



DURHAM
CATHEDRAL

Evensong

on

The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 19 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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This service is sung by the choir of St Mark's School, Texas

Voluntary

Please stand at the entry of the choir and ministers

Hymn

**Ye holy angels bright,
Who wait at God's right hand,
Or through the realms of light
Fly at your Lord's command,
Assist our song,
For else the theme
Too high doth seem
For mortal tongue.**

**Ye blessèd souls at rest,
Who ran this earthly race,
And now, from sin released,
Behold the Saviour's face,
God's praises sound,
As in his sight
With sweet delight
Ye do abound.**

**Ye saints, who toil below,
Adore your heavenly King,
And onward as ye go
Some joyful anthem sing;
Take what he gives
And praise him still,
Through good or ill,
Who ever lives!**

My soul, bear thou thy part,
Triumph in God above:
And with a well-tuned heart
Sing thou the songs of love!
Let all thy days
Till life shall end,
What'er he send,
Be filled with praise.

Richard Baxter and others

DARWALL'S 148TH, *John Darwall*

Welcome and Introduction

The Reverend Canon Charlie Allen

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

God be merciful unto us, and bless us :
and shew us the light of his countenance,
and be merciful unto us;
That thy way may be known upon earth :
thy saving health among all nations.
Let the people praise thee, O God :
yea, let all the people praise thee.
O let the nations rejoice and be glad :
for thou shalt judge the folk righteously,
and govern the nations upon earth.
Let the people praise thee, O God :
let all the people praise thee.
Then shall the earth bring forth her increase :
and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.
God shall bless us :
and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

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

Then David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned for seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

Later, two women who were prostitutes came to the king and stood before him. One woman said, 'Please, my lord, this woman and I live in the same house; and I gave birth while she was in the house. Then on the third day after I gave birth, this woman also gave birth. We were together; there was no one else with us in the house, only the two of us were in the house. Then this woman's son died in the night, because she lay on him. She got up in the middle of the night and took my son from beside me while your servant slept. She laid him at her breast, and laid her dead son at my breast. When I rose in the morning to nurse my son, I saw that he was dead; but when I looked at him closely in the morning, clearly it was not the son I had borne.' But the other woman said, 'No, the living son is mine, and the dead son is yours.' The first said, 'No, the dead son is yours, and the living son is mine.' So they argued before the king.

Then the king said, 'One says, "This is my son that is alive, and your son is dead"; while the other says, "Not so! Your son is dead, and my son is the living one."' So the king said, 'Bring me a sword', and they brought a sword before the king. The king said, 'Divide the living boy in two; then give half to one, and half to the other.' But the woman whose son was alive said to the king—because compassion for her son burned within her—'Please, my lord, give her the living boy; certainly do not kill him!' The other said, 'It shall be neither mine nor yours; divide it.' Then the king responded: 'Give the first woman the living boy; do not kill him. She is his mother.' All Israel heard of the judgement that the king had rendered; and they stood in awe of the king, because they perceived that the wisdom of God was in him, to execute justice.

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

Second Lesson**Acts 4: 1-22**

While Peter and John were speaking to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came to them, much annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming that in Jesus there is the resurrection of the dead. So they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. But many of those who heard the word believed; and they numbered about five thousand.

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is,

"the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone."

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and ordinary men, they were amazed and recognized them as companions of Jesus. When they saw the man who had been cured standing beside them, they had nothing to say in opposition. So they ordered them to leave the council while they discussed the matter with one another. They said, 'What will we do with them? For it is obvious to all who live in Jerusalem that a notable sign has been done through them; we cannot deny it. But to keep it from spreading further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name.' So they called them and ordered them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered them, 'Whether it is right in God's sight to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge; for we cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard.' After threatening them again, they let them go, finding no way to punish them because of the people, for all of them praised God for what had happened. For the man on whom this sign of healing had been performed was more than forty years old.

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

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 Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Lord of all power and might,
who art the author and giver of all good things:
Graft in our hearts the love of thy name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of thy great mercy keep us in the same;
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

Deep river, my home is over Jordan,
deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.
Oh, don't you want to go to that gospel feast,
that promised land where all is peace?
Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.

Spiritual

arranged by Gerre Hancock

Prayers and the Grace

The Reverend Canon Charlie Allen

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

King of glory, King of peace,
I will love thee;
And that love may never cease,
I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
Thou hast heard me;
Thou didst note my working breast,
Thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing thee,
And the cream of all my heart
I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
Thou didst clear me;
And alone, when they replied,
Thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise thee;
In my heart, though not in heaven,
I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
To enrol thee:
E'en eternity's too short
To extol thee.

George Herbert

GWALCHMAI, John David Jones

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

We are grateful to the choir of St Mark's School, Texas, for signing at this service.

This coming week, choral services are sung by the Cathedral Singers of Ontario, and we look forward to welcoming them. See the diary in this order of service for details of when they are singing and come along and support them.

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

Community Newsletter

Many of you will have received the July edition of the Cathedral's 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.



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

Choral services this week are sung by the Cathedral Singers of Ontario

Monday 20 July	8.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Feretory) (NL)
	12.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (North Transept) (NL)
	5.30 p.m.	Evensong (Quire) (L)
	8.45 p.m.	Compline (Online-only) (L)
Tuesday 21 July	8.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Feretory) (NL)
	12.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (North Transept) (NL)
	5.30 p.m.	Evensong (Quire) (L)
Wednesday 22 July		<i>St Mary Magdalene's Day</i>
	8.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Feretory) (NL)
	12.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (High Altar) (NL)
	5.30 p.m.	Evensong (Quire) (L)
	7.00 p.m.	Organ Recital: Imogen Morgan (Quire) (NL)
Thursday 23 July	8.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Feretory) (NL)
	12.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (High Altar) (NL)
	5.30 p.m.	Evening Prayer (Quire) (L)
Friday 24 July	8.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer and Litany (Feretory) (NL)
	12.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (North Transept) (NL)
	5.30 p.m.	Evensong (Quire) (L)
Saturday 25 July		<i>St James the Apostle's Day</i>
	8.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Feretory) (L)
	12.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (High Altar) (NL)
	2.00 p.m.	Holy Matrimony
	5.30 p.m.	Evensong (Quire) (NL)
Sunday 26 July		<i>The Eighth Sunday after Trinity</i>
	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP) (High Altar) (NL)
	10.00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist (CW1) (Nave) (L)
	11.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer with Address (Quire) (NL)
	3.30 p.m.	Evensong (Quire) (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

Operation Lucy

This is the code name for the Cathedral's project to install new sound and lighting systems in due course. You will be glad to know that this project has been drafted into three phases: Phase One (to be completed by the early autumn) to fix non-functioning wireless microphone transmitters and to acquire new lapel microphones and to acquire new video cameras for the live-streaming of our services. Phase Two (to be completed by early 2027) to move ahead with a new sound system albeit in a temporary installation subject to longer-term permissions to embed the new infrastructure into the Cathedral's fabric in due course. Phase Three (to be completed by early 2028) to install a new lighting system and to consolidate Phases Two and Three. We hope this will be good news. Please continue to bear with us as we move ahead with this three-phase approach.

Autumn Bible study opportunity

Following on from the success of the Lent Course and feedback received, we are offering the opportunity to take part in an Autumn study group. *Encountering God in Mark's Gospel* will take place on six Wednesday evenings in September and October at 15 The College, starting on 16th September. Led by Jane Maycock, Canon Missioner, it will last for around 90 mins and involve looking at individual Bible passages in thoughtful and reflective ways. No specialist knowledge or prior experience is required, and all members of the Cathedral worshipping community are welcome. A Thursday morning group would also be possible if there is demand for something during the daytime. To register an interest and/or find out more please email: jane.maycock@durhamcathedral.co.uk

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