

Worship At Home
Learning in Faith
A Service for Christ the King
Sunday 22 November 2020

WELCOME

Given by the Rt Rev Paul Butler, Bishop of Durham

HYMN

Sung by the Choir

Teach me, my God and King,
In all things thee to see,
And what I do in anything
To do it as for thee.

A man that looks on glass,
On it may stay his eye;
Or if he pleaseth, through it pass,
And then the heaven espy.

All may of thee partake;
Nothing can be so mean,
Which with this tincture, 'for thy sake,'
Will not grow bright and clean.

A servant with this clause
Makes drudgery divine:
Who sweeps a room, as for thy laws,
Makes that and the action fine.

This is the famous stone
That turneth all to gold;
For that which God doth touch and own
Cannot for less be told.

Words: George Herbert From W Sandy's Christmas Carols 1833

Tune: Sandy

BIDDING PRAYER

Led by the Very Rev Andrew Tremlett, Dean of Durham

Dear friends in Christ, welcome to Durham Cathedral, the Shrine of St Cuthbert, on this Festival of Christ the King. We gather here, not far from the tomb of the Venerable Bede—the foremost academic of his day—to give thanks to God for the places of learning in which faith in Christ is nurtured and explored.

We give thanks for schools, colleges and universities; for pupils, students, teachers, lecturers and support staff. And we pray that we may always learn in faith and deepen our understanding in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Heavenly Father, bless the work of all universities, colleges, and schools, that those who serve you as teachers or learners may do your will in all their endeavours and come to the knowledge of your truth; so that the Church and the world may benefit from their search for truth and prepare themselves for life with you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 34. 11-16

Read by the Rev Canon Charlie Alen, Chancellor, Durham Cathedral

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

For the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 1. 15-end

*Read by the Rev Canon Professor Simon Oliver,
Van Mildert Professor of Divinity, University of Durham*

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

For the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

INTERVIEW

Sharon Pritchard, Children's Ministry Adviser, Diocese of Durham, talks to sixth former, Noah, from Durham Sixth Form Centre about learning in faith.

ANTHEM

Let all the world

Sung by the Choir

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: Ralph Vaughan Williams*

INTERVIEW

The Rev Anna Brooker, Chaplain, St John's College, talks to an ordinand from Cranmer Hall, Nicholas Lebey, about learning in faith.

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The Rev David Rushton, Chaplain, St Chad's College, talks to a postgraduate of that college, Lucinda Murphy, about learning in faith.

HYMN

Ye that know the Lord is gracious

Sung by the Choir

Ye that know the Lord is gracious,
Ye for whom a Corner-stone
Stands, of God elect and precious,
Laid that ye may build thereon,
See that on that sure foundation
Ye a living temple raise,
Towers that may tell forth salvation,
Walls that may re-echo praise.

Living stones, by God appointed
Each to his allotted place,
Kings and priests, by God anointed,
Shall ye not declare his grace?
Ye, a royal generation,
Tell the tidings of your birth,
Tidings of a new creation
To an old and weary earth.

Tell the praise of him who called you
Out of darkness into light,
Broke the fetters that enthralled you,
Gave you freedom, peace and sight:
Tell the tale of sins forgiven,
Strength renewed and hope restored,
Till the earth, in tune with heaven,
Praise and magnify the Lord.

*Words: Cyril Argentine Alington
Melody by Richard Huw Pritchard*

REFLECTION ON PRAYER

Phil Togwell, Director, Prayer Spaces in Schools

PRAYERS

Led by the Rev Canon Charlie Allen, Chancellor, Durham Cathedral

Blessed are you, eternal God,
All: to be praised and glorified for ever.

Hear us as we pray for your holy Church:
All: make us all one, that the world may believe.

Grant that every member of the Church
may truly and humbly serve you:
All: that the life of Christ may be revealed in us.

Strengthen all who minister in Christ's name:
All: give them courage to proclaim your Gospel.

Inspire and lead those who hold authority
in the nations of the world:
All: guide them in the ways of justice and peace.

Make us alive to the needs of our community:
All: help us to share each other's joys and burdens.

Look with kindness on our homes and families:
All: grant that your love may grow in our hearts.

Deepen our compassion for all who suffer from sickness,
grief or trouble:
All: in your presence may they find their strength.

We remember those who have died:
All: Father, into your hands we commend them.

We praise you for all your saints who have entered
your eternal glory:
All: bring us all to share in your heavenly kingdom.

A Prayer of the Venerable Bede, the Father of English Learning:

All Open our hearts, O Lord, and enlighten our minds by the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may seek what is well-pleasing to your will; and so order our doings after your commandments, that we may be found ready to enter into your unending joys; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Let us pray for the coming of God's kingdom in the words our Saviour taught us:

**All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who 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.**

ADDRESS

The Bishop of Durham

HYMN

There's a wideness in God's mercy

Sung by the Choir

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in his justice,
Which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings
Have such kindly judgement given.

For thy love of God is broader
Than the measures of man's mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.
But we make his love too narrow
By false limits of our own;
And we magnify his strictness
With a zeal he will not own.

There is plentiful redemption
In the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members
In the sorrows of the head.
There is grace enough for thousands
Of new worlds as great as this;
There is room for fresh creations
In that upper home of bliss.

If our love were but more simple,
We should take him at his word;
And our lives would be all gladness
In the joy of Christ our Lord.

*Words: F W Faber
Music: Maurice Bevan*

A CALL TO PRAYER FOR THE NATION

Led by the Dean

Loving Father God, be with us in our distress; be with our families, friends, and neighbours, our country and our world. Give health to the sick, hope to the fearful, and comfort to mourners. Give wisdom to our frontline and key workers, insight to our Government, and patience to us all. Overcome disease with the power of your new life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Bishop

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.

All: Amen.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fanfare

By William Mathias

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