Centre for Catholic Studies
10th Anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving
Celebrated in Durham Cathedral
Thursday 19th April 2018, 6.30pm

Presider:
The Right Reverend Séamus Cunningham, Bishop of Hexham & Newcastle

Preacher:
Fr Adrian Dixon
Words of Welcome from the Dean of Durham, the Very Reverend Andrew Tremlett.

At the signal, all stand.

From the Galilee Chapel, where the Book of the Gospels has rested on Bede’s tomb.

Bp Séamus

In this hallowed place,
we delight to be in the company of Bede, scholar and saint,
who, on his deathbed, completed a life of study, teaching and writing
by concluding his translation of the Gospel according to John.
In this Mass of Thanksgiving,
we pray for the gifts of a willing heart and a searching mind.
With Bede, Cuthbert and all the Northern Saints,
let us open our hearts in thanksgiving to God
for all we have received, this day and always.

All

Thanks be to God.

Bishop Séamus, accompanied by a processional cross of Cuthbert and the Book of Gospels proceeds to the Crossing along with minsters and staff of the Centre for Catholic Studies. During this procession, a Litany of Saints is sung.

Saint Michael pray for us.
Holy Angels of God pray for us.
Saint John the Baptist pray for us.
Saint Joseph pray for us.
Saint Peter and Saint Paul pray for us.
Saint Andrew pray for us.
Saint John pray for us.
Saint Mary Magdalene pray for us.
All holy apostles and disciples pray for us.
Saint Stephen pray for us.
Saint Ignatius of Antioch pray for us.
Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity pray for us.
Blessed Oscar Romero pray for us.
All holy martyrs pray for us.
Saint Augustine pray for us.
Saint John Chrysostom pray for us.
Saint Thomas Aquinas pray for us.
Saint Catherine of Siena pray for us.
All holy bishops and doctors pray for us.
Saint Benedict pray for us.
Saint Francis and Saint Dominic pray for us.
Saint Clare pray for us.
Saint Ignatius of Loyola pray for us.
All holy founders pray for us.
Blessed Julian of Norwich pray for us.
Saint Oswald pray for us.
Saint Cuthbert pray for us.
Saint Hild of Whitby pray for us.
Saint Bede and Saint Godric pray for us.
All holy men and women, Saints of God pray for us.

From all evil, Lord, deliver us we pray.
From every sin, Lord, deliver us we pray.
From everlasting death, Lord, deliver us we pray.
By your incarnation, Lord, deliver us we pray.
By your Death and Resurrection, Lord, deliver us we pray.
By the out-pouring of the Holy Spirit, Lord, deliver us we pray.

Be merciful to us sinners, Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.
Jesus, Son of the living God, Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.
Christ, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.
Be thou my vision

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, naught be all else to me save that thou art; thou my best thought in the day and the night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true Word; I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Father, and I thy true son; thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

3. Be thou my breast-plate, my sword for the fight; be thou my armour, and be thou my might, thou my soul’s shelter, and thou my high tower, raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

4. Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise, thou mine inheritance through all my days; thou, and thou only, the first in my heart, high King of heaven, my treasure thou art!

5. High King of heaven, when battle is done, grant heaven’s joy to me, O bright heaven’s sun; Christ of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

OPENING RITES

Bp Séamus  In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All        Amen.

Peace be with you.  And with your spirit.

Bishop Séamus offers a few words of introduction and welcome and then continues:

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries. Lord Jesus, you have revealed yourself as the way to the Father:
Lord, have mercy.  Lord, have mercy.
You have poured out on your people the Spirit of truth:
Christ, have mercy.  Christ, have mercy.
You are the Good Shepherd, leading us to eternal life: 
Lord, have mercy.  

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.  

Amen.
O God, the Father of every gift,  
we confess that all we have and are comes down from you;  
teach us to recognise the effects of your boundless care  
and to love you with a sincere heart  
and with all our strength.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Please be seated for THE LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Reading: Acts 8:26-40

Read by Dr Anna Rowlands, St Hilda Associate  
Professor in Catholic Social Thought and Practice and  
Deputy Director of the Centre for Catholic Studies

The angel of the Lord spoke to Philip saying, ‘Be ready to set out at noon along the road that goes from Jerusalem down to Gaza, the desert road.’ So he set off on his journey. Now it happened that an Ethiopian had been on pilgrimage to Jerusalem; he was a eunuch and an officer at the court of the kandake, or queen, of Ethiopia, and was in fact her chief treasurer. He was now on his way home; and as he sat in his chariot he was reading the prophet Isaiah. The Spirit said to Philip, ‘Go up and meet that chariot.’ When Philip ran up, he heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, ‘Do you understand what you are reading?’ ‘How can I’ he replied ‘unless I have someone to guide me?’ So he invited Philip to get in and sit by his side. Now the passage of scripture he was reading was this:

Like a sheep that is led to the slaughter-house,  
like a lamb that is dumb in front of its shearers,  
like these he never opens his mouth.  
He has been humiliated and has no one to defend him.  
Who will ever talk about his descendants,  
since his life on earth has been cut short!

The eunuch turned to Philip and said, ‘Tell me, is the prophet referring to himself or someone else?’ Starting, therefore, with this text of scripture Philip proceeded to explain the Good News of Jesus to him.

Further along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, ‘Look, there is some water here; is there anything to stop me being baptised?’ He ordered the chariot to stop, then Philip and the eunuch both went down into the water and Philip baptised him. But after they had come up out of the water again Philip was taken away by the Spirit of the Lord, and the eunuch never saw him again but went on his way rejoicing. Philip found that he had reached Azotus and continued his journey proclaiming the Good News in every town as far as Caesarea.

The word of the Lord

Amen.
Response: verses from Psalm 15(16)

Refrain:

Keep me safe, O God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: ‘You are my God.
My happiness lies in you alone;
my happiness lies in you alone.’ R

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. R

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even in safety shall my body rest.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
not let your beloved know decay. R

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand, at your right hand
happiness for ever. R

Please stand for the GOSPEL ACCLAMATION.

Cantor

It is my Father’s will, says the Lord,
that whoever believes in the Son shall have eternal life,
and that I shall raise him up on the last day.
The Lord be with you.

All And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 6:44-51 Read by Rev Deacon Vincent Purcell

Jesus said to the crowd: ‘No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets: They will all be taught by God, and to hear the teaching of the Father, and learn from it, is to come to me. Not that anybody has seen the Father, except the one who comes from God: he has seen the Father. I tell you most solemnly, everybody who believes has eternal life.

‘I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the desert and they are dead; but this is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that a man may eat it and not die. I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Please sit for the Homily from Fr Adrian Dixon.

Please stand for the Prayer of the Faithful: Read by Rev Dr Gabrielle Thomas, Assistant Professor (Research), Centre for Catholic Studies

Bp Séamus In a spirit of heartfelt gratitude for what is passed and confident trust for what is to come, let us place all our needs in the hands of God.

Rev Dr Thomas For the work of the Centre for Catholic Studies: that, in their teaching, research and outreach the riches of the Catholic tradition may be explored and celebrated with integrity, humility and wisdom. We pray to the Lord...

O Lord hear my pray'r, O Lord hear my pray'r: when I call, answer me. O Lord hear my pray'r, O Lord, hear my pray'r. Come and listen to me.
For the partner organisations and individuals
who have supported the work of the Centre over the past decade:
that their generosity of heart, mind and means may be blessed by God
who has been lavish in love towards all humanity. We pray to the Lord...

For all whose lives have been touched by the work of the Centre
and for those amongst whom they work, live and pray:
that the seeds of scholarship, wisdom and friendship which have been sown
may bear fruit in abundance. We pray to the Lord...

For our growth together into Christian unity:
that all who profess Christ as Lord
may share their gifts of insight and of practice
in our churches, in the Academy and in our streets
until that day when Christ’s prayer for unity is fulfilled. We pray to the Lord...

For the work and witness of the Dean and Chapter,
staff and volunteers of this Cathedral:
that their celebration of the riches of our shared Christian heritage
and their ministry of welcome to all
may be ever graced by God. We pray to the Lord...

For all who hunger for dignity and thirst for justice:
that the death-dealing powers of famine, war and injustice may be overcome
by the grace-filled power of God and the solidarity of all who heed
the Good News of Jesus. We pray to the Lord...

For all in our families and amongst our friends and colleagues who are ill:
may they be strengthened and brought to full health of mind, body, and soul
in the power of the Holy Spirit, who is life, love, and renewal. We pray to the Lord...

For all who have died:
that they may rejoice forever at God’s heavenly banquet
and drink deeply from the cup of salvation. We pray to the Lord...

We pause for a moment to reflect in silence on the needs of ourselves and those whom we
know and to commend all these needs to the Father.

Bp Séamus  God of life,
listen to our prayers and grant us your grace,
that we who are inspired by your word
and share the common life of faith,
may offer our very selves as a living sacrifice of praise.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.
Please sit as we begin THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST.

A collection will be taken for the work of this Cathedral.

HYMN  

Be still for the presence of the Lord

1. Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here. 
   Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear. 
   In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground. 
   Be still, for the Spirit of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

2. Be still for the glory of the Lord is shining all around; 
   He burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned. 
   How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of Light! 
   Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

3. Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place, 
   He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace. 
   No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him; 
   Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

Bread and wine are received, prepared and censed.

Please stand.

Bp Séamus  Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours 
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All  May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands 
for the praise and glory of his name, 
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

For the gifts you have bestowed, O Lord, 
we offer you the sacrifice of praise, 
humbly begging 
that what you have conferred on us in our unworthiness 
we may give back, to the glory of your name. 
Through Christ our Lord. 
Amen.
EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, Lord of heaven and earth, through Christ our Lord.
For by your Word you created the world and you govern all things in harmony.
You gave us the same Word made flesh as Mediator,
and he has spoken your words to us and called us to follow him.
He is the way that leads us to you, the truth that sets us free,
the life that fills us with gladness.

Through your Son you gather men and women,
whom you made for the glory of your name,
into one family, redeemed by the Blood of his Cross
and signed with the seal of the Spirit.
Therefore now and for ages unending, with all the Angels,
we proclaim your glory, as in joyful celebration we acclaim:

Please kneel.

You are indeed Holy and to be glorified, O God, who love the human race
and who always walk with us on the journey of life.
Blessed indeed is your Son,
present in our midst when we are gathered by his love,
and when, as once for the disciples, so now for us,
he opens the Scriptures and breaks the bread.
Therefore, Father most merciful, we ask that you send forth your Holy Spirit
to sanctify these gifts of bread and wine,
that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the day before he was to suffer, on the night of the Last Supper,
he took bread and said the blessing,
broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT, FOR THIS IS MY BODY,
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice,
gave you thanks and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,
WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

The mystery of faith.

Therefore, holy Father,
as we celebrate the memorial of Christ your Son, our Saviour,
whom you led through his Passion and Death on the Cross
to the glory of the Resurrection,
and whom you have seated at your right hand,
we proclaim the work of your love until he comes again
and we offer you the Bread of life and the Chalice of blessing.
Look with favour on the oblation of your Church, in which we show forth
the paschal Sacrifice of Christ that has been handed on to us,
and grant that, by the power of the Spirit of your love,
we may be counted now and until the day of eternity
among the members of your Son,
in whose Body and Blood we have communion.
By our partaking of this mystery, almighty Father, give us life through your Spirit, grant that we may be conformed to the image of your Son, and confirm us in the bond of communion, together with Francis our Pope and me your unworthy servant, with all other Bishops, with Priests and Deacons, and with your entire people.

Grant that all the faithful of the Church, looking into the signs of the times by the light of faith, may constantly devote themselves to the service of the Gospel. Keep us attentive to the needs of all that, sharing their grief and pain, their joy and hope, we may faithfully bring them the good news of salvation and go forward with them along the way of your Kingdom.

Remember our brothers and sisters, who have fallen asleep in the peace of your Christ, and all the dead, whose faith you alone have known. Admit them to rejoice in the light of your face, and in the resurrection give them the fullness of life.

Grant also to us, when our earthly pilgrimage is done, that we may come to an eternal dwelling place and live with you for ever; there, in communion with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph her spouse, with Saint Cuthbert, Saint Bede and with all the Saints, we shall praise and exalt you through Jesus Christ, your Son.

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever. R. Amen.
Please stand for the COMMUNION RITE:

Bp Séamus At the Saviour’s command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:
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.

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.
Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And with your spirit.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

We share a simple sign of peace with our neighbours. Then we sing the ‘Lamb of God’

Cantor

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

1.2. All

misere re re nobis, misere re re nobis.

3. All

dona nobis pacem, dona nobis pacem.
Please kneel.

Bp Séamus Behold the Lamb of God,
  behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All Lord,
I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Anyone who is not receiving Holy Communion today is invited to come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms in front of yourself as you come forward. If you do not wish to receive a blessing, then please join with us in prayer.

HYMN Godhead here in hiding

1. Godhead here in hiding, whom I do adore,  
   Masked by these bare shadows, shape and nothing more  
   See Lord, at thy service low lies here a heart  
   Lost, all lost in wonder at the God thou art.

2. Seeing, touching, tasting are in thee deceived;  
   How says trusty hearing? That shall be believed;  
   What God’s Son hath told me, take for truth I do;  
   Truth himself speaks truly, or there’s nothing true.

3. On the cross thy Godhead made no sign to men;  
   Here thy very manhood steals from human ken;  
   Both are my confession, both are my belief;  
   And I pray the prayer of the dying thief.

4. I am not like Thomas, wounds I cannot see,  
   But can plainly call thee Lord and God as he;  
   This faith each day deeper be my holding of,  
   Daily make me harder hope and dearer love.

5. O thou our reminder of Christ crucified,  
   Living Bread, the life of us for whom he died,  
   Lend this life to me then; feed and feast my mind,  
   There be thou the sweetness man was meant to find.

6. Jesu, whom I look at shrouded here below,  
   I beseech thee send me what I long for so,  
   Some day to gaze on thee face to face in light  
   And be blest for ever with thy glory’s sight. Amen.
Please stand for the PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bp Séamus  O God, who have given to us as spiritual food the saving Sacrament of your Son, which we have offered you in thanksgiving, grant that, being strengthened by gifts of courage and joy, we may serve you more devotedly and be worthy of still further blessings. Through Christ our Lord.

All  Amen.

Bishop Séamus offers a few words of thanks and gratitude.
We then move to the Chapel of the Nine Altars for the final prayers and blessing.

HYMN  Love divine, all loves excelling

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav’n, to earth come down, fix in us, thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

2. Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive; suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above; pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

3. Finish then thy new creation, pure and sinless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee. Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

CHANT  Veni Sancte Spiritus, Veni Sancte Spiritus
Veni, Veni Sancte Spiritus, Veni Sancte Spiritus
Bishop Séamus, ministers and members of staff from the Centre for Catholic Studies enter the Shrine of Saint Cuthbert.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Bp Séamus  In this hallowed place, we delight to be in the company of Cuthbert, pastor and saint, who, on his deathbed, gave this counsel to his community, good counsel that is offered to us today:

May we always keep God’s peace and love among us, and when we have to seek guidance about our affairs, may we take great care to be of one mind. May we live in mutual goodwill with all Christ’s servants, and not cease in our hospitality to all who come to us. May we welcome them, make them at home and send them on their way with friendship and kindness.

As we conclude this Mass of Thanksgiving, we pray that the gifts of peace, unity, hospitality and wisdom may transform our lives. Through Christ our Lord.

All  Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Now and for ever.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Who made heaven and earth.

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.
HYMN

Thine be the glory

1. Thine be the glory, risen, conqu’ring Son;
   endless is the victory, Thou o’er death hast won;
   angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
   kept the folded grave-clothes where Thy body lay.

   R. *Thine be the glory, risen, conqu’ring Son,*
   *endless is the vict’ry, Thou o’er death hast won.*

2. Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
   lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
   let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,
   for her Lord is living, death hath lost its sting.  
   R.

3. No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life;
   life is naught without Thee; aid us in our strife;
   make us more than conqu’rors, through Thy deathless love;
   bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above.  
   R.

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A Prayer for the Work and Mission of the CCS

Lord,

If this be not your will, frustrate it:  
Frustrate it fully and frustrate it quickly,  
And move our heart’s desire  
Closer to the heart of your desire for us.

But if it be of your will,  
Then continue to open for us  
The generosity of heart, mind, and  
Means that are needed,  
And may this generosity begin with us.

Amen

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