletter by scanning the QR code below. If you are a regular worshipper here and you would like to be on the community roll, you are welcome to join it by sending an email to community@durhamcathedral.co.uk, for the application form.



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

Tickets are available at durhamcathedral.co.uk, from the Visitor Desk, or on the door.

Volunteering at Durham Cathedral

We are so grateful for all of the people who volunteer within the Cathedral community. The generous offer of their time and skills enables us to welcome so many people to the Cathedral for services, events, and other occasions, and to give our visitors and worshippers the opportunity to encounter God through the building, the people they meet, and the many different forms of activity taking place here. We would love to know if there is anyone you think we could recruit to be part of our excellent volunteering team, including you if you don't already volunteer. Maybe you know someone here at the Cathedral who would like to volunteer or family/friends elsewhere who might be interested in joining our worshipping community here. We are particularly looking for new volunteers to the following roles: service and events stewards; Sunday refreshments stewards; Junior Church leaders and assistants; Evensong welcomers; Bedesmen. Please contact us at the following email address with any suggestions or enquiries: daniel.parkinson@durhamcathedral.co.uk.

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