



Exeter  
Cathedral

# Choral Eucharist

*Sunday 31 January 2021*  
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**THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE**  
**CANDLEMAS**



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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 to this online service.

### Ministers

President: The Revd Canon Chris Palmer - *Canon Chancellor*  
Preacher: The Revd Phil Wales - *Assistant Curate*

### Music

Conductor: Timothy Noon - *Director of Music*  
Organist: Timothy Parsons - *Assistant Director of Music*  
Mass Setting: Missa Brevis in F - *Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart*  
(1756-1791)

The Cathedral's Consort, its professional adult singers, will be singing at this act of worship.

### Giving

We rely significantly upon the generosity of our congregations and the people of Devon to sustain the Cathedral's worship and ministry. We are grateful for any donations or gifts in support of the Cathedral.

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**<https://www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/support-us/how-to-donate/>**

## The Gathering

### Introit

*The ministers enter. The Consort stands and sings*

Senex puerum portabat: puer autem senem regebat. Alleluia!  
*Simeon took the infant in his arms: Christ, the Infant was his King.*  
*Alleluia.*

*Words: Antiphon to the Magnificat for the Feast of the Purification*  
*Music: William Byrd (1540-1623)*

### The Greeting

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

**Amen.**

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

*The president introduces the service.*

### Introduction

Dear friends, forty days ago we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now we recall the day on which he was presented in the Temple, when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people. As a sign of his coming among us, his mother was purified, as we now come to him for cleansing. In their old age Simeon and Anna recognized him as their Lord, as we today sing of his glory. In this eucharist, we celebrate both the joy of his coming and his searching judgement, looking back to the day of his birth and forward to the coming days of his passion.

### Prayer of Penitence

Hear the words of our Saviour Jesus Christ:  
'I am the light of the world.  
Whoever follows me shall never walk in darkness  
but shall have the light of life.'  
Let us therefore bring our sins into his light  
and confess them in penitence and faith.

*cf John 8.12*

*The Consort sits.*

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,  
in what we have thought,  
in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We have wounded your love,  
and marred your image in us.  
We are sorry and ashamed,  
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 lead us out from darkness  
to walk as children of light.  
Amen.**

## **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**

## **Gloria**

*The Consort stands and sings*

Gloria in excelsis Deo,  
et in terra pax  
hominibus bonae voluntatis.  
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,  
adoramus te, glorificamus te.  
Gratias agimus tibi  
propter magnam gloriam tuam,  
Domine Deus, Rex coelestis  
Deus Pater omnipotens.

*Glory be to God on high,  
and in earth peace,  
good will towards men.  
We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee, we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee  
for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King,  
God the Father almighty.*

Domine Fili unigenite,  
Jesu Christe.  
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,  
filius Patris,  
Qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

*O Lord, the only-begotten Son,  
Jesus Christ:  
O Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.*

Qui tollis peccata mundi,  
suscipe deprecationem nostram.  
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,  
miserere nobis.

*Thou that takest away the sins of the  
world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God  
the Father, have mercy upon us.*

Quoniam tu solus sanctus.  
Tu solus Dominus.  
Tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe.  
Cum sancto Spiritu,  
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art the Most High,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

## **The Collect**

Let us pray that we may know and share the life of Christ.

Almighty and ever-living God,  
clothed in majesty,  
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,  
in substance of our flesh:  
grant that we may be presented to you  
with pure and clean hearts,  
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

*The Consort sits.*

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **The First Reading**

Hebrews 2:14-18

A reading from Paul's letter to the Hebrews.

Since the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that

he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual**

Psalm 24

*The Consort stands and sings*

The earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is \*  
the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.

<sup>2</sup> For he hath founded it upon the seas \*  
and prepared it upon the floods.

<sup>3</sup> Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord \*  
or who shall rise up in his holy place?

<sup>4</sup> Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart \*  
and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his  
neighbour.

<sup>5</sup> He shall receive the blessing from the Lord \*  
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

<sup>6</sup> This is the generation of them that seek him \*  
even of them that seek thy face, O Jacob.

<sup>7</sup> Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors \*  
and the King of glory shall come in.

<sup>8</sup> Who is the King of glory \* it is the Lord strong and mighty, even the  
Lord mighty in battle.

<sup>9</sup> Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors \*  
and the King of glory shall come in.

<sup>10</sup> Who is the King of glory \* even the Lord of hosts, he is the King of  
glory.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Today the Lord is presented in the Temple  
in substance of our mortal nature.

**Alleluia.**

Today the Blessed Virgin comes  
to be purified in accordance with the law.

**Alleluia.**

Today old Simeon proclaims Christ  
as the light of the nations and the glory of Israel.  
**Alleluia. Praise to Christ, the light of the world.**

## **Gospel Reading**

Luke 2:22-40

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

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

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

*The Consort sits*

## **Sermon**

The Revd Phil Wales - *Assistant Curate*

## **The Nicene Creed**

*The Consort stands and says*

**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 Consort sits.*

*The president introduces the intercessions.*

Let us pray to the Father through Christ who is our light and life.

Father, your Christ is acclaimed as the glory of Israel:  
look in mercy on your Church, sharing his light.

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Father, your Christ in his temple brings judgement on the world:  
look in mercy on the nations, who long for his justice.

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Father, your Christ, who was rich, for our sakes became poor:  
look in mercy on the needy, suffering with him.

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Father, your Christ is the one  
in whom faithful servants find their peace:  
look in mercy on the departed, that they may see your salvation.

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Father, your Christ is revealed as the one destined to be rejected:  
look in mercy on us who now turn towards his passion.

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord God, you kept faith with Simeon and Anna,  
and showed them the infant King.

Give us grace to put all our trust in your promises,  
and the patience to wait for their fulfilment;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## The Peace

*The Consort stands. The president says*

In the tender mercy of our God,  
the dayspring from on high has broken upon us,  
to give light to those who dwell in darkness  
and 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

*During the preparation of the altar, the Consort sings*

Hail to the Lord who comes,  
comes to his temple gate!  
Not with his angel host,  
not in his kingly state;  
no shouts proclaim him nigh,  
no crowds his coming wait;

But borne upon the throne  
of Mary's gentle breast,  
watched by her duteous love,  
in her fond arms at rest;  
thus to his Father's house  
he comes, the heavenly guest.

There Joseph at her side  
in reverent wonder stands;  
and, filled with holy joy,  
old Simeon in his hands  
takes up the promised Child,  
the glory of all lands.

Hail to the great First-born  
whose ransom-price they pay!  
The Son before all worlds,  
the Child of man to-day,  
that he might ransom us  
who still in bondage lay.

O Light of all the earth,  
thy children wait for thee!  
Come to thy temples here,  
that we, from sin set free,  
before thy Father's face  
may all presented be!

*Words: John Ellerton (1826-1893)*

*Tune: Old 120th (Ravenscroft's Psalms c.1621)*

## **Prayer over the gifts**

*The president says*

Father, in Christ there has sprung up a light for the righteous;  
accept the gifts we bring before you  
and grant that Christ may shine in us  
to the praise and glory of your name.

**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,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise  
through Jesus Christ, who is one with you from all eternity.  
For on this day he appeared in the Temple  
in substance of our flesh  
to come near to us in judgement.  
He searches the hearts of all your people  
and brings to light the image of your splendour.

Your servant Simeon acclaimed him as the light to lighten the nations  
while Anna spoke of him to all who looked for your redemption.  
Destined for the falling and rising of many,  
he was lifted high upon the cross  
and a sword of sorrow pierced his mother's heart  
when by his sacrifice he made our peace with you.  
And now we rejoice and glorify your name  
that we, too, have seen your salvation  
and join with angels and archangels  
in their unending hymn of praise:

*The Consort sings:*

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

*The president continues:*

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 Jesus 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**

Believing the promises of God,  
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 the bread of life,  
and that life is the light of the world.

**God here among us,  
light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.**

## Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*The clergy receive Holy Communion.*

## Agnus Dei

*The Consort sings*

Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

*Lamb of God  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.*

Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

*Lamb of God  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.*

Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God  
you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.*

## Anthem

When to the temple Mary went, and brought the Holy Child,  
him did the aged Simeon see, as it had been revealed.  
He took up Jesus in his arms and blessing God he said:  
In peace I now depart, my Saviour having seen,  
the Hope of Israel, the Light of men.

Help now thy servants, gracious Lord, that we may ever be  
as once the faithful Simeon was, rejoicing but in Thee;  
and when we must from earth departure take, departure take,  
may gently fall asleep and with Thee wake.

*Text: John Troutbeck (1832-1899)*

*Music: Johann Eccard (1553-1611)*

## **Prayers after Communion**

Let us pray.

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,  
who lived to welcome the Messiah:  
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,  
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes  
to bring us to eternal life;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

**We thank you, Lord,  
that you have fed us in this sacrament,  
united us with Christ,  
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet  
prepared for all peoples.**

**Amen.**

*Notices are given.*

## **The Dismissal**

## **The Blessing**

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
fill you with radiance  
and scatter the darkness from your path.

**Amen.**

Christ, the Sun of Righteousness,  
gladden your eyes and warm your heart.

**Amen.**

Christ, the Dayspring from on high,  
draw near to guide your feet into the way of peace.

**Amen.**

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**  
Fiat Lux - *Théodore Dubois*  
(1837-1924)

## Notices

**Sunday Zoom Coffee.** We are reinstating a Zoom 'coffee hour' at 1100 for the coming weeks. Do join us online after the Morning Eucharist for to chat, catch up, celebrate and commiserate with each other, and pore over the sermon. Meeting ID: 732 5358 6706 Passcode: 270422

**Living in Love and Faith.** We're pleased to be taking part in these Church of England conversations around sexuality and gender, which are important part of discerning God's direction for the church. More information can be found in Cathedral Life or News and on the cathedral website. The book is available from the cathedral shop online. And we warmly invite you to join us on Zoom on Wednesday 3 February at 1100 or 1900 for an introduction. No need to book; just turn up. Meeting ID: 851 5756 1109 Passcode: 983803

**Adults looking to prepare for Confirmation.** We have a small number of adults who are interested in preparing for Confirmation. If you'd like to join these for Zoom preparation during lockdown and beyond, please contact Canon Chris Palmer – [chris.palmer@exeter-cathedral.org.uk](mailto:chris.palmer@exeter-cathedral.org.uk). I'm afraid we don't know when a Confirmation service for these will be possible; but things will get easier, and we can be ready – and enjoy the preparation in the meantime. A chance to grow, learn, and explore.

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**Readings next Sunday (7 February, 1000 Choral Eucharist, The Second Sunday before Lent):** Colossians 1:15-20; Psalm 104:26-end; John 1:1-14

### **Preachers next Sunday 7 February:**

0800: The Revd Canon Chris Palmer - *Canon Chancellor*

1000: The Revd Canon James Mustard - *Canon Precentor*

1600: The Very Revd Jonathan Greener - *Dean*

1800: The Revd Phil Wales - *Assistant Curate*

### **Those who are sick or in need:**

Rosemary Joy, John Thompson, Jane Jones, Cilla Dainty, Katherine, Paul Nash, Lesley, Nigel, Simon Turrell, David Risdon, Richard Northcott, Ann Morley, Denise, Barbara Parry, Lucian Nethsingha, David Moss, Emily Appleton, Charles Johnson, Jan Taylor, Tom Treloar, Bill Oliphant, Andy Puleston, David Webster, Illya, Yve Taylor, Elsie Howell, Anthony, Lilian Lovell.

**Rest in Peace:** Kenneth Newell, Jane Sinclair, Irene (Pat) Young.

**The Treasures of Romania:** Monday 20- Wednesday 29 September 2021 Bishop Martin and Elspeth Shaw invite you to join them on a journey of a nation in its traditions and development. From the vibrancy of Bucharest, we will move across the Carpathian Mountains to the famous World Heritage [UNESCO] Bucovina monastery churches. Via Moldavia, we will come to Transylvania, staying at the historic mansion of Szekerland. Our journey will be completed by a visit to a Children's Hospice, cared for by an Orthodox priest. We'll have a daily Eucharist and time to enjoy new as well as deepen friendship. Cost: £1695 [which includes a deposit of £200] If you are interested to receive more information, please contact Bishop Martin: 07801 549615

## **Worship this week:**

### **Monday to Saturday:**

0900 Morning Prayer - Zoom ID 847 6869 5587 Code 025062

1700 Evening Prayer - Zoom ID 892 3161 5055 Code 017840

### **Next Sunday:**

0800 Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) - Live-stream only

0900 Morning Prayer - Zoom ID 847 6869 5587 Code 025062

1000 The Eucharist with Consort - Live-stream only

1600 Evensong with Consort - Live-stream only

1800 Sundays at 6 - Livestream only

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