



DURHAM CATHEDRAL

THE SHRINE OF ST CUTHBERT

Evensong

Christ the King
The Sunday Next Before Advent

Sunday 21 November 2021

3.00 p.m.

Welcome to Durham Cathedral

Following the relaxation of Government guidelines concerning Covid restrictions, we continue to be cautious and safe here at Durham Cathedral.

Please make sure you have used the hand sanitiser provided **and we strongly encourage you to continue to wear a face covering unless you are exempt on health grounds.**

If you are a regular worshipper here, welcome back. If you are visiting, we are delighted that you join us today.

Although social distancing is no longer a requirement, we ask you to look after yourself when choosing your seating arrangements and respect other people's safety too.

This service is also live-streamed online but we have taken care to ensure that no members of the congregation are visible on camera.

There will be a retiring collection for the work of the Cathedral. Please use the tap and give contactless device near the North Door or drop cash into the collecting basket as you leave or go to <https://localgiving.org/charity/durhamcathedral/> Thank you.

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Stand at the entry of the Choir and ministers

Hymn Morning glory, starlit sky,
Leaves in springtime, swallows' flight,
Autumn gales, tremendous seas,
Sounds and scents of summer night;

Soaring music, tow'ring words,
Art's perfection, scholar's truth,
Joy supreme of human love,
Memory's treasure, grace of youth;

Open, Lord, are these, thy gifts,
Gifts of love to mind and sense;
Hidden is love's agony,
Love's endeavour, love's expense.

Love that gives, gives evermore,
Gives with zeal, with eager hands,
Spares not, keeps not, all outpours,
Ventures all, it all expends.

Drained is love in making full;
Bound in setting others free;
Poor in making many rich;
Weak in giving power to be.

Therefore He Who Thee reveals
Hangs, O Father, on that Tree
Helpless; and the nails and thorns
Tell of what Thy love must be.

Thou art God; no monarch Thou,
Thron'd in easy state to reign;
Thou art God, Whose arms of love
Aching, spent, the world sustain

William Hubert Vanstone

Anthony Caesar

Welcome and Introduction

The Reverend Canon Charlie Allen

Minister Let us humbly confess our sins to almighty God.

Kneel

All **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.

Minister May the almighty and merciful Lord
 grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins,
 time for amendment of life,
 and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Stand

Preces

Humphrey Clucas

Cantor O Lord, open thou our lips.
Choir 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.

Sit

Psalm 72: 1-7

Give the King thy judgements, O God : and thy
righteousness unto the King's son.
Then shall he judge thy people according unto right : and
defend the poor.
The mountains also shall bring peace : and the little hills
righteousness unto the people.
He shall keep the simple folk by their right : defend the
children of the poor, and punish the wrong doer.

They shall fear thee, as long as the sun and moon endureth :
from one generation to another.
He shall come down like the rain into a fleece of wool :
even as the drops that water the earth.
In his time shall the righteous flourish : yea, and abundance
of peace, so long as the moon endureth.

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.

Sit

First Lesson

Daniel 5

King Belshazzar made a great festival for a thousand of his lords, and he was drinking wine in the presence of the thousand.

Under the influence of the wine, Belshazzar commanded that they bring in the vessels of gold and silver that his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple in Jerusalem, so that the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines might drink from them. So they brought in the vessels of gold and silver that had been taken out of the temple, the house of God in Jerusalem, and the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines drank from them. They drank the wine and praised the gods of gold and silver, bronze, iron, wood, and stone.

Immediately the fingers of a human hand appeared and began writing on the plaster of the wall of the royal palace, next to the lampstand. The king was watching the hand as it wrote. Then the king's face turned pale, and his thoughts terrified him. His limbs gave way, and his knees knocked together. The king cried aloud to bring in the enchanters, the Chaldeans, and the diviners; and the king said to the wise men of Babylon, 'Whoever can read this writing and tell me its interpretation shall be clothed in purple, have a chain of gold around his neck, and rank third in the kingdom.' Then all the king's wise men came in, but they could not read the writing or tell the king

the interpretation. Then King Belshazzar became greatly terrified and his face turned pale, and his lords were perplexed.

The queen, when she heard the discussion of the king and his lords, came into the banqueting-hall. The queen said, 'O king, live for ever! Do not let your thoughts terrify you or your face grow pale. There is a man in your kingdom who is endowed with a spirit of the holy gods. In the days of your father he was found to have enlightenment, understanding, and wisdom like the wisdom of the gods. Your father, King Nebuchadnezzar, made him chief of the magicians, enchanters, Chaldeans, and diviners, because an excellent spirit, knowledge, and understanding to interpret dreams, explain riddles, and solve problems were found in this Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar. Now let Daniel be called, and he will give the interpretation.'

Then Daniel was brought in before the king. The king said to Daniel, 'So you are Daniel, one of the exiles of Judah, whom my father the king brought from Judah? I have heard of you that a spirit of the gods is in you, and that enlightenment, understanding, and excellent wisdom are found in you. Now the wise men, the enchanters, have been brought in before me to read this writing and tell me its interpretation, but they were not able to give the interpretation of the matter. But I have heard that you can give interpretations and solve problems. Now if you are able to read the writing and tell me its interpretation, you shall be clothed in purple, have a chain of gold around your neck, and rank third in the kingdom.'

Then Daniel answered in the presence of the king, 'Let your gifts be for yourself, or give your rewards to someone else! Nevertheless, I will read the writing to the king and let him know the interpretation. O king, the Most High God gave your father Nebuchadnezzar kingship, greatness, glory, and majesty. And because of the greatness that he gave him, all peoples, nations, and languages trembled and feared before him. He killed those he wanted to kill, kept alive those he wanted to keep alive, honoured those he wanted to honour, and degraded those he wanted to degrade. But when his heart was lifted up and his spirit was hardened so that he acted proudly, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and his glory was stripped from him. He was driven from human society, and his mind was made like that of an

animal. His dwelling was with the wild asses, he was fed grass like oxen, and his body was bathed with the dew of heaven, until he learned that the Most High God has sovereignty over the kingdom of mortals, and sets over it whomsoever he will. And you, Belshazzar his son, have not humbled your heart, even though you knew all this! You have exalted yourself against the Lord of heaven! The vessels of his temple have been brought in before you, and you and your lords, your wives and your concubines have been drinking wine from them. You have praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood, and stone, which do not see or hear or know; but the God in whose power is your very breath, and to whom belong all your ways, you have not honoured.

‘So from his presence the hand was sent and this writing was inscribed. And this is the writing that was inscribed: Mene, Mene, Tekel, and Parsin. This is the interpretation of the matter: Mene, God has numbered the days of your kingdom and brought it to an end; Tekel, you have been weighed on the scales and found wanting; Peres, your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians.’

Then Belshazzar gave the command, and Daniel was clothed in purple, a chain of gold was put around his neck, and a proclamation was made concerning him that he should rank third in the kingdom.

That very night Belshazzar, the Chaldean king, was killed. And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, being about sixty-two years old.

After a short silence, all stand with the Choir

Magnificat

Neil Cox in G

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.

Sit

Second Lesson

John 6: 1-15

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the

sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.'

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

After a short silence, all stand with the Choir

Nunc dimittis

Gustav Holst

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.

The Apostles' Creed

All **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 Lesser Litany, Responses and Collects

Humphrey Clucas

Cantor The Lord be with you.
Choir And with thy spirit.

Kneel

Cantor Let us pray.

Choir 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 Queen.
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 of the Sunday Next Before Advent

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, for peace

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.

Sit

Anthem

O clap your hands together

O clap your hands together, all ye people : O sing unto God
with the voice of melody.

For the Lord is high, and to be feared : he is the great King
of all the earth.

He shall subdue the people under us : and the nations
under our feet.

He shall choose out an heritage for us : even the worship of
Jacob, whom he loved.

God is gone up with a merry noise : and the Lord with the
sound of the trumpet.

O sing praises, sing praises unto our God : O sing praises,
sing praises unto the Lord the King.

For God is the King of all the earth : sing ye praises with
understanding.

God reigneth over the heathen : God sitteth upon his holy
seat.

God, which is highly exalted, doth defend the earth, as it
were with a shield.

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.

Kneel

Prayers and the Grace

The Reverend Canon Charlie Allen

Stand

Hymn

Christ is made the sure foundation,
And the precious corner-stone,
Who, the two walls underlying,
Bound in each, binds both in one,
Holy Sion's help for ever,
And her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city,
Dearly loved by God on high,
In exultant jubilation
Pours perpetual melody,
God the One, in threefold glory,
Singing everlastingly.

To this temple, where we call thee,
Come, O Lord of hosts, today;
With thy wonted loving-kindness,
Hear thy people as they pray;
And thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls for ay.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
Gifts of grace by prayer to gain;
Here to have and hold for ever
Those good things their prayers obtain,
And hereafter, in thy glory,
With thy blessèd ones to reign.

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.

*Latin, c 7th century,
translated by J M Neale*

*Adapted from the Alleluys in
Purcell's 'O God, thou art my God' for
Belville in The Psalmist 1843*

Remain standing

The Blessing

Christ our King
make you faithful and strong to do his will,
that you may reign with him in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Choir

Amen.

Voluntary Hymne d'Action de Grâce Te Deum *Jean Langlais*

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As a result of activity associated with the Lumiere Festival, members of the congregation must leave via the Cloisters and College and onto North Bailey.

Morning Prayer is said from Monday to Saturday in the North Transept during the week at 8.30 a.m. On Monday, Evensong is sung at 5.30 p.m. by the Chamber Choir of Durham Johnston Comprehensive School; on Tuesday it is sung in honour of Thomas Langley, founder of the Cathedral's schools, by the Cathedral Choir and Durham Cathedral Schools Foundation Choir; on Wednesday and Friday by the Cathedral Choir; on Thursday, Evening Prayer is said; and there is no service of Evening Prayer on Saturday because of the Advent Procession at 6.00 p.m.

These services are open to the public although they will also be live-streamed online. On Monday, Compline is live-streamed only at 8.45 p.m. but there is no service in church at that time. Please use the 'Daily Prayer' app on your own devices at these services or bring your own prayer book and Bible. Thank you. Holy Communion is celebrated each weekday at 12.30 p.m. in church. This service is not live-streamed.

On Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 November, we offer the great Advent Procession with Carols at 6.00 p.m. (note start time). These two services are by ticket only and with proof that ticket holders are covid-negative. Tickets may be booked online at:

www.durhamcathedral.co.uk/visit-us/advent-christmas-durham-cathedral

or by writing to Jill Chipchase, The Cathedral Office, The College, Durham, DH1 3EH.

**Cathedral Advent Appeal for County Durham Food Bank
28 November to 19 December**

Based on the 24 windows of the Advent Calendar individually or as a group you are invited to do a reverse Advent Calendar and donate 24 food items.

A group could divide 24 by the number in the group and donate accordingly.

Non-perishable food within the sell-by-date such as Long life milk, or juice, sponge puddings, slab fruit cake, tinned ham, biscuits. Please no Pasta or Mince pies.

Money donations should be placed in the envelopes marked Food Bank to be found attached to the food donation box at the West Door and placed in one of the Cathedral Donation Boxes.

Thank you for your support.

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