



Exeter  
Cathedral

# The Eucharist

*Wednesday 25 March 2020*

**THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD  
TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**



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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.

## **Offertory**

We rely significantly upon the generosity of our congregations to sustain the Cathedral's worship and ministry.

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## **Minister**

President and Preacher - Revd Canon Dr Chris Palmer - *Chancellor*

## **Communion**

Communion will be received by the Canon Chancellor for, and on behalf of, the Cathedral Community and the people of Devon.

## **Music**

The Mass setting today is sung to Plainsong by a lay vicar.

## **COVID-19: Infection Control**

In response to the Archbishops' instructions, we have suspended all public worship in the Cathedral. Daily Prayer is being offered by a Canon morning and evening within the building and a weekly Eucharist is being celebrated and live streamed from the Lady Chapel.

## The Gathering

*The president says:*

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.**

## Introduction

*The president says*

### Invitation to Confession

The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own. Let us confess our sins.

*cf Titus 2.11-14*

**Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy  
forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly,  
love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

## Kyrie

*The Cantor sings*

Kyrie, eleison.	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>
Christe, eleison.	<i>Christ, have mercy.</i>
Kyrie, eleison.	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>

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**

*The president invites us to pray*

We beseech you, O Lord,  
pour your grace into our hearts,  
that as we have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ  
by the message of an angel,  
so by his cross and passion  
we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection;  
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 Liturgy of the Word**

### **The First Reading**

Isaiah 7:10-14

*read by the Lay Vicar*

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, 'Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*The Cantor sings:*

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.  
The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his  
glory.

*John 1.14*

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

## Gospel Reading

Luke 1:26-38

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.**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Homily**

Revd Canon Dr Chris Palmer - *Canon Chancellor*

## Prayers of Intercession

*A cantor leads the prayers.*

On this day the Father made our salvation known to Mary  
by the message of an angel.  
Filled with confidence, let us pray.

You chose the Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son.  
Have mercy on all who wait for your redemption.  
We pray for the Church universal...

Through your angel Gabriel you brought a message of peace and  
joy to Mary.  
Give to the world the joy and peace of salvation.  
We pray for the peace of the world...

By the consent of your handmaid and the power of the Holy Spirit,  
your Word came to dwell among us.  
Open our hearts to receive Christ, as Mary the Virgin received him.  
We pray for those present...

You look with compassion on the lowly  
and fill the hungry with good things.  
Encourage the downhearted, help all those in need  
and comfort those near to death.  
We pray for the sick, the suffering, the helpless...

To you, O God, nothing is impossible,  
and you alone do marvellous things;  
save us, and bring us on the last day,  
with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Peter, all the saints,  
and all the faithful departed into your glorious kingdom.

Grant, O Lord,  
that by the riches of your grace  
we may grow up into him who unites our life to yours,  
even he who is the first-born of all creation,  
your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## The Peace

*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.

*Luke 1.78, 79*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

*Please consider making an offering to the Cathedral to support its work and ministry. At this time of crisis, we are heavily dependent upon the generosity of the people of Devon to support our reduced operations and developing online ministries.*

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## Prayer over the gifts

*The president says:*

Almighty God,  
so fill us with your grace,  
that we in all things may accept your holy will  
and with the Virgin Mary, full of grace,  
rejoice in your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Eucharistic Prayer

*The president says:*

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 him thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good,  
our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.  
We give you thanks and praise  
that the Virgin Mary heard with faith the message of the angel,  
and by the power of your Holy Spirit  
conceived and bore the Word made flesh.  
From the warmth of her womb  
to the stillness of the grave  
he shared our life in human form.  
In him new light has dawned upon the world  
and you have become one with us  
that we might become one with you  
in your glorious kingdom.  
Therefore earth unites with heaven  
to sing a new song of praise;  
we too join with angels and archangels  
as they proclaim your glory without end:

*The Cantor sings*

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt coeli, et terra  
gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of  
your glory,  
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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus  
**Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

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 of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Peter,  
and all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you forever,  
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,  
forever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Trusting in the compassion of God,  
let us pray with confidence as 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.**

*The Cantor 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,  
dona nobis pacem.

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

## Communion

*The president receives Holy Communion.*

*After Communion, the scholar sings a motet.*

## Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept.*

*The president says* Let us pray.

God most high,  
whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh:  
we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption  
you visit us with your Holy Spirit  
and overshadow us by your power;  
strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience  
and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Notices are given.*

### The Dismissal

### The Blessing

*The president says:*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary,  
fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will;  
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.**

**For the sick:** Steven, John Thompson, Lilian Lovell, David Rippon, Pat Webster, Rosemary Joy, Ilya, Baby Logan, Yve Taylor, Joan Winstone.

**Rest in peace:** Janet Parrish, David Conway, Brian Mooney, Philippa

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