

Choral Eucharist

Sunday 13 December 2020 1000

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Welcome to the Cathedral

The Cathedral Church of St. Peter in Exeter, founded in 1050, has been the seat [cathedra] of the bishop of Exeter, the symbol of his spiritual and teaching authority, for nearly 1000 years. As such the Cathedral is a centre of worship and mission for the whole of Devon. A centuries-old pattern of daily worship continues, sustained by the best of the Anglican choral tradition. The cathedral is a place of outreach, learning, and spirituality, inviting people into a richer and more engaged discipleship. The Cathedral is a destination for many pilgrims and visitors who come from near and far, drawn by the physical and spiritual heritage of this place. Exeter Cathedral belongs to all the people of Devon, and we warmly welcome you here.

Ministers

President: The Revd Canon Cate Edmonds - Canon Steward Preacher: The Revd Preb Julian Ould - Priest Vicar

COVID-19: Infection Control

Face Coverings in the cathedral

As of 8 August 2020, wearing face coverings in places of worship is now mandatory. All congregants, visitors, volunteers, and staff must wear face coverings when in the cathedral. There are exemptions to this regulation, including anyone under the age of 11, those leading worship and preaching, those with disabilities and those with hidden health conditions. Full details can be found here:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own#when-you-do-not-need-to-wear-a-face-covering

Speech and Singing

We ask that you do not sing. The Choir will lead singing on behalf of the congregation. When speaking responses or prayers, please do not raise your voice.

Conductor: Timothy Noon - Director of Music

Organist: Timothy Parsons - Assistant Director of Music Setting of the Mass: Messe Solennelle - Jean Langlais

(1907-1991)

Social distancing

Measures are in place to protect the health and safety of worshippers, volunteers and staff. Please follow instructions as they are given. Markings on the floor indicate:

• 2 metres (Blue tape)

Holy Communion

Communion will be offered in one kind only (consecrated bread). If you wish to receive communion, you will be required to wash your hands before receiving. Please remain in your seat and the president will come to you.

Offertory

We rely significantly upon the generosity of our congregations to sustain the Cathedral's worship and ministry. Please give by **contactless means** if you can. Money may be placed in the **Donation Boxes** as you leave. Please remember to use a **Gift Aid envelope** if you are a UK taxpayer.

For more information about planned and regular giving, please go to: https://www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/support-us/how-to-donate/

Safeguarding

The Chapter takes the responsibility for safeguarding children and vulnerable adults seriously in their commitment to make Exeter Cathedral a safe and welcoming place. If you have any concerns please discuss them with a member of the Cathedral Chapter or contact the Cathedral Safeguarding Advisor, Charlie Pitman, Tel. 01392 345909

The Gathering

Introit

The ministers enter.
The congregation stands. The Choir sings

There is no rose of such virtue as is the rose that bare Jesu; Alleluia.

For in this rose contained was Heaven and earth in little space; Res miranda.

By that rose we may well see that He is God in persons three, Pari forma.

Now leave we all this worldly mirth and follow we this joyful birth; Transeamus.

Text: Anonymous c.1420 Music: John Joubert (1963-1996)

The Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

The president greets the congregation.

Prayer of Penitence

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

cf 1 Corinthians 4.5

The congregation sits.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

Kyrie

The congregation remains seated. The Choir sings

Kyrie, eleison. Lord, have mercy.
Christe, eleison. Christ, have mercy.
Kyrie, eleison. Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Collect

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The president lights three candles on the Advent Wreath.

God our Father,
you gave to Zechariah and Elizabeth in their old age
a son called John.
He grew up strong in spirit,
prepared the people for the coming of the Lord,

and baptized them in the Jordan to wash away their sins. Help us, who have been baptized into Christ, to be ready to welcome him into our hearts, and to grow strong in faith by the power of the Spirit. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming into the world.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The servant of the Lord said: The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me: he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted. to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn: to provide for those who mourn in Zion to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

For I the Lord love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Psalm 126

The congregation remains seated. The Choir sings

When the Lord turned again the captivity of Sion * then were we like unto them that dream.

- ²Then was our mouth filled with laughter * and our tongue with joy.
- ³ Then said they among the heathen * The Lord hath done great things for them.
- ⁴ Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us already * whereof we rejoice.
- ⁵ Turn our captivity, O Lord * as the rivers in the south.
- ⁶ They that sow in tears * shall reap in joy.
- ⁷ He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth good seed * shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.

Gospel Acclamation

The congregation stands.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God. **Alleluia**

cf Isaiah 40:3-5

Gospel Reading

John 1:6-8, 19-28

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the lews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' He said, 'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness. "Make straight the way of the Lord" ', as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me: I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to vou O Christ.**

The congregation sits

Sermon

The Revd Preb Julian Ould - Priest Vicar

The Nicene Creed

The congregation stands

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Intercessions

The congregation sits
The president introduces the intercessions. Each petition ends

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

At the end

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The congregation stands. The president says

In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you.

Preparation of the Table

Offertory

The congregation sits.

During the preparation of the altar, the Choir only sing

- 1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry. announces that the Lord is nigh; awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings from the King of kings.
- make straight the way for God within; prepare we in our hearts a home, where such a mighty guest may come.
- 3. For thou art our salvation, Lord, our refuge and our great reward: without thy grace we waste away. like flowers that wither and decay.
- 2. Then cleansed be every breast from sin; 4. To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and bid the fallen sinner stand: shine forth, and let thy light restore earth's own true loveliness once more.

5. All praise, eternal Son, to thee whose advent doth thy people free, whom with the Father we adore, and Holv Ghost for evermore.

> Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749) Tr Iohn Chandler (1808-1876) Tune: Winchester New

Prayer over the gifts

The congregation stands. The president says

As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now reunited on this table in bread and wine. so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son.
For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh, he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world to open for us the way of salvation.
Confident that your promise will be fulfilled, we now watch for the day when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.
And so we join our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven to proclaim your glory for ever praising you and saving

The Choir sings:

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt coeli, et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis. Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis. Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith: Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory. we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Peter and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever. through lesus Christ our Lord: by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Saviour has taught us.

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.

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

The congregation sits and is invited to receive Holy Communion. The president will come to your seat. Alternatively you may ask the priest for a blessing.

Please hold up this book to indicate that you wish to receive a blessing.

Gluten Free hosts are available—please hold up a piece of paper saying 'Gluten Free'.

No words of distribution will be said and you are asked not to speak.

Agnus Dei

The Choir sings:

Agnus Dei, Lamb of God

qui tollis peccata mundi, you take away the sin of the world,

miserere nobis. have mercy on us.

Agnus Dei, Lamb of God

qui tollis peccata mundi, you take away the sin of the world,

miserere nobis. have mercy on us.

Agnus Dei, Lamb of God

qui tollis peccata mundi, you take away the sin of the world,

dona nobis pacem. grant us peace.

The choir sings

Hark! A herald voice is calling: 'Christ is nigh, it seems to say; 'Cast away the dreams of darkness, O ye children of the day!' Startled at the solemn warning, let the earthbound soul arise; Christ, her Sun, all sloth dispelling, shines upon the morning skies. Lo! The Lamb, so long expected, comes with pardon down from heav'n: let us haste with tears of sorrow, one and all to be forgiv'n; So when next he comes in glory, wrapping all the earth in fear, May he then as our defender on the clouds of heav'n appear.

Wake, O wake! With tidings thrilling the watchmen, all the air are filling, arise, Jerusalem, arise! Midnight strikes! No more delaying, 'the hour has come!' we hear them saying. Where are ye all, ye virgins wise? The Bridegroom comes in sight, raise high your torches bright! Alleluya! The wedding song, swells loud and strong: go forth and join the festal throng.

Words: 6th Century, tr. E. Caswell (1814-1878) P. Nicolai (1556-1608), tr. F.C. Birkett (1864-1935) Music: Andrew Parnell (b1954)

Prayers after Communion

The congregation stands

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

Amen.

Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory
Amen.

Notices are given.

The Dismissal

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.

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ Voluntary

Toccata, Fugue et hymne sur "Ave Maris Stella" - Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

Please wait in your seat until directed to leave.



Sunday 13		THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT				
0800	Holy Communion BCP p51 for Co	ollect, Epistle and Gospel	Online			
0900	Morning Prayer CW					
1000						
	There is no rose - John Joub	There is no rose - John Joubert				
	Messe Solennelle - Jean Lan	glais				
Sleepers Wake - Andrew Parnell						
Toccata, Fugue et hymne sur "Ave Maris Stella" – Flor Peeters						
1600	Choral Evensong BCP	Psalm 68 (1-19)	Nave			
	Alan Gray in F minor		Responses			
	Ave Maria - Robert Parsons		Francis Pott			
Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland BWV 659 - J. S. Bach						
1800	Sundays@6		Nave			
Monda	y 14	John of the Cross, po	et, teacher, 1591			
0900	Morning Prayer CW	18 SECTI	Zoom			
1315	The Eucharist CW		Lady Chapel			
1730	Choral Evensong BCP	Psalms 73, 74	Nave			
	Magnificat - David Bevan		Responses			
	Nunc Dimittis – Plainsong		Thomas Tomkins			
	Vigilate - William Byrd					
Tuesda	y 15					
0900	Morning Prayer CW		Zoom			
1315	The Eucharist CW Order 1		Lady Chapel			
1700	Choral Evensong BCP	Psalm 78	Nave			
	ston Ives	Responses				
	Come thou redeemer of the	earth - Andrew Parnell Ai	ndrew Millington			
Wedne	sday 16					
0900	Morning Prayer CW		Zoom			
1315	The Eucharist CW Order 1		Lady Chapel			
1700	Evening Prayer BCP		Zoom			
Morning prayer via Zoom www.zoom.us		Evening prayer via Zoom www.zoom.us				
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The Ve	ry Revd Jonathan Greener – <i>Dean</i>	The Revd Canon James Must	ard – Precentor			

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Thursday 17				
0900	Morning Prayer CW		Zoom	
1315	The Eucharist CW Order 1		Lady Chapel	
1730	Choral Evensong BCP	Psalm 89	Nave	
	The first service - Thomas Weelkes		Responses	
	This is the record of John - Orlando Gibb	oons	Thomas Tomkins	
Friday 18			O Adonai	
0900	Morning Prayer CW		Zoom	
1315	The Eucharist CW Order 1		Lady Chapel	
1730	Choral Evensong BCP	Psalms 93, 94	Nave	
	The first service - John Sheppard		Responses	
	Salve Regina - Christopher Tye		Thomas Tallis	
Saturday 19			O Radix Jesse	
0900	Morning Prayer CW		Zoom	
1315	The Eucharist CW Order 1		Lady Chapel	
1700	Evening Prayer BCP		Zoom	
Sunday 20 THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVE			UNDAY OF ADVENT	
			O Clavis David	
0800	Holy Communion BCP p52 for Collect, Epistle	e and Gospel	Nave	
0900	Morning Prayer CW		Zoom	
1000	Choral Eucharist CW Order 1		Nave	
	Messe Solennelle - Louis Vierne		~~~	
	E'en so, Lord Jesus - Paul Manz	75 N 57 AV		
	Allegro risoluto ma non troppo vivo (Syr	nphonie 2) -		
	Louis Vierne			
1215	Sung Eucharist CW Order 1 (Cantor and orga	n)	Nave	
1500	The Exeter Nativity		Nave	
1800	Sundays@6		Nave	

All online services may be joined at www.facebook.com/exetercathedral

CW – Common Worship, services and prayers for the Church of England (2000) BCP – Book of Common Prayer (1662)

Timothy Noon – Director of Music

All services in the Nave are at 2m social distance

Tickets for all Choral and Sung Service available

from www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk Booking is essential

Notices

Readings next Sunday (20 December, 1000 Choral Eucharist):

2 Samuel 7: 1-11,16; Psalm 89: 1-8; Luke 1:26-38

Preachers next Sunday 20 December:

0800: The Revd Canon Dr Chris Palmer (Canon Chancellor)

1000: The Ven David Gunn-Johnson (Priest Vicar)

1800: The Revd Phil Wales (Assistant Curate)

Those who are sick or in need:

Rosemary Joy, John Thompson, Gary Lord, Jane Jones, Cilla Dainty, Katherine, Stephen, Sally-Ann Hodson, Paul Nash, Prue Dowson, George Hood, Paul Nener, Juliette & David Bargman, Lesley, Nigel, Anthony, Simon Turrell, Simon Boyes, David Risdon, Richard Northcott, Rosie, Illya, Yve Taylor, Elsie Howell, Emily Appleton,

Please pray for all those recently bereaved: Donald Marr.

Rest in Peace: Amanda, Margaret Marr.

Congregations are being welcomed to the Cathedral for worship

Choral and Sung services will be ticketed. Free tickets for our Christmas services (21-25 December inclusive) will be available on our website from **Thursday 17 December at 1000.** Numbers of congregants at all services will be capped at 80 people. So, in order that as many people as possible can attend, we ask that you only book for a maximum of one Carol service and one Eucharist. We are looking forward to welcoming you in person and online to our services throughout Advent and Christmas."

Little Advent Programme. Three of four Advent reflection from Prof Chris Bryan are available on the cathedral Youtube page (go to the 'Videos' tab and you'll see them; Advent 3 video is at https://youtube/PNE_kalGDqc). On 17 December at 1830 we invite you to join Chris and others for a conversation about these Advent themes; Zoom ID 890 5543 3450, Passcode 135804.

Not The Exeter Nativity or Covid or Not, It's Still Christmas. This year's Exeter Nativity is different! It's a different style, with Covid-secure measures in place. But you'll still enjoy that special blend of humour and pathos, with the overriding message of Christmas. Witty script by our very own Ven David Gunn-Johnson – and covid era cast of six. To be part of the Cathedral audience, online booking is essential at www.ticketsource.co.uk/exetercathedral. Also livestreamed on the Exeter Cathedral Facebook page at www.facebook.com/exetercathedral

Cathedral Cloister Club Zoom Party: Sunday 20 December and Christmas Eve at **1600** on Zoom. Preacher; The Revd Canon Cate Edmonds - *Canon Steward*.

Cut and Colour Nativity: Cut and colour nativities are available from The Revd Canon Cate Edmonds (Canon Steward) (cate.edmonds@exetercathedral.org.uk.) We are hoping as many people of all ages could make a nativity then send a photo to Cate who is going to make a Nativity Gallery on the website. So all of you who have craft skills and those of you who don't, let's get colouring and cutting.

Christmas donations to the Wednesday Kitchen

The Wednesday Kitchen team are hoping to offer a scaled-down version of the usual pre-Christmas hog roast to their regular guests from the homeless community. In normal circumstances they would be asking us to donate gifts for their guests, but Covid 19 restrictions preclude that this year. Instead, the team would be very grateful to receive donations of money so that they can buy what is required. If you would like to support their work in this way, please send a cheque payable to Exeter Cathedral, addressed to Canon Mike Williams, Finance Office, 1 The Cloisters, Exeter EX1 1HS, and mark the envelope "For Wednesday Kitchen Account".

The Cathedral Shop is now online via the Cathedral website www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk