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Evensong

on

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 15 November 2026
3.30 p.m.

Welcome to Durham Cathedral

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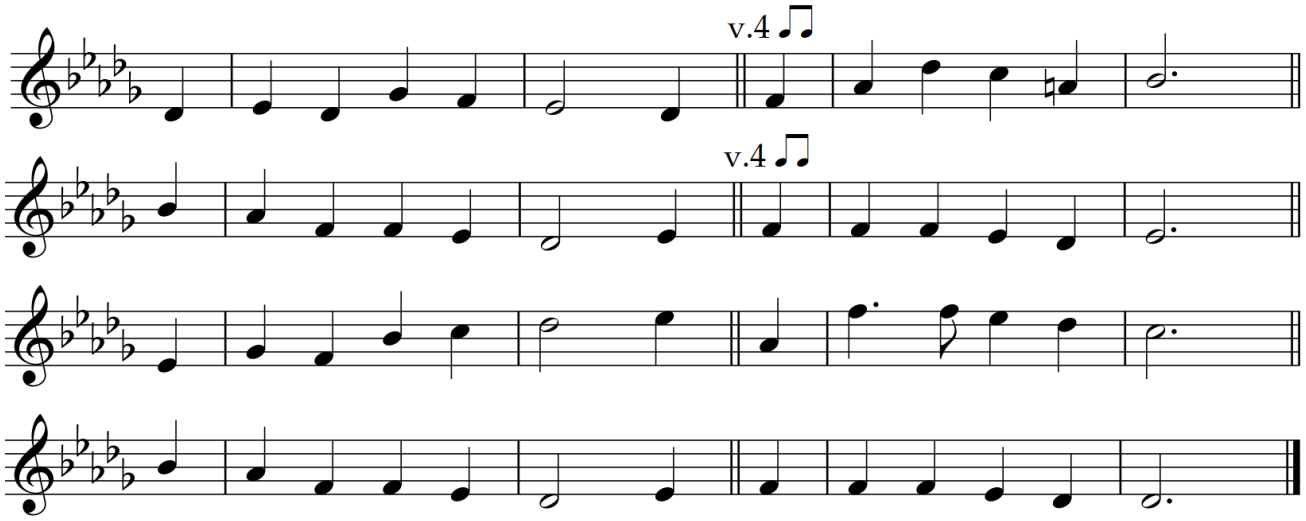
Welcome to this service at Durham Cathedral. All you need for the service is contained in this order of service. The words in *italic* explain certain key movements, including invitations to sit and stand at appropriate moments, as you are able. You are invited to respond with the words in **bold**.

This service is sung by the Lay Clerks and Choral Scholars.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Touch her soft lips and part (from Henry V): William Walton

Please stand at the entrance of the choir and ministers.



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!

Words: Bernard of Cluny
translated by John Mason Neale
Music: Alexander Ewing (Ewing)

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 June Nixon'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.

PSALM 89: 20-30

Thou spakest sometime in visions unto thy saints, and saidst :
I have laid help upon one that is mighty;
I have exalted one chosen out of the people.
I have found David my servant :
with my holy oil have I anointed him.
My hand shall hold him fast :
and my arm shall strengthen him.
The enemy shall not be able to do him violence :
the son of wickedness shall not hurt him.
I will smite down his foes before his face :
and plague them that hate him.
My truth also and my mercy shall be with him :
and in my Name shall his horn be exalted.
I will set his dominion also in the sea :
and his right hand in the floods.
He shall call me, Thou art my Father :
my God, and my strong salvation.
And I will make him my first-born :
higher than the kings of the earth.
My mercy will I keep for him for evermore :
and my covenant shall stand fast with him.
His seed also will I make to endure for ever :
and his throne as the days of heaven.

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 first book of Kings, Chapter 1, beginning to read at the fifteenth verse.

So Bathsheba went to the king in his room. The king was very old; Abishag the Shunammite was attending the king. Bathsheba bowed and did obeisance to the king, and the king said, 'What do you wish?' She said to him, 'My lord, you swore to your servant by the Lord your God, saying: Your son Solomon shall succeed me as king, and he shall sit on my throne. But now suddenly Adonijah has become king, though you, my lord the king, do not know it. He has sacrificed oxen, fatted cattle, and sheep in abundance, and has invited all the children of the king, the priest Abiathar, and Joab the commander of the army; but your servant Solomon he has not invited. But you, my lord the king—the eyes of all Israel are on you to tell them who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after him. Otherwise it will come to pass, when my lord the king sleeps with his ancestors, that my son Solomon and I will be counted offenders.'

While she was still speaking with the king, the prophet Nathan came in. The king was told, 'Here is the prophet Nathan.' When he came in before the king, he did obeisance to the king, with his face to the ground. Nathan said, 'My lord the king, have you said, "Adonijah shall succeed me as king, and he shall sit on my throne"? For today he has gone down and has sacrificed oxen, fatted cattle, and sheep in abundance, and has invited all the king's children, Joab the commander of the army, and the priest Abiathar, who are now eating and drinking before him, and saying, "Long live King Adonijah!" But he did not invite me, your servant, and the priest Zadok, and Benaiah son of Jehoiada, and your servant Solomon. Has this thing been brought about by my lord the king and you have not let your servants know who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him?'

King David answered, 'Summon Bathsheba to me.' So she came into the king's presence, and stood before the king. The king swore, saying, 'As the Lord lives, who has saved my life from every adversity, as I swore to you by the Lord, the God of Israel, "Your son Solomon shall succeed me as king, and he shall sit on my throne in my place", so will I do this day.' Then Bathsheba bowed with her face to the ground, and did obeisance to the king, and said, 'May my lord King David live for ever!'

King David said, 'Summon to me the priest Zadok, the prophet Nathan, and Benaiah son of Jehoiada.' When they came before the king, the king said to them, 'Take with you the servants of your lord, and have my son Solomon ride on my own mule, and bring him down to Gihon. There let the priest Zadok and the prophet Nathan anoint him king over Israel; then blow the trumpet, and say, "Long live King Solomon!" You shall go up following him. Let him enter and sit on my throne; he shall be king in my place; for I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel and over Judah.' Benaiah son of Jehoiada answered the king, 'Amen! May the Lord, the God of my lord the king, so ordain. As the Lord has been with my lord the king, so may he be with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord King David.'

So the priest Zadok, the prophet Nathan, and Benaiah son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites and the Pelethites, went down and had Solomon ride on King David's mule, and led him to Gihon. There the priest Zadok took the horn of oil from the tent and anointed Solomon. Then they blew the trumpet, and all the people said, 'Long live King Solomon!' And all the people went up following him, playing on pipes and rejoicing with great joy, so that the earth quaked at their noise.

1 Kings 1: 15-40

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.

Edward Naylor in D

Please sit.

SECOND LESSON

The second lesson is written in the book of Revelation, Chapter 1, beginning to read at the fourth verse.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

I, John, your brother who share with you in Jesus the persecution and the kingdom and the patient endurance, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. I was in the spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying, 'Write in a book what you see and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamum, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea.'

Then I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands I saw one like the Son of Man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash across his chest. His head and his hair were white as white wool, white as snow; his eyes were like a flame of fire, his feet were like burnished bronze, refined as in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of many waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, and from his mouth came a sharp, two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining with full force.

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he placed his right hand on me, saying, 'Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living one. I was dead, and see, I am alive for ever and ever; and I have the keys of Death and of Hades.

Revelation 1: 4-18

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.

Edward Naylor in D

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 June Nixon'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 the Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Trinity.

O Lord, we beseech thee, absolve thy people from their offences;
that through thy bountiful goodness
we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins,
which by our frailty we have committed:
Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake,
our blessed Lord and Saviour. 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

O let the heart beat high with bliss,
Yea, let it triumph at the sound
Of Jesus' name, so sweet it is,
For every joy therein is found.

The name that soundeth ever sweet
In speech or verse or holy song,
And bids us run with willing feet,
Consoled and comforted and strong.

Then let the name of Jesus ring
With lofty praise in every place.
Let heart and voice together sing.
That name shall every ill efface.

Words: Fifteenth century hymn
translated by Percy Dearmer
Music: Conrad Eden

PRAYERS AND THE GRACE
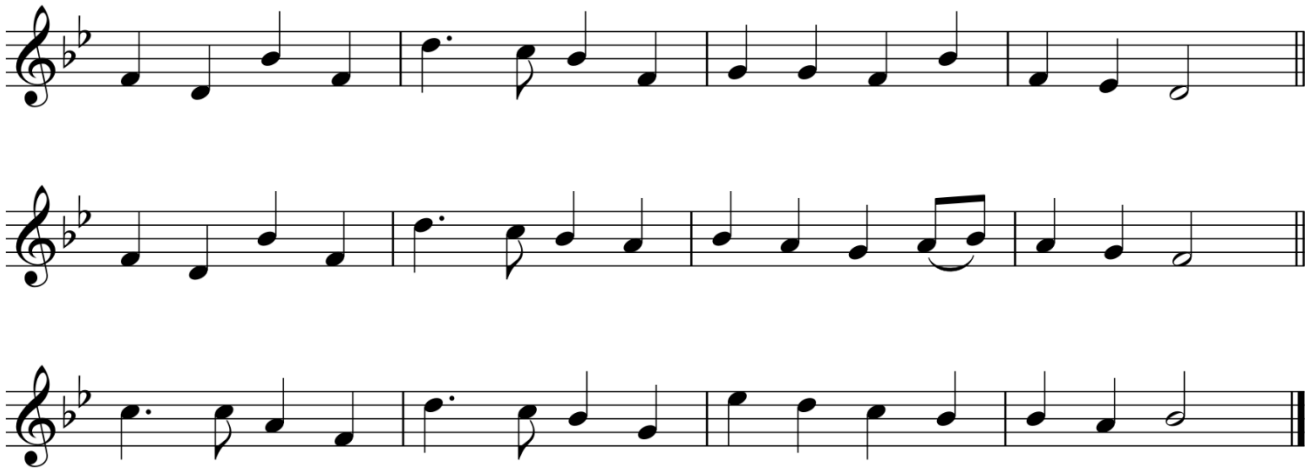
The prayers conclude with the Grace:

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



Light's abode, celestial Salem,
Vision whence true peace doth spring,
Brighter than the heart can fancy,
Mansion of the highest King;
O how glorious are the praises
Which of thee the prophets sing!

There for ever and for ever
Alleluia is outpoured;
For unending, for unbroken
Is the feast-day of the Lord;
All is pure and all is holy
That within thy walls is stored.

There no cloud or passing vapour
Dims the brightness of the air;
Endless noon-day, glorious noon-day,
From the Sun of suns is there;
There no night brings rest from labour,
For unknown are toil and care.

O how glorious and resplendent,
Fragile body, shalt thou be,
When endued with so much beauty,
Full of health and strong and free,
Full of vigour, full of pleasure
That shall last eternally!

Now with gladness, now with courage,
Bear the burden on thee laid,
That hereafter these thy labours
May with endless gifts be paid;
And in everlasting glory
Thou with joy may'st be arrayed.

Laud and honour to the Father,
Laud and honour to the Son,
Laud and honour to the Spirit,
Ever three and ever one,
One in love, and One in splendour,
While unending ages run. Amen.

Words: Latin 15th century
translated by John Mason Neale
Music: Henry Smart (Regent Square)

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

Fantaisie in A: César Franck

LOUDfence

Today is Safeguarding Sunday. Reconciliation and healing are at the heart of the gospel, and this is a time to highlight how this is demonstrated to those around us. This year we will be using the LOUDfence resource. Inspired by gospel values, this aims to work with churches to actively foster a culture which rejoices in safeguarding, cultivates safe space in which hidden hurts can be expressed, and enables healing and reconciliation. There will be further information in due course, but more about LOUDfence UK can be seen at:

loudfence.com/introduction

Community Newsletter

Many of you will have received the November 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.

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

The Advent Procession with Carols:
Saturday 28 November and Sunday 29 November at 6.00 p.m.

The Advent Procession is one of the most moving and inspiring acts of worship in Durham Cathedral's year and we want you to be part of it, together with your guests. It takes place on Saturday 28 November at 6.00 p.m. and is repeated on Sunday 29 November at 6.00 p.m. It lasts about 75 minutes. The Cathedral Choir moves throughout the Cathedral and the light grows as the service unfolds. It is a real opportunity to encounter God amidst ancient stones and it creates a wonderful sense of anticipation for Christmas – with candles and lots of incense! You don't need a ticket. There will be plenty of room on both nights. Just turn up after the doors open at 5.15 p.m. and be seated by 5.45 p.m. If you have attended this service before, you won't want to miss it. If you haven't, you need to come this year and see what you've been missing. We look forward to seeing you and your guests there.

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

Monday 16 November *Margaret, Queen of Scotland, Philanthropist, Reformer of the Church, 1093*
8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Feretory) (L)
12.30 p.m. Holy Communion (Margaret Altar) (NL)
5.30 p.m. Evensong and Procession (Quire) (L)
8.45 p.m. Compline (Online-only) (L)

Tuesday 17 November *Hild, Abbess of Whitby, 680*
8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Feretory) (L)
12.30 p.m. Holy Communion (Hild Altar) (NL)
5.30 p.m. Evensong and Procession: Student Tuesday (Quire) (L)

Wednesday 18 November *Elizabeth of Hungary, Princess of Thuringia, Philanthropist, 1231*
8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Feretory) (L)
12.30 p.m. Holy Communion (Hild Altar) (NL)
5.30 p.m. Evening Prayer (Quire) (L)

Thursday 19 November *Thomas, Cardinal Langley, Bishop of Durham, 1437*
8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Feretory) (L)
12.30 p.m. Holy Communion (Langley Altar) (NL)
5.30 p.m. Evensong (sung jointly with Durham Cathedral Schools Foundation) and Procession (Quire) (L)

Friday 20 November *Edmund, King of the East Angles, Martyr, 870*
8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer and the Litany (Feretory) (L)
12.30 p.m. Holy Communion (Hild Altar) (NL)
5.30 p.m. Evensong (Quire) (L)
7.30 p.m. Concert: Coldplay by Candlelight (Nave) (NL)
9.30 p.m. Concert: Fleetwood Mac by Candlelight (Nave) (NL)

Saturday 21 November *Online Quiet Day*
8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Feretory) (L)
12.30 p.m. Holy Communion (Hild Altar) (NL)
5.30 p.m. Evensong (Quire) (NL)
8.45 p.m. Compline (online only) (L)

Sunday 22 November *The Feast of Christ the King*
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP) (High Altar) (NL)
10.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist (CW1) (Nave) (L)
11.30 a.m. Matins with Address (Quire) (NL)
3.30 p.m. Evensong (Nave) (NL)

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