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Matins

on

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Christ the King

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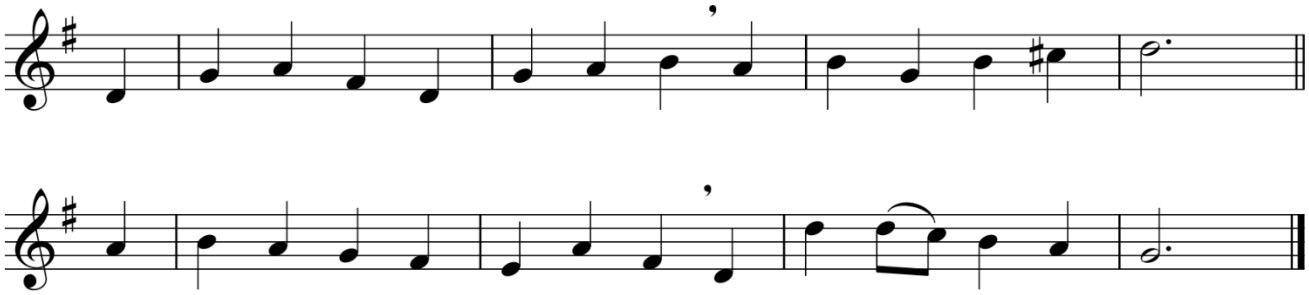
Welcome to this service at Durham Cathedral. All you need for the service is contained in this order of service. The words in *italic* explain certain key movements, including invitations to sit and stand at appropriate moments, as you are able. You are invited to respond with the words in **bold**.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Priére pour un jour de joie: Henriette Puig-Roget

Please stand at the entrance of the choir and ministers.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN



The head that once was crowned with thorns
Is crowned with glory now:
A royal diadem adorns
The mighty victor's brow.

The highest place that heaven affords
Is his, is his by right,
The King of kings and Lord of lords,
And heaven's eternal light;

The joy of all who dwell above,
The joy of all below,
To whom he manifests his love,
And grants his name to know.

To them the cross, with all its shame,
With all its grace is given:
Their name an everlasting name,
Their joy the joy of heaven.

They suffer with their Lord below,
They reign with him above,
Their profit and their joy to know
The mystery of his love.

The cross he bore is life and health,
Though shame and death to him;
His people's hope, his people's wealth,
Their everlasting theme.

Words: Thomas Kelly
Music: Jeremiah Clarke (St Magnus)

The Officiant, The Reverend James Shelton, 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 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 29

Bring unto the Lord, O ye mighty, bring young rams unto the Lord :
ascribe unto the Lord worship and strength.
Give the Lord the honour due unto his Name :
worship the Lord with holy worship.
It is the Lord, that commandeth the waters :
it is the glorious God, that maketh the thunder.
It is the Lord, that ruleth the sea;
the voice of the Lord is mighty in operation :
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.
The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedar-trees :
yea, the Lord breaketh the cedars of Libanus.
He maketh them also to skip like a calf :
Libanus also, and Sirion, like a young unicorn.
The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness :
yea, the Lord shaketh the wilderness of Cades.
The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to bring forth young,
and discovereth the thick bushes :
in his temple doth every man speak of his honour.
The Lord sitteth above the water-flood :
and the Lord remaineth a King for ever.
The Lord shall give strength unto his people :
the Lord shall give his people the blessing 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.

PSALM 110

The Lord said unto my Lord :
Sit thou on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.
The Lord shall send the rod of thy power out of Sion :
be thou ruler, even in the midst among thine enemies.
In the day of thy power
shall the people offer thee free-will offerings with an holy worship :
the dew of thy birth is of the womb of the morning.

The Lord sware, and will not repent :
Thou art a Priest for ever after the order of Melchisedech.
The Lord upon thy right hand :
shall wound even kings in the day of his wrath.
He shall judge among the heathen;
he shall fill the places with the dead bodies :
and smite in sunder the heads over divers countries.
He shall drink of the brook in the way :
therefore shall he lift up his head.

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 Isaiah, Chapter 4, beginning to read at the second verse.

On that day the branch of the Lord shall be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the land shall be the pride and glory of the survivors of Israel. Whoever is left in Zion and remains in Jerusalem will be called holy, everyone who has been recorded for life in Jerusalem, once the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion and cleansed the bloodstains of Jerusalem from its midst by a spirit of judgement and by a spirit of burning. Then the Lord will create over the whole site of Mount Zion and over its places of assembly a cloud by day and smoke and the shining of a flaming fire by night. Indeed, over all the glory there will be a canopy. It will serve as a pavilion, a shade by day from the heat, and a refuge and a shelter from the storm and rain.

Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.
He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;

he built a watch-tower in the midst of it,
    and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
    but it yielded wild grapes.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
    and people of Judah,
judge between me
    and my vineyard.
What more was there to do for my vineyard
    that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
    why did it yield wild grapes?
And now I will tell you
    what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
    and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
    and it shall be trampled down.
I will make it a waste;
    it shall not be pruned or hoed,
    and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
    that they rain no rain upon it.
For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
    is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
    are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice,
    but saw bloodshed;
righteousness,
    but heard a cry!

Isaiah 4: 2 – 5: 7

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.

Benjamin Britten: Festival Te Deum in E

Please sit.

SECOND LESSON

The second lesson is written in the gospel according to St Luke, Chapter 19, beginning to read at the twenty-ninth verse.

When Jesus had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it."' So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

'Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!'

Luke 19: 29-38

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.

Matthew Martin: Jubilate

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 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

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and stand with fear and trembling,
and lift itself above all earthly thought.

For the King of kings and Lord of lords, Christ our God,
cometh forth to be our oblation,
and to be given for food to the faithful.

Before him come the choirs of angels,
with every principality and power;
the cherubim with many eyes, and wingèd seraphim,
who veil their faces as they shout exultingly the hymn:
Alleluia!

Words: The Liturgy of St James
Music: Edward Bairstow

SERMON

given by The Reverend James Shelton.
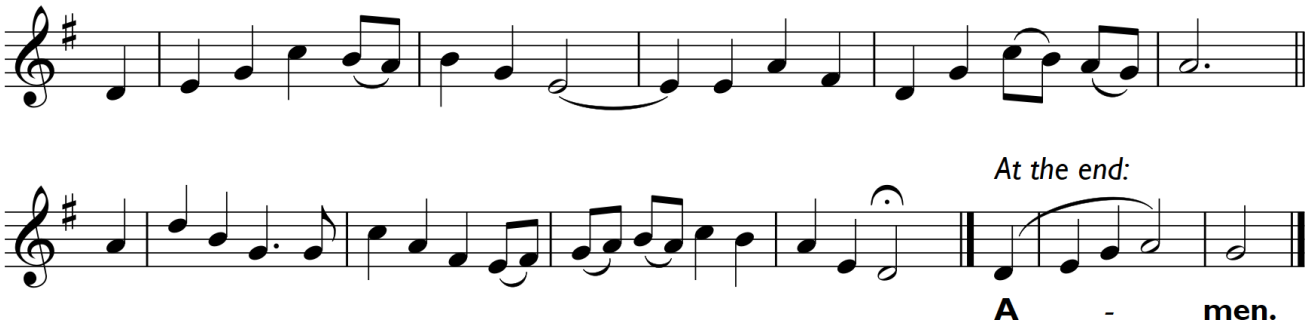
The sermon is followed by a prayer and the Grace:

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



Eternal Monarch, King most high,
Whose blood hath brought redemption nigh,
By whom the death of Death was wrought
And conquering grace's battle fought:

Ascending to the throne of might,
And seated at the Father's right,
All power in heaven is Jesu's own,
That here his manhood had not known.

Yea, angels tremble when they see
How changed is our humanity;
For flesh hath purged what flesh had stained,
And God, the flesh of God hath reigned.

Be thou our joy and strong defence,
Who art our future recompense:
So shall the light that springs from thee
Be ours through all eternity.

O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
All praise to thee let earth accord,
Who art, while endless ages run,
With Father and with Spirit One. Amen

Words: Latin 5th century
translated by John Mason Neale
Music: Percy Buck (Gonfalon Royal)

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

Pageantry: Sidney Campbell

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:
daniel.parkinson@durhamcathedral.co.uk

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.

Benjamin Britten's Ceremony of Carols:
Saturday 12 December at 6.00 p.m.

For only the third year running, Durham Cathedral is offering a performance of that stunningly beautifully musical work by Benjamin Britten – A Ceremony of Carols – on Saturday 12 December at 6.00 p.m. in a wonderful celebration of Christmas which will last about one hour. Hear the Cathedral's Lay Clerks and Choral Scholars sing the ancient music of Vespers followed by A Ceremony of Carols sung by the Cathedral Choristers, accompanied by a harpist and conducted by Daniel Cook. There is no charge and tickets are not required. Just turn up after the doors open at 5.15 p.m. and be seated by 5.45 p.m. Donations will be invited as you leave if you are able to make an offering.

J S Bach: Christmas Oratorio
Wednesday 9 December at 7.30 p.m.

Dunelm Consort and Players
featuring several of the Cathedral's Choral Scholars
St Godric's Church, Durham
durhamstudentmusic.org/whats-on/js-bachs-christmas-oratorio

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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