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Matins

on

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 15 November 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**.

This service is sung by the Lay Clerks and Choral Scholars with Durham Cathedral Consort of Singers and the Junior Consort of Singers.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Tema con variazioni (from Sonata No 4, 'Celtica'): Charles Villiers Stanford

Please stand at the entrance of the choir and ministers.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN



Beyond all mortal praise
God's name be ever blest,
Unsearchable his ways,
His glory manifest;
From his high throne
In power and might
By wisdom's light
He rules alone.

Our times are in his hand
To whom all flesh is grass,
While as their Maker planned,
The changing seasons pass.
He orders all:
Before his eyes
Earth's empires rise
Her kingdoms fall.

He gives to humankind,
Dividing as he will,
All powers of heart and mind,
Of spirit, strength and skill;
Nor dark nor night
But must lay bare
Its secrets, where
He dwells in light.

To God the only Lord,
Our father's God, be praise;
His holy name adored
Through everlasting days.
His mercies trace
In answered prayer,
In love and care
And gifts of grace.

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith
Music: Arthur Hutchings (Dolphin Street)

The Officiant, The Reverend Canon Charlie Allen, 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 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.

PSALM 98

O sing unto the Lord a new song :
for he hath done marvellous things.
With his own right hand, and with his holy arm :
hath he gotten himself the victory.
The Lord declared his salvation :
his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.
He hath remembered his mercy and truth
toward the house of Israel :
and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.
Shew yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands :
sing, rejoice, and give thanks.
Praise the Lord upon the harp :
sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.
With trumpets also, and shawms :
O shew yourselves joyful before the Lord the King.
Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is :
the round world, and they that dwell therein.
Let the floods clap their hands,
and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord :
for he is come to judge the earth.
With righteousness shall he judge the world :
and the people with equity.

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 prophecy of Daniel, Chapter 10, beginning to read at the eighteenth verse.

Again one in human form touched me and strengthened me. He said, 'Do not fear, greatly beloved, you are safe. Be strong and courageous!' When he spoke to me, I was strengthened and said, 'Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me.' Then he said, 'Do you know why I have come to you? Now I must return to fight against the prince of Persia, and when I am through with him, the prince of Greece will come. But I am to tell you what is inscribed in the book of truth. There is no one with me who contends against these princes except Michael, your prince.

Daniel 10: 18-end

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.

Percy Whitlock: Solemn Te Deum

Please sit.

SECOND LESSON

The second lesson is written in the book of Revelation, Chapter 4, beginning to read at the first verse.

After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.' At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! And the one seated there looks like jasper and cornelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal.

Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing,

‘Holy, holy, holy,
the Lord God the Almighty,
who was and is and is to come.’

And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing,

‘You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honour and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created.’

Revelation 4: 1-end

Here ends the second lesson.

After a short silence, please stand with the choir.

JUBILATE DEO

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands :
serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;
it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves :
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise :
be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting :
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

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: Jubilate in G

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 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 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

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,	*Holy, holy, holy Lord,*
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.	*God of power and might,*
Pleni sunt caeli et terra	*Heaven and earth*
gloria tua.	*are full of your glory.*
Osanna in excelsis.	*Hosanna in the highest.*
Benedictus qui venit	*Blessed is he who comes*
in nomine Domini.	*in the name of the Lord.*
Osanna in excelsis.	*Hosanna in the highest.*

Words: Isaiah 6:3; Psalm 118: 26
Music: Walter Alcock

SERMON

given by The Reverend Canon Charlie Allen.

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.



Thy hand, O God, has guided
Thy flock, from age to age;
The wondrous tale is written,
Full clear, on every page;
Our fathers owned thy goodness,
And we their deeds record;
And both of this bear witness:
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy heralds brought glad tidings
To greatest, as to least;
They bade men rise, and hasten
To share the great King's feast;
And this was all their teaching,
In every deed and word,
To all alike proclaiming
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Through many a day of darkness,
Through many a scene of strife,
The faithful few fought bravely
To guard the nation's life.
Their gospel of redemption,
Sin pardoned, man restored,
Was all in this enfolded,
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy mercy will not fail us,
No leave thy work undone;
With thy right hand to help us,
The victory shall be won;
And then, by men and angels,
Thy name shall be adored,
And this shall be their anthem,
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Words: Edward Plumptre
Music: Basil Harwood (Thornbury)

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

Allegro molto moderato (from Sonata No 4, 'Celtica'): Charles Villiers Stanford

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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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

Student Tuesday

Students are welcome to attend Evensong any time, but we extend a particular welcome to students at Evensong on Tuesdays. The next Student Tuesday is Tuesday 17 November. After the service, we 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 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.

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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