



DURHAM
CATHEDRAL

Matins
on the feast day of
St Luke the Evangelist

Sunday 18 October 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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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**.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Prelude in E flat: William Harris

Please stand at the entrance of the choir and ministers.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN



Final verse:

A - men.

**O Love, how deep, how broad, how high!
How passing thought and fantasy
That God, the Son of God, should take
Our mortal form for mortals' sake.**

**He sent no angel to our race
Of higher or of lower place,
But wore the robe of human frame,
And he himself to this world came.**

**For us baptised, for us he bore
His holy fast, and hungered sore;
For us temptations sharp he knew;
For us the tempter overthrew.**

**For us to wicked men betrayed,
Scourged, mocked, in crown of thorns arrayed;
For us he bore the cross's death;
For us at length gave up his breath.**

**For us he rose from death again,
For us he went on high to reign,
For us he sent his Spirit here
To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.**

**All honour, laud, and glory be,
O Jesu, Virgin-born, to thee,
All glory, as is ever meet,
To Father and to Paraclete. Amen.**

Words: Latin, 15th century
translated by Benjamin Webb
Music: J H Schein (Eisenach)

The Officiant, The Reverend Dr Daniel Parkinson, welcomes the people 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 Daniel Cook'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.

I will magnify thee, O God, my King :
and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever.
Every day will I give thanks unto thee :
and praise thy Name for ever and ever.
Great is the Lord, and marvellous worthy to be praised :
there is no end of his greatness.
One generation shall praise thy works unto another :
and declare thy power.
As for me, I will be talking of thy worship :
thy glory, thy praise, and wondrous works;
So that men shall speak of the might of thy marvellous acts :
and I will also tell of thy greatness.
The memorial of thine abundant kindness shall be shewed :
and men shall sing of thy righteousness.
The Lord is gracious, and merciful :
long-suffering, and of great goodness.
The Lord is loving unto every man :
and his mercy is over all his works.
All thy works praise thee, O Lord :
and thy saints give thanks unto thee.
They shew the glory of thy kingdom :
and talk of thy power;
That thy power, thy glory, and mightiness of thy kingdom :
might be known unto men.
Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom :
and thy dominion endureth throughout all ages.
The Lord upholdeth all such as fall :
and lifteth up all those that are down.
The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord :
and thou givest them their meat in due season.
Thou openest thine hand :
and fillest all things living with plenteousness.
The Lord is righteous in all his ways :
and holy in all his works.
The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him :
yea, all such as call upon him faithfully.
He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him :
he also will hear their cry, and will help them.

The Lord preserveth all them that love him :
but scattereth abroad all the ungodly.
My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord :
and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name for ever and 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.

PSALM 146

Praise the Lord, O my soul; while I live will I praise the Lord :
yea, as long as I have any being, I will sing praises unto my God.
O put not your trust in princes, nor in any child of man :
for there is no help in them.
For when the breath of man goeth forth
he shall turn again to his earth :
and then all his thoughts perish.
Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help :
and whose hope is in the Lord his God;
Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is :
who keepeth his promise for ever.
Who helpeth them to right that suffer wrong :
who feedeth the hungry.
The Lord looseth men out of prison :
the Lord giveth sight to the blind.
The Lord helpeth them that are fallen :
the Lord careth for the righteous.
The Lord careth for the strangers;
he defendeth the fatherless and widow :
as for the way of the ungodly, he turneth it upside down.
The Lord thy God, O Sion, shall be King for evermore :
and throughout all generations.

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 fifty-fifth chapter of the prophecy of Isaiah, beginning to read at the first verse.

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
 come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
 come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
 without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
 and your labour for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
 and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
 listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
 my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
 a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
 and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
 for he has glorified you.
Seek the Lord while he may be found,
 call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way,
 and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
 and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
 nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
 so are my ways higher than your ways
 and my thoughts than your thoughts.
For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
 and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
 giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;

it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Isaiah 55: 1-13

Here ends the first lesson.

After a short silence, please stand with the choir.

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS

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.

Edward Elgar: Te Deum in F

Please sit.

SECOND LESSON

The second lesson is written in the first chapter of the Gospel according to St Luke, beginning to read at the first verse.

Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed.

Luke 1: 1-4

Here ends the second lesson.

After a short silence, please stand with the choir.

BENEDICTUS

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel :
for he hath visited and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us :
in the house of his servant David.
As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets :
which have been since the world began;
That we should be saved from our enemies :
and from the hands of all that hate us;
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers :
and to remember his holy covenant;
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham :
that he would give us;
That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies :
might serve him without fear;
In holiness and righteousness before him :
all the days of our life.
And thou, Child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest :
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people :
for the remission of their sins,
Through the tender mercy of our God :
whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death :
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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.

Edward Elgar: Benedictus in F

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 Daniel Cook'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 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

The Lord hath created medicines out of the earth;
and he that is wise will not abhor them.
And he hath given men skill,
that he might be honoured in his marvellous works.
My son, in thy sickness leave off from sin, and order thy hands aright,
and cleanse thy heart from all wickedness.

Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees.
Say to them that are of a fearful heart,
Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come;
he will come and save you.
Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened,
and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

Then shall the lame man leap as an hart,
and the tongue of the dumb shall sing:
for in the wilderness shall waters break out,
and streams in the desert.

The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them;
and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.

It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing;
the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it,
the excellency of Carmel and Sharon,
they shall see the glory of the Lord,
and the excellency of our God.

O Saviour of the world, who by thy Cross and precious Blood
hast redeemed us:

Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

Words: Ecclesiasticus 38: 4, 6, 9, 10, 12; Isaiah 35: 1-6
The Book of Common Prayer (The Visitation of the Sick)
Music: William Harris

SERMON

The sermon is given by The Reverend Dr Daniel Parkinson.

The sermon is followed by a prayer and 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



**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!**

Words: George Herbert
Music: Basil Harwood (Luckington)

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

Flourish for an Occasion: William Harris

Choral Evensong is sung in the Quire at 3.30 p.m.

For all enquiries concerning the provision of pastoral care for members of the cathedral community, please contact The Reverend Dr Daniel Parkinson:

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DCCA Recital: Durham Cathedral Choir

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Today at 5.00 p.m.

Free of charge with a retiring collection.

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.

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.

Durham Cathedral Institute Events

Free tickets available for both events via durhamcathedral.ticketsolve.com

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*

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 (Feretary) (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 (Feretary) (L)
- 12.30 p.m. Holy Communion (Gregory Chapel) (NL)
- 5.30 p.m. Evensong (Quire) (L)
- 7.30 p.m. Bishop Auckland College Graduation (NL)

Wednesday 21 October

- 8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Feretary) (L)
- 12.30 p.m. Holy Communion (Gregory Chapel) (NL)
- 5.30 p.m. Evensong with admission of Choral Scholars (Quire) (L)

Thursday 22 October

- 8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Feretary) (L)
- 12.30 p.m. Holy Communion (Gregory Chapel) (NL)
- 2.30 p.m. Funeral Service: John Ristway
- 5.30 p.m. Evensong (Quire) (L)

Friday 23 October

- 8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer and the Litany (Feretary) (L)
- 12.30 p.m. Holy Communion (Gregory Chapel) (NL)
- 3.00 p.m. Durham Cathedral Schools Foundation Service (NL)
- 5.30 p.m. Evening Prayer (Quire) (L)

Weekend choral services sung by In Ecclesia

Saturday 24 October

- 8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Feretary) (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)

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