



DURHAM
CATHEDRAL

Evensong

on

The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 5 July 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

This service is sung by the Lay Clerks and Choral Scholars

Please stand at the entry of the Choir and ministers

Hymn

Angel-voices ever singing
Round thy throne of light,
Angel-harps for ever ringing,
Rest not day nor night;
Thousands only live to bless thee
And confess thee
Lord of might.

Thou who art beyond the farthest
Mortal eye can scan,
Can it be that thou regardest
Songs of sinful man?
Can we know that thou art near us,
And wilt hear us?
Yea, we can.

For we know that thou rejoices
O'er each work of thine;
Thou didst ears and hands and voices
For thy praise design;
Craftsman's art and music's measure
For thy pleasure
All combine.

In thy house, great God, we offer
Of thine own to thee,
And for thine acceptance proffer
All unworthily
Hearts and minds and hands and voices
In our choicest
Psalmody.

Honour, glory, might and merit
Thine shall ever be,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Blessed Trinity.
Of the best which thou hast given
Earth and heaven
Render thee.

Francis Pott

ANGEL VOICES, Edwin George Monk

Welcome and Introduction

The Reverend Canon Professor Simon Oliver

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

Robert Sharpe

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

Be merciful unto me, O God,
 for man goeth about to devour me :
 he is daily fighting, and troubling me.
 Mine enemies are daily in hand to swallow me up :
 for they be many that fight against me,
 O thou most Highest.
 Nevertheless, though I am sometime afraid :
 yet put I my trust in thee.
 I will praise God, because of his word :
 I have put my trust in God,
 and will not fear what flesh can do unto me.
 They daily mistake my words :
 all that they imagine is to do me evil.
 They hold all together, and keep themselves close :
 and mark my steps, when they lay wait for my soul.
 Shall they escape for their wickedness :
 thou, O God, in thy displeasure shalt cast them down.
 Thou tellest my flittings ; put my tears into thy bottle :
 are not these things noted in thy book?
 Whensoever I call upon thee,
 then shall mine enemies be put to flight :
 this I know; for God is on my side.
 In God's word will I rejoice :
 in the Lord's word will I comfort me.
 Yea, in God have I put my trust :
 I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.
 Unto thee, O God, will I pay my vows :
 unto thee will I give thanks.
 For thou hast delivered my soul from death,
 and my feet from falling :
 that I may walk before God in the light of the living.

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

2 Samuel 2: 1-11; 3: 1

After this David inquired of the LORD, 'Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah?' The LORD said to him, 'Go up.' David said, 'To which shall I go up?' He said, 'To Hebron.' So David went up there, along with his two wives, Ahinoam of Jezreel, and Abigail the widow of Nabal of Carmel. David brought up the men who were with him, every one with his household; and they settled in the towns of Hebron. Then the people of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah.

When they told David, 'It was the people of Jabesh-gilead who buried Saul', David sent messengers to the people of Jabesh-gilead, and said to them, 'May you be blessed by the LORD, because you showed this loyalty to Saul your lord, and buried him! Now may the LORD show steadfast love and faithfulness to you! And I too will reward you because you have done this thing. Therefore let your hands be strong, and be valiant; for Saul your lord is dead, and the house of Judah has anointed me king over them.'

But Abner son of Ner, commander of Saul's army, had taken Ishbaal son of Saul, and brought him over to Mahanaim. He made him king over Gilead, the Ashurites, Jezreel, Ephraim, Benjamin, and over all Israel. Ishbaal, Saul's son, was forty years old when he began to reign over Israel, and he reigned for two years. But the house of Judah followed David. The time that David was king in Hebron over the house of Judah was seven years and six months.

There was a long war between the house of Saul and the house of David; David grew stronger and stronger, while the house of Saul became weaker and weaker.

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

Then Jesus took the twelve aside and said to them, 'See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. For he will be handed over to the Gentiles; and he will be mocked and insulted and spat upon. After they have flogged him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise again.' But they understood nothing about all these things; in fact, what he said was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

As he approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. They told him, 'Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.' Then he shouted, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Those who were in front sternly ordered him to be quiet; but he shouted even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' He said, 'Lord, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Receive your sight; your faith has saved you.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, praised God.

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.' So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.' Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.'

After a short silence, all stand with the Choir

*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

Robert Sharpe

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 Trinity

Grant, O Lord, we beseech thee,
that the course of this world
may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance,
that thy Church may joyfully serve thee
in all godly quietness;
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

In pace in idipsum dormiam,
si dederō somnum oculis meis,
et palpebris meis dormitationem.
Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.

In peace, in very peace, I shall sleep,
if I give sleep to my eyes
and slumber to my eyelids.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Antiphon at the Office of Compline

Richard Sheppard

Prayers and the Grace

The Reverend Canon Professor Simon Oliver

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 Let all the world in every corner sing,
 My God and King!
 The heavens are not too high,
 His praise may thither fly:
 The earth is not too low,
 His praises there may grow.
 Let all the world in every corner sing,
 My God and King!**

Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!
The Church with psalms must shout,
No door can keep them out;
But above all the heart
Must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!

George Herbert

LUCKINGTON, Basil Harwood

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

The Cathedral Choir sings Evensong at St Nicholas's Church, Dunston, at 3.30 p.m. today for the Gateshead West Deanery.

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

The Succentor

Huge congratulations from the cathedral community to our Succentor, the Reverend Dr Daniel Parkinson, who congregated for his degree in the Cathedral on Wednesday and was awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

Altered arrangements for some upcoming services

Please note the alternative locations for Morning Prayer and the Eucharist at 12.30 p.m. during University Congregation (see over). 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 Plyming.

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

Monday 6 July	8.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (<u>St Chad's College Chapel</u>) (NL)
	9.00 a.m.	University Congregation (Nave) (NL)
	11.00 a.m.	University Congregation (Nave) (NL)
	12.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (<u>St Chad's College Chapel</u>) (NL)
	1.45 p.m.	University Congregation (Nave) (NL)
	3.45 p.m.	University Congregation (Nave) (NL)
	5.30 p.m.	Evening Prayer (Quire) (L)
	8.45 p.m.	Compline (Online-only) (L)
Tuesday 7 July	8.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (<u>St Chad's College Chapel</u>) (NL)
	9.00 a.m.	University Congregation (Nave) (NL)
	11.00 a.m.	University Congregation (Nave) (NL)
	12.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (<u>St Chad's College Chapel</u>) (NL)
	1.45 p.m.	University Congregation (Nave) (NL)
	3.45 p.m.	University Congregation (Nave) (NL)
	5.30 p.m.	Evensong (Quire) (L)
Wednesday 8 July	8.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (<u>St Chad's College Chapel</u>) (NL)
	9.00 a.m.	University Congregation (Nave) (NL)
	11.00 a.m.	University Congregation (Nave) (NL)
	12.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (<u>St Chad's College Chapel</u>) (NL)
	5.30 p.m.	Evensong (Quire) (L)
Thursday 9 July	8.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Feretary) (NL)
	12.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (Benedict Altar) (NL)
	5.30 p.m.	Evensong (Quire) (L)
Friday 10 July	8.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer and Litany (Feretary) (NL)
	12.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (Benedict Altar) (NL)
	5.30 p.m.	Evensong and Procession (Quire) (L) (see over)
Saturday 11 July	8.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Feretary) (L)
	12.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (Benedict Altar) (NL)
	3.00 p.m.	Miners' Festival Service (Nave) (L) <i>Preacher: The Bishop of Blackburn</i>
Sunday 12 July		<i>The Sixth Sunday after Trinity</i>
	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP) (High Altar) (NL)
	11.00 a.m.	Matins for HM Courts of Justice (Nave) (L) <i>Address: The Rt Hon The Lord Sumption</i> <i>Preacher: The Dean</i>
	3.30 p.m.	Evensong and Dismissal of Members of the Foundation (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.

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.

Community Newsletter

Many of you will have received the July 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.



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