



# DURHAM CATHEDRAL

THE SHRINE OF ST CUTHBERT

## **Evensong**

*on the Fourth Sunday of Easter*

Sunday 3 May 2020

3.30 p.m.



**Welcome and Introduction**

*The Reverend Canon Charlie Allen*

**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 those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind In Christ Jesus 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.**

*The minister pronounces the absolution*

**Preces**

*Francis Grier*

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.

## Psalm 146

Praise the Lord, O my soul; while I live will I praise the  
Lord: yea, as long as I have any being, I will sing praises  
unto my God.

O put not your trust in princes, nor in any child of man: for  
there is no help in them.

For when the breath of man goeth forth he shall turn again  
to his earth: and then all his thoughts perish.

Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help: and  
whose hope is in the Lord his God;

Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is:  
who keepeth his promise for ever.

Who helpeth them to right that suffer wrong: who feedeth  
the hungry.

The Lord looseth men out of prison: the Lord giveth sight to  
the blind.

The Lord helpeth them that are fallen: the Lord careth for  
the righteous.

The Lord careth for the strangers; he defendeth the  
fatherless and widow: as for the way of the ungodly, he  
turneth it upside down.

The Lord thy God, O Sion, shall be King for evermore: and  
throughout all generations.

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.

## First Lesson

Ezra 3. 1-13

When the seventh month came, and the Israelites were in the towns, the people gathered together in Jerusalem. Then Jeshua son of Jozadak, with his fellow priests, and Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel with his kin set out to build the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt-offerings on it, as prescribed in the law of Moses the man of God. They set up the altar on its foundation, because they were in dread of the neighbouring peoples, and they offered

burnt-offerings upon it to the LORD, morning and evening. And they kept the festival of booths, as prescribed, and offered the daily burnt-offerings by number according to the ordinance, as required for each day, and after that the regular burnt-offerings, the offerings at the new moon and at all the sacred festivals of the LORD, and the offerings of everyone who made a freewill-offering to the LORD. From the first day of the seventh month they began to offer burnt-offerings to the LORD. But the foundation of the temple of the LORD was not yet laid. So they gave money to the masons and the carpenters, and food, drink, and oil to the Sidonians and the Tyrians to bring cedar trees from Lebanon to the sea, to Joppa, according to the grant that they had from King Cyrus of Persia. In the second year after their arrival at the house of God at Jerusalem, in the second month, Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel and Jeshua son of Jozadak made a beginning, together with the rest of their people, the priests and the Levites and all who had come to Jerusalem from the captivity. They appointed the Levites, from twenty years old and upwards, to have the oversight of the work on the house of the LORD. And Jeshua with his sons and his kin, and Kadmiel and his sons, Binnui and Hodaviah along with the sons of Henadad, the Levites, their sons and kin, together took charge of the workers in the house of God. When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, the priests in their vestments were stationed to praise the LORD with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, according to the directions of King David of Israel; and they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the LORD,

‘For he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures for ever towards Israel.’

And all the people responded with a great shout when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid. But many of the priests and Levites and heads of families, old people who had seen the first house on its foundations, wept with a loud voice when they saw this house, though many shouted aloud for joy, so that the people could not distinguish the sound of the joyful shout from the sound of the people’s weeping, for the people shouted so loudly that the sound was heard far away.

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.

**Second Lesson****Ephesians 2. 11-end**

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called 'the uncircumcision' by those who are called 'the circumcision'—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both

groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— the work of each builder will become visible, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done. If what has been built on the foundation survives, the builder will receive a reward. If the work is burned, the builder will suffer loss; the builder will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

### **Nunc Dimittis**

*Kenneth Leighton: Second Service*

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

*Francis Grier*

Cantor                The Lord be with you.

Choir                    And with thy spirit.

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 after Easter*

Almighty God, who shewest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness: Grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. 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.

**Anthem**

*Thou, O God, art praised in Zion*

Thou, O God, art praised in Sion,  
and unto Thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.  
Thou that hearest the prayer,  
unto Thee shall all flesh come.  
Blessed is that man whom Thou choosest  
and receivest unto Thee.  
He shall dwell in Thy courts  
and shall be satisfied  
with the pleasures of Thy house,  
e'en of Thy holy temple.  
Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace,  
whose mind is stay'd on Thee.  
Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace  
because he trusteth in Thee.  
Trust ye in the Lord for ever,  
for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.  
Let the people praise Thee, O God,  
yea, let all the people praise Thee.  
Then shall the earth bring forth her increase:  
and God shall give us his blessing.

from *Psalm 65. 1-2, 4* and *Isaiah 26. 3-4*

*Malcolm Boyle*

**Hymn**      *A brighter dawn is breaking*

A brighter dawn is breaking,  
And earth with praise is waking;  
For thou, O King most highest,  
The power of death defiest;

And thou hast come victorious,  
With risen Body glorious,  
Who now for ever livest,  
And life abundant givest.

O free the world from blindness,  
And fill the world with kindness,  
Give sinners resurrection,  
Bring striving to perfection;

In sickness give us healing,  
In doubt thy clear revealing,  
That praise to thee be given  
In earth as in thy heaven.

*Nun Lasst uns Gott*

*Later form of a melody in*

*Selnecker's Christliche Psalmen Leipzig, 1587*

*Percy Dearmer*

**The Blessing**

*The Reverend Canon Charlie Allen*

The God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
that great shepherd of the sheep,  
through the blood of the eternal covenant,  
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,  
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

*The Choir sings*

Amen.

*Orlando Gibbons*

**Voluntary**

Te Deum laudamus—Fantasia

*Charlies Villiers Stanford*

*We wish you a joyful and blessed Easter.*