



DURHAM
CATHEDRAL

Evensong
on the feast day of
St Luke the Evangelist

Sunday 18 October 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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Welcome to this service at Durham Cathedral. All you need for the service is contained in this order of service. The words in *italic* explain certain key movements, including invitations to sit and stand at appropriate moments, as you are able. You are invited to respond with the words in **bold**.

This service is sung by the Durham Cathedral Consort of Singers.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Prelude in C minor: Charles Villiers Stanford

Please stand at the entrance of the choir and ministers.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN



**Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad his wonderful name:
The name all-victorious of Jesus extol:
His kingdom is glorious, and rules over all.**

**God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
And still he is nigh, his presence we have:
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.**

**Salvation to God who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud, and honour the Son:
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.**

**Then let us adore, and give him his right:
All glory and power, all wisdom and might,
All honour and blessing, with angels above,
And thanks never-ceasing, and infinite love.**

Words: Charles Wesley
Music: Paderborn Gesangbuch (Paderborn)

The Officiant, The Reverend Canon Jane Maycock, welcomes the congregation and introduces the service.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Let us humbly confess our sins to almighty God.

Please kneel.

**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.**

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.
Amen.

**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.

The cantor and choir sing Richard Lloyd's setting of:

THE PRECES

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.

Praise the Lord, O my soul :
and all that is within me praise his holy Name.
Praise the Lord, O my soul :
and forget not all his benefits;
Who forgiveth all thy sin :
and healeth all thine infirmities;
Who saveth thy life from destruction :
and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness;
Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things :
making thee young and lusty as an eagle.
The Lord executeth righteousness and judgement :
for all them that are oppressed with wrong.
He shewed his ways unto Moses :
his works unto the children of Israel.
The Lord is full of compassion and mercy :
long-suffering, and of great goodness.
He will not always be chiding :
neither keepeth he his anger for ever.
He hath not dealt with us after our sins :
nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.
For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth :
so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him.
Look how wide also the east is from the west :
so far hath he set our sins from us.
Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children :
even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him.
For he knoweth whereof we are made :
he remembereth that we are but dust.
The days of man are but as grass :
for he flourisheth as a flower of the field.
For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is gone :
and the place thereof shall know it no more.
But the merciful goodness of the Lord
endureth for ever and ever upon them that fear him :
and his righteousness upon children's children;
Even upon such as keep his covenant :
and think upon his commandments to do them.
The Lord hath prepared his seat in heaven :
and his kingdom ruleth over all.

- praise the Lord, ye angels of his, ye that excel in strength :
ye that fulfil his commandment,
and hearken unto the voice of his words.
- praise the Lord, all ye his hosts :
ye servants of his that do his pleasure.
- speak good of the Lord, all ye works of his,
in all places of his dominion :
praise thou the Lord, O my soul.

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

The first lesson is written in the thirty-eighth chapter of the book Ecclesiasticus, beginning to read at the first verse.

Honour physicians for their services,
for the Lord created them;
for their gift of healing comes from the Most High,
and they are rewarded by the king.
The skill of physicians makes them distinguished,
and in the presence of the great they are admired.
The Lord created medicines out of the earth,
and the sensible will not despise them.
Was not water made sweet with a tree
in order that its power might be known?
And he gave skill to human beings
that he might be glorified in his marvellous works.
By them the physician heals and takes away pain;
the pharmacist makes a mixture from them.
God's works will never be finished;
and from him health spreads over all the earth.

My child, when you are ill, do not delay,
but pray to the Lord, and he will heal you.
Give up your faults and direct your hands rightly,
and cleanse your heart from all sin.
Offer a sweet-smelling sacrifice, and a memorial portion of choice flour,
and pour oil on your offering, as much as you can afford.
Then give the physician his place, for the Lord created him;
do not let him leave you, for you need him.
There may come a time when recovery lies in the hands of physicians,
for they too pray to the Lord
that he will grant them success in diagnosis
and in healing, for the sake of preserving life.

Ecclesiasticus 38: 1-14

Here ends the first lesson.

After a short silence, please stand with the choir.

MAGNIFICAT

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.

Charles Villiers Stanford in C

Please sit.

SECOND LESSON

The second lesson is written in the fourth chapter of the letter of St Paul to the Colossians, beginning to read at the seventh verse.

Tychicus will tell you all the news about me; he is a beloved brother, a faithful minister, and a fellow-servant in the Lord. I have sent him to you for this very purpose, so that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts; he is coming with Onesimus, the faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will tell you about everything here.

Aristarchus my fellow-prisoner greets you, as does Mark the cousin of Barnabas, concerning whom you have received instructions—if he comes to you, welcome him. And Jesus who is called Justus greets you. These are the only ones of the circumcision among my co-workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me. Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you. He is always wrestling in his prayers on your behalf, so that you may stand mature and fully assured in everything that God wills. For I testify for him that he has worked hard for you and for those in Laodicea and in Hierapolis. Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas greet you. Give my greetings to the brothers and sisters in Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. And when this letter has been read among you, have it read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you read also the letter from Laodicea. And say to Archippus, ‘See that you complete the task that you have received in the Lord.’

I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you.

Colossians 4: 7-end

Here ends the second lesson.

After a short silence, please stand with the choir.

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.

Charles Villiers Stanford in C

Please face east.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**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 cantor and choir sing Richard Lloyd's setting of:

**THE LESSER LITANY, LORD'S PRAYER
RESPONSES AND COLLECTS**

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Please kneel.

Let us pray.

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 St Luke the Evangelist

Almighty God,
who calledst Luke the Physician, whose praise is in the Gospel,
to be an Evangelist, and Physician of the soul:
May it please thee that,
by the wholesome medicines of the doctrine delivered by him,
all the diseases of our souls may be healed;
through the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Second Collect at Evening Prayer.

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 Third 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

Blessèd city, heav'nly Salem,
Vision dear of peace and love,
Who, of living stones art buildèd
In the height of heav'n above,
And by Angel-hands apparell'd
As a bride doth earthward move.

Out of heav'n from God descending,
New and ready to be wed
To thy Lord, whose love espous'd thee,
Fair adorn'd shalt thou be led;
All thy gates and all thy bulwarks
Of pure gold are fashionèd.

Bright thy gates of pearl are shining,
They are open evermore;
And, their well-earn'd rest attaining,
Thither faithful souls do soar.
Who for Christ's dear Name in this world
Pain and tribulation bore.

Many a blow and biting sculpture
Polish'd well those stones elect,
In their places now compacted
By the heav'nly Architect.
Nevermore to leave the Temple.
Which with them the Lord hath deck'd.

To this Temple, where we call thee,
Come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
With thy wonted loving-kindness
Hear thy servants as they pray;
And thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls alway. Amen.

Words: Latin, 7th century
translated by J M Neale
Music: Edward Bairstow

PRAYERS AND THE GRACE

The prayers conclude with the Grace:

**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 Officiant offers words of farewell and announces the final hymn.

Please stand to sing the hymn.

HYMN



**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of his word;
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name:
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might:
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and for evermore.**

Words: Timothy Dudley Smith
after Luke 1: 46-55
Music: Walter Greatorex (Woodlands)

BLESSING

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.

The choir sings:

Amen.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Rhapsody No 3 in C sharp minor: Herbert Howells

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DCCA Recital: Durham Cathedral Choir
marking the 150th anniversary of the cathedral organ
Today at 5.00 p.m.
Free of charge with a retiring collection.

Durham Cathedral Institute Events

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Technology, AI and the Human Future

Wednesday 28 October 2026 at 7.30 p.m. in Durham Cathedral

The last twenty years has seen a revolution in digital technology, from the invention of the smartphone to the development of Artificial Intelligence. This has challenged human self-understanding and dramatically influenced how we relate to each other. Some believe these new technologies present unrivalled opportunities in fields such as medicine. For others, they present a significant threat to jobs and education. Pope Leo XIV's recent encyclical *Magnifica Humanitas* opens up many of these issues for public debate. Hear from Iain McGilchrist, a former consultant psychiatrist, neuroscientist, philosopher and literary scholar, and Carmody Grey, Professor of Integral Ecology at Radboud University in The Netherlands and Visiting Professor at the London School of Economics.

A Quiet Awakening?

Younger Adults Exploring Faith – Stories from the Frontline

Saturday 31 October 2026 from 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Prior's Hall

Signs of a changing religious landscape are prompting new questions about younger adults' interest in faith, spirituality and Christian community. At this Durham Cathedral Institute event, speakers from different Christian traditions will share their experiences and insights, exploring emerging trends and their implications for the Church's mission and ministry. Whether you are involved in church leadership, interested in contemporary religious change, or simply curious about how younger generations are engaging with Christian faith, this conversation offers a timely opportunity to listen, learn and reflect.

Speakers:

Canon Dr Ruth Perrin

*Associate Minister, King's Church,
Research Fellow, St John's College, Durham University,
and author of *Changing Shape: The Faith Life of Millennials**

Dr Martin Dunkley

Senior Leader, Tees Valley Community Church

The Reverend Steph Price

Associate Vicar, St Cuthbert's Darlington

The Reverend Dr Andrew Downie

*Parish Priest, St Cuthbert's Catholic Church,
and Catholic Chaplain to Durham University*

Student Tuesday

Students are welcome to attend Evensong any time, but we extend a particular welcome to students at Evensong on Tuesdays. From Tuesday 20 October each week, after the service, we will offer food and drink with a chance to engage with each other and with the cathedral clergy in a variety of locations and occasionally with other activities too. We hope to build up our community of students who worship regularly with us. Evensong on Tuesday starts at 5.30 p.m. and lasts about 40 minutes. Food will be served at 6.15 p.m. People will be free to go any time.

Community Gathering

The next Community Gathering will be on Sunday 25 October 2026 at 11.30 a.m. After the Sung Eucharist, we will meet in the nave. This will be a wonderful opportunity to gather for a time of fellowship and sharing information about the life of our community. There will also be a chance to have a look around the new Cuthbert Centre facilities. We hope to see you all there.

Community Newsletter

Many of you will have received the October 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

Monday 19 October *Henry Martyn, Translator of the Scriptures, Missionary, 1812*

- 8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Feretory) (L)
- 12.30 p.m. Holy Communion (Gregory Chapel) (NL)
- 5.30 p.m. Evensong sung by the Chapel Choir of the College of St Hild and St Bede (Quire) (L)
- 8.45 p.m. Compline (Online-only) (L)

Tuesday 20 October

- 8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Feretory) (L)
- 12.30 p.m. Holy Communion (Gregory Chapel) (NL)
- 5.30 p.m. Evensong (Quire) (L)

Wednesday 21 October

- 8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Feretory) (L)
- 12.30 p.m. Holy Communion (Gregory Chapel) (NL)
- 5.30 p.m. Evensong (Quire) (L)

Thursday 22 October

- 8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Feretory) (L)
- 12.30 p.m. Holy Communion (Gregory Chapel) (NL)
- 5.30 p.m. Evensong (Quire) (L)
- 7.30 p.m. Concert: Carrie Hope Fletcher (Nave) (NL)

Friday 23 October

- 8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer and the Litany (Feretory) (L)
- 12.30 p.m. Holy Communion (Gregory Chapel) (NL)
- 5.30 p.m. Evening Prayer (Quire) (L)

Saturday 24 October

- 8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Feretory) (L)
- 12.30 p.m. Holy Communion (Gregory Chapel) (NL)
- 5.30 p.m. Evensong on the Eve of St Luke the Evangelist (Quire) (L)

Sunday 25 October

The Last (Twenty-First) Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP) (High Altar) (NL)
- 10.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist (CWI) (Nave) (L)
- 11.30 a.m. Community Gathering (Nave) (NL)
- 3.30 p.m. Evensong (Nave) (NL)

The Season of Saints

We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. Come and celebrate holy men and women here at Durham Cathedral during this season of saints:

Saturday 31 October at 5.30 p.m.

Choral Evensong for the Eve of All Saints Day
with a procession of icons to the Feretory

Sunday 1 November at all services

All Saints Day

Monday 2 November at 5.30 p.m.

All Souls Day Requiem

Monday 16 November at 5.30 p.m.

Evensong and Procession for St Margaret of Scotland

Tuesday 17 November at 5.30 p.m.

Evensong and Procession for St Hild of Whitby

Thursday 19 November at 5.30 p.m.

Evensong (sung jointly with Durham Cathedral Schools Foundation)
and Procession for Thomas Langley

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