



# DURHAM CATHEDRAL

THE SHRINE OF ST CUTHBERT

## **Matins**

The Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday 12 December 2021

10.00 a.m.

## Welcome to Durham Cathedral

Following recent 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.

There will be a retiring collection for the work of the Cathedral. Text **CATHEDRAL** to **70460** to donate £10 to support the life and work of Durham Cathedral.

Alternatively, text **CATHEDRAL** + ANY NUMBER up to 20 (e.g. CATHEDRAL 5) to donate a different amount between £1-£20. *Texts will cost the donation amount plus one standard network rate message, and you'll be opting into hearing more from us. If you would like to donate but don't wish to hear from us, please make your donation by texting **CATHEDRALNOINFO** for £10 (or **CATHEDRALNOINFO** + ANY NUMBER up to 20) instead.*

### *Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility*

The care and protection of children, young people and adults involved in Church activities is the responsibility of everyone who participates in the life of the Church. If you are concerned that someone you know is at risk, or is being abused, or presents a risk to others, please seek advice from the Cathedral Safeguarding Officer. If a child or adult is in immediate danger or requires medical attention, call the emergency services without delay. The Cathedral Safeguarding Officer can be contacted on 07951 624103 or via email [safeguarding@durhamcathedral.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@durhamcathedral.co.uk)

**Voluntary**      Christ unser Herr, zum Jordan kam      *Dietrich Buxtehude*

*Stand at the entry of the Choir and ministers*

**Welcome and Introduction**      *The Reverend Canon Professor Simon Oliver*

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 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.

**All**      **Amen.**

*Stand*

**Preces**

*Thomas Tallis*

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 12**

Help me, Lord, for there is not one godly man left : for the faithful are minished from among the children of men.

They talk of vanity every one with his neighbor : they do but flatter with their lips, and dissemble in their double heart.

The Lord shall root out all deceitful lips : and the tongue that speaketh proud things;

Which have said, With our tongue will we prevail : we are they that ought to speak, who is lord over us?

Now for the comfortless troubles' sake of the needy : and because of the deep sighing of the poor,

I will up, saith the Lord : and will help every one from him that swelleth against him, and will set him at rest.

The words of the Lord are pure words : even as the silver, which from the earth is tried, and purified seven times in the fire.

Thou shalt keep them, O Lord : thou shalt preserve him  
from this generation for ever.  
The ungodly walk on every side : when they are exalted,  
the children of men are put to rebuke.  
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 14

The fool hath said in his heart : There is no God.  
They are corrupt, and become abominable in their doings :  
there is none that doeth good, no not one.  
The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of  
men : to see if there were any that would understand,  
and seek after God.  
But they are all gone out of the way, they are altogether  
become abominable : there is none that doeth good, no  
not one.  
Their throat is an open sepulchre, with their tongues have  
they deceived : the poison of asps is under their lips.  
Their mouth is full of cursing and bitterness : their feet are  
swift to shed blood.  
Destruction and unhappiness is in their ways, and the way  
of peace have they not known : there is no fear of God  
before their eyes.  
Have they no knowledge, that they are all such workers of  
mischief : eating up my people as it were bread, and call  
not upon the Lord?  
There were they brought in great fear, even where no fear  
was : for God is in the generation of the righteous.  
As for you, ye have made a mock at the counsel of the  
poor : because he putteth his trust in the Lord.  
Who shall give salvation unto Israel out of Sion? When the  
Lord turneth the captivity of his people : then shall  
Jacob rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

*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**

**Isaiah 25: 1-9**

O LORD, you are my God;  
I will exalt you, I will praise your name;  
for you have done wonderful things,  
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.  
For you have made the city a heap,  
the fortified city a ruin;  
the palace of aliens is a city no more,  
it will never be rebuilt.  
Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;  
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.  
For you have been a refuge to the poor,  
a refuge to the needy in their distress,  
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.  
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,  
the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,  
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;  
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.  
And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
he will swallow up death for ever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.  
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

*After a short silence, all stand with the Choir*

**Te Deum laudamus**

*Te Deum for Means, Thomas Tallis*

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.

*Sit*

## **Second Lesson**

## **1 Corinthians 4: 1-5**

Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they should be found trustworthy. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. I do not even judge myself. I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. Therefore do not pronounce judgement before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive commendation from God.

*After a short silence, all stand with the Choir*

## **Benedictus**

*Thomas Tallis: The Short Service*

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel : for he hath visited,  
and redeemed his people;  
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us : in the  
house of his servant David;  
As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets : which  
have been since the world began;

That we should be saved from our enemies : and from  
the hands of all that hate us;  
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers : and  
to remember his holy covenant;  
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather  
Abraham : that he would give us,  
That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies :  
might serve him without fear,  
In holiness and righteousness before him : all the days of  
our life.  
And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the  
Highest : for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord  
to prepare his ways;  
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people : for the  
remission of their sins;  
Through the tender mercy of our God : whereby the  
dayspring from on high hath visited us;  
To give light to them that sit in darkness,  
and in the shadow of death : and to guide our feet  
into the way 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.

## **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**

*Thomas Tallis*

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 Third Sunday in Advent*

O Lord Jesu Christ,  
who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger  
to prepare thy way before thee:  
Grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries  
may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way,  
by turning the hearts of the disobedient  
to the wisdom of the just,  
that at thy second coming to judge the world  
we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight,  
who livest and reignest  
with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
ever one God, world without end.  
Amen.

*The Collect of the First Sunday in Advent*

Almighty God,  
give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness,  
and put upon us the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which thy Son Jesus Christ  
came to visit us in great humility;  
that in the last day,  
when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty,  
to judge both the quick and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who liveth and reigneth  
with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. Amen.

*The Third 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 Fourth 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.

*Sit*

**Anthem** Fuit homo missus a Deo

Fuit homo missus a Deo, cui nomen erat Joannes.  
Hic venit in testimonium ut testimonium  
perhiberet de lumine,  
et pararet Domino plebem perfectam.

*There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.  
He came as a witness to testify to the light,  
and prepared the righteous for the Lord.*

*Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c 1525–94) Responsory for St John the Baptist*

**Sermon** *The Reverend Canon Professor Simon Oliver*

*Stand*

**Hymn** Rejoice, the Lord is King,  
Your Lord and King adore;  
Mortals, give thanks and sing,  
And triumph evermore:  
*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,  
The God of truth and love;  
When he had purged our stains,  
He took his seat above:

His kingdom cannot fail;  
He rules o'er earth and heaven;  
The keys of death and hell  
Are to our Jesus given:

He sits at God's right hand  
Till all his foes submit,  
And bow to his command,  
And fall beneath his feet:

*Charles Wesley*

*Melody by G F Handel*

## **The Blessing**

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,  
scatter the darkness from before your path,  
and make you ready to meet him  
when he comes in glory;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All**

**Amen.**

**Voluntary** Nun Freut euch, leiben Christen g'mein *Matthias Weckmann*

There will be a retiring collection for the work of the Cathedral. Text **CATHEDRAL** to **70460** to donate £10 to support the life and work of Durham Cathedral.

Alternatively, text **CATHEDRAL** + ANY NUMBER up to 20 (e.g. **CATHEDRAL 5**) to donate a different amount between £1-£20. *Texts will cost the donation amount plus one standard network rate message, and you'll be opting into hearing more from us. If you would like to donate but don't wish to hear from us, please make your donation by texting **CATHEDRALNOINFO** for £10 (or **CATHEDRALNOINFO** + ANY NUMBER up to 20) instead.*

*A Sung Eucharist is celebrated at 11.15 a.m. today (live-streamed).*

*The Lighting of the Christmas Tree and Blessing of the Crib takes place today at 3.30 p.m. for which tickets must be pre-booked and covid passes shown: [www.durhamcathedral.co.uk/whats-on](http://www.durhamcathedral.co.uk/whats-on) (also live-streamed).*

*Morning Prayer is said and live-streamed from Monday to Saturday in the North Transept at 8.30 a.m. At 5.30 p.m., Evening Prayer is said and live-streamed on Monday, is live-streamed only on Wednesday, Evensong is sung and live-streamed on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, and Evensong is sung but not-live-streamed on Friday.*

*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.*

*Next Sunday, services take place as usual at 8.00 a.m. (not live-streamed), 10.00 a.m. (not live-streamed), 11.15 a.m. (live-streamed) and, at 3.30 p.m. (live-streamed).*

**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.

