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Evensong

on

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 22 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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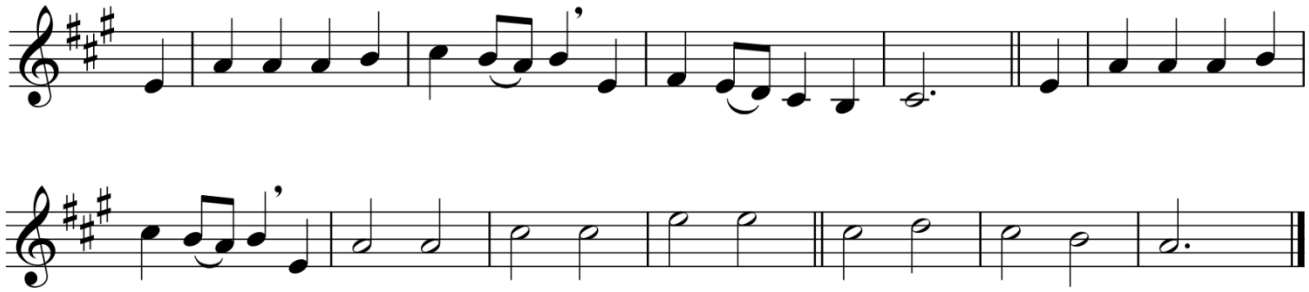
Welcome to this service at Durham Cathedral. All you need for the service is contained in this order of service. The words in *italic* explain certain key movements, including invitations to sit and stand at appropriate moments, as you are able. You are invited to respond with the words in **bold**.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Extase (from Triptyque): Germaine Labole

Please stand at the entrance of the choir and ministers.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN



All hail the power of Jesu's name!
Let angels prostrate fall.
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown him Lord of all!

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race
Ye ransomed of the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
And crown him Lord of all!

Hail him, ye heirs of David's line,
Whom David Lord did call;
The God incarnate, Man divine,
And crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love cannot forget
The wormwood and the gall,
Go spread your trophies at his feet,
And crown him Lord of all.

Let every tribe and every tongue
To him their hearts enthral,
Lift high the universal song,
And crown him Lord of all.

Words: Edward Perronet
Music: W Shrubsole (Miles Lane)

The Officiant, The Reverend Dr Daniel Parkinson, 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 Kenneth Leighton'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 93

The Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel :
the Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength.
He hath made the round world so sure :
that it cannot be moved.

Ever since the world began hath thy seat been prepared :
thou art from everlasting.
The floods are risen, O Lord, the floods have lift up their voice :
the floods lift up their waves.
The waves of the sea are mighty, and rage horribly :
but yet the Lord, who dwelleth on high, is mightier.
Thy testimonies, O Lord, are very sure :
holiness becometh thine house for ever.

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 second book of Samuel, Chapter 23, beginning to read at the first verse.

Now these are the last words of David:

The oracle of David, son of Jesse,
the oracle of the man whom God exalted,
the anointed of the God of Jacob,
the favourite of the Strong One of Israel:
The spirit of the Lord speaks through me,
his word is upon my tongue.
The God of Israel has spoken,
the Rock of Israel has said to me:
One who rules over people justly,
ruling in the fear of God,
is like the light of morning,
like the sun rising on a cloudless morning,
gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.
Is not my house like this with God?
For he has made with me an everlasting covenant,
ordered in all things and secure.

Will he not cause to prosper
all my help and my desire?
But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away;
for they cannot be picked up with the hand;
to touch them one uses an iron bar
or the shaft of a spear.
And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

2 Samuel 23: 1-7

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.

Herbert Howells: St Paul's Service

Please sit.

SECOND LESSON

The second lesson is written in the gospel according to St Matthew, Chapter 28, beginning to read at the sixteenth verse.

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

Matthew 28: 16-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.

Herbert Howells: St Paul's Service

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 Kenneth Leighton'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-Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may of thee be plenteously rewarded;
through 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

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: Philip Moore

PRAYERS AND THE GRACE
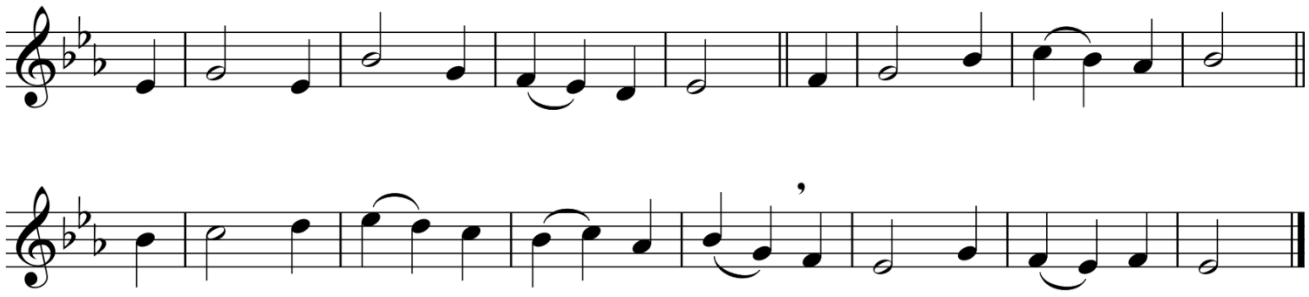
The prayers conclude with the Grace:

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



O Jesu, King most wonderful,
Thou Conqueror renowned,
Thou sweetness most ineffable,
In whom all joys are found!

When once thou visitest the heart,
Then truth begins to shine;
Then earthly vanities depart;
Then kindles love divine.

O Jesu, Light of all below,
Thou Fount of life and fire,
Surpassing all the joys we know,
And all we can desire:

May every heart confess thy name
And ever thee adore;
And, seeking thee, itself inflame
To seek thee more and more.

Thee may our tongues for ever bless,
Thee may we love alone;
And ever in our lives express
The image of thine own.

Words: Latin 12th century
translated by Edward Caswall
Music: Gordon Slater (St Botolph)

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

Psalm-Prelude Set 2 No 3: Herbert Howells

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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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 24 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 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.

Department of Theology and Religion
Public Lecture, Michaelmas Term 2026

Wednesday 2 December, 5.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

Elvet Riverside room 201 Elvet Riverside Block 2 (nearest the Student Union)
New Elvet, Durham DH1 3AQ

Professor Grant Macaskill
Lightfoot Professor of Divinity

Autism, the New Testament, and the Grammars of Theology

This lecture will explore developments in the representation of autism and neurodiversity, as these intersect with Christian theology and practice. The act of developing such a theology—deeply attentive to its own linguistics—has wider implications for interdisciplinary approaches to neurodiversity.

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

Monday 23 November *Clement, Bishop of Rome, Martyr, c 100*

8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Feretory) (L)
12.30 p.m. Holy Communion (Hild Altar) (NL)
5.30 p.m. Evensong sung by St John's College Choir (Quire) (L)
7.30 p.m. Concert: G4 (Nave) (NL)
8.45 p.m. Compline (online only) (L)

Tuesday 24 November

8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Feretory) (L)
12.30 p.m. Holy Communion (Hild Altar) (NL)
5.30 p.m. Evensong: Student Tuesday (Quire) (L)

Wednesday 25 November

8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Feretory) (L)
12.30 p.m. Holy Communion (Hild Altar) (NL)
5.30 p.m. Evensong (Quire) (L)
7.30 p.m. Josephine Butler College 20th Anniversary Service (Nave) (NL)

Thursday 26 November

8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Feretory) (L)
12.30 p.m. Holy Communion (Hild Altar) (NL)
5.30 p.m. Evening Prayer (Galilee Chapel) (L)

Friday 27 November

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: Northern Sinfonia (Nave) (NL)

Saturday 28 November

8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Feretory) (L)
12.30 p.m. Holy Communion (Hild Altar) (NL)
6.00 p.m. The Advent Procession with Carols (Nave) (L)

Sunday 29 November *The First Sunday of Advent*

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. Evening Prayer (Nave) (NL)
6.00 p.m. The Advent Procession with Carols (Nave) (NL)

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