

Choral Eucharist

Sunday 21 February 2021 1000

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT







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 Morwenna Ludlow - Canon Theologian
Preacher: The Revd Canon Cate Edmonds - Canon Steward

Music

Conductor: Timothy Noon - Director of Music

Organist: Timothy Parsons - Assistant Director of Music

Mass Setting: Mass for Four Voices - William Byrd

(1540-1623)

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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The Gathering

Introit

The ministers enter. The Consort stands and sings

Nolo mortem peccatoris; haec sunt verba salvatoris.
Father I am thine only Son, sent down from heav'n mankind to save.
Father, all things fulfilled and done according to thy will, I have.
Father, my will now all is this: Nolo mortem peccatoris.
Father, behold my painful smart, taken for man on ev'ry side; ev'n from my birth to death most tart, no kind of pain I have denied, but suffered all, and all for this: Nolo mortem peccatoris.

Words: John Redford (c.1547) Music: Thomas Morley (1557-1602)

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.**

Prayer of Penitence

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart God will not despise. Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion, and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

The Consort 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.

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**

Kyrie

The Consort stands and sings

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

The Collect

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ your Son 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

Genesis 9:8-17

A reading from the book of Genesis.

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall

there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

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

Gradual

Psalm 25:1-9

The Consort stands and sings

Unto thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in thee: O let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies triumph over me.

- ² For all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed: but such as transgress without a cause shall be put to confusion.
- ³ Shew me thy ways, O Lord: and teach me thy paths.
- ⁴ Lead me forth in thy truth, and learn me:
- for thou art the God of my salvation; in thee hath been my hope all the day long.
- ⁵ Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies: and thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old.
- ⁶ O remember not the sins and offences of my youth: but according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O Lord, for thy goodness.
- ⁷ Gracious and righteous is the Lord: therefore will he teach sinners in the way.
- ⁸ Them that are meek shall he guide in judgement: and such as are gentle, them shall he learn his way.
- ⁹ All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth: unto such as keep his covenant, and his testimonies.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice. Harden not your hearts.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

cf Psalm 95.3,8

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:9-15

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

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

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

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

The Consort sits

Sermon

The Revd Canon Cate Edmonds - Canon Steward

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.

With confidence and trust let us pray to the Father.

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church ... let us pray to the Father. Lord of compassion, in your mercy hear us.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, let us pray to the Father. Lord of compassion, in your mercy hear us.

For those preparing for baptism and confirmation ... and for their teachers and sponsors, let us pray to the Father.
Lord of compassion, in your mercy hear us.

For peace in the world ... that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples, let us pray to the Father. Lord of compassion, in your mercy hear us.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer... for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion, in your mercy hear us.

For those whom we have injured or offended, let us pray to the Father. Lord of compassion, in your mercy hear us.

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God, let us pray to the Father. Lord of compassion, in your mercy hear us.

In communion with all those who have walked in the way of holiness ... let us pray to the Father.
Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us.

God our Father,
in your love and goodness
you have taught us to come close to you in penitence
with prayer, fasting and generosity;
accept our Lenten discipline,
and when we fall by our weakness,
raise us up by your unfailing mercy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The Consort stands. The president says

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace.

Romans 5.1,2

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

Jesu, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly, while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high: hide me, O my Saviour, hide till the storm of life is past; safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none, hangs my helpless soul on thee; leave, ah, leave me not alone, still support and comfort me. All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring; cover my defenceless head with the shadow of thy wing.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin; let the healing streams abound, make and keep me pure within. Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of thee, spring thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Tune: Aberystwyth (Joseph Parry 1841-1903)

Prayer over the gifts

The president says

God of wisdom, may the light of your eternal Word, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, lead us in holiness and guide us to glory; we ask this in his 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 to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through lesus Christ your Son. For in these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again. Through fasting, prayer and acts of service you bring us back to your generous heart. Through study of your holy word you open our eyes to your presence in the world and free our hands to welcome others into the radiant splendour of your love. As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast with joyful hearts and minds we bless you for your mercy and join with saints and angels for ever praising you and saving:

The Consort 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.

The president continues:

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father, who, in your tender mercy, gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world: he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue. a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again. Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution. in remembrance of his death and passion. may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saving: 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 vou: 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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:
Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father, in remembrance of the precious death and passion, the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension of your dear Son Jesus Christ, we offer you through him this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Grant that by his merits and death, and through faith in his blood, we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins and all other benefits of his passion. Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer you any sacrifice. yet we pray that you will accept this the duty and service that we owe. Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences, and fill us all who share in this holy communion with your grace and heavenly blessing; 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

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 clergy receive Holy Communion.

Agnus Dei

The Consort sings

Agnus Dei, Lamb of God

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

miserere nobis. have mercy on us.

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Agnus Dei, Lamb of God

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

dona nobis pacem. grant us peace.

Emendemus in melius quae ignoranter peccavimus; ne subito praeoccupati die mortis, quaeramus spatium poenitentiae, et invenire non possimus. Attende, Domine, et miserere; quia peccavimus tibi.

(cf. Bar. 3:2)

Let us amend for the better in those things in which we have sinned through ignorance; lest suddenly overtaken by the day of death, we seek space for repentance, and be not able to find it.

Hearken, O Lord, and have mercy: for we have sinned against thee.

Words: Matins Responsory for Lent 1 and Distribution of Ashes, Ash Wednesday Music: William Byrd (1540-1623)

Prayers after Communion

Let us pray.

Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word
that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; 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

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

The Cathedral Shop is now online via the Cathedral website

Readings next Sunday (28 February, 1000 Choral Eucharist, The Second Sunday of Lent): Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-9; Mark 1:9-15

Preachers next Sunday 28 February:

0800: The Very Revd Jonathan Greener - *Dean* 1000: The Revd Canon James Mustard - *Precentor* 1600: The Revd Canon Cate Edmonds - *Canon Steward*

1800: The Revd Canon Ian Morter - Priest Vicar

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, Denise, Barbara Parry, David Moss, Emily Appleton, Charles Johnson, Tom Treloar, Bill Oliphant, David Webster, William, Jacqueline Cooke, Sue Williams, Joy, Maggie Faulkner, Pam and her family, Sue, HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, Illya, Yve Taylor, Elsie Howell, Anthony, Lilian Lovell.

Please pray for all those recently bereaved: Judith, Vivien, Katherine. **Rest in Peace:** Jan Taylor, Lucian Nethsingha. Chati Mancilla, Sylvia Ackland, Chris Knott, Maureen Jones, Tommy Dann, Bex Lewis, Tony Moore.

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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