



Exeter  
Cathedral

# The Eucharist

Palm Sunday

14 April 2020  
10am



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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**

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## **Minister**

President    Canon Chris Palmer - *Chancellor*

## **Communion**

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

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

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

## Holy Week

Holy Week is the period between Lent and Easter when Christians remember the last week of the life of Jesus.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday when we recall the time Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. The people welcomed him like a king, placing their coats on the ground like a 'red carpet' and waving Palm leaves in the air and shouting his praise. In many churches there is normally a procession where palms are carried and those attending are given a small palm cross as a reminder. [You can read the Palm story in Matthew's Gospel Chapter 21 or Mark Chapter 11:1-18 and Luke Chapter 19: 21-end.]

The worship of Holy Week continues with days of prayer and reflection on Monday—Wednesday, before the drama of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, leading eventually to the new life of Resurrection on Easter Day. We invite you to join our worship online throughout this week

Hark! how the children shrill and high  
Hosanna cry,  
their joys provoke the distant sky,  
where thrones and seraphims reply,  
and their own angels shine and sing  
in a bright ring:  
such young, sweet mirth  
makes heaven and earth  
join in a joyful symphony.

*Text: Palm Sunday*  
*Author: Henry Vaughan (1622-1695)*

## Commemoration of the Lord's Entry into Jerusalem

*The president says*

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

## Blessing of Palms

*The president says*

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

*The president introduces the service, and then says,*

During Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today we begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

*The president blesses branches and invites people to hold their own in their homes:*

God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die;  
bless these branches that they may be for us signs of his victory and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King,  
and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:1-11

*When the Gospel is announced the president says*

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

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

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, 'Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.' The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!' When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

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

## The Collect

*The president says*

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah:  
grant us the faith to know you and love you,  
that we may be found beside you  
on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. **Amen.**

## The Passion Reading

Matthew 27:11-54

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus said, 'You say so.' But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, 'Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?' But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?' For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgement seat, his wife sent word to him, 'Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.' Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' And they said, 'Barabbas.' Pilate said to them, 'Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?' All of them said, 'Let him be crucified!' Then he asked, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Let him be crucified!'

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, 'I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.' Then the people as a whole answered, 'His blood be on us and on our children!' So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.'

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.' In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, "I am God's Son."' The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'This man is calling for Elijah.' At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.' Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

*We pause for silent prayer*

At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many.

Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

This is the Passion of the Lord

## Homily

Canon Chris Palmer - *Chancellor*

### Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray to the Father,  
who loved the world so much that he sent his only Son  
to give us life.

Simon from Cyrene was forced to carry the cross for your Son.  
Give us grace to lift heavy loads from those we meet  
and to stand with those condemned to die.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Your Son watched the soldiers gamble to share his clothes.  
Transform the hearts of those who make a profit from their victims,  
and those whose hearts are hardened by their work.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

The thief, who was crucified with Jesus,  
was promised a place in your kingdom.  
Give pardon and hope, healing and peace  
to all who look death in the face.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

From the cross Jesus entrusted Mary his mother  
and John his disciple to each other's care.  
Help us also to care for one another  
and fill our homes with the spirit of your love.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

In Mary and John your Son created a new family at the cross.  
Fill our relationships,  
and those of new families today,



with mutual care and responsibility,  
and give us a secure hope for the future.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

The centurion was astonished to see your glory in the  
crucified Messiah.

Open the eyes of those who do not know you  
to see in your Son the meaning of life and death.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Joseph of Arimathaea came to take your Son's body away.  
Give hope and faith to the dying and bereaved,  
and gentleness to those who minister to them.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Simon and Joseph, Mary and John  
became part of your Church in Jerusalem.  
Bring into your Church today a varied company of people,  
to walk with Christ in the way of his passion  
and to find their salvation in the victory of his cross.

Lord of the Church,

**hear our prayer,  
and make us one in heart and mind  
to serve you in Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## The Peace

*The president says*

Once we were far off,  
but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near  
through the shedding of Christ's blood,  
for he is our peace.

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.*

*Please go to:*

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*The president says*

Jesus, true vine and bread of life,  
ever giving yourself that the world might live,  
let us share your death and passion:  
make us perfect in your love.

**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 thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and just,  
our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near  
the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty.  
The power of the life-giving cross  
reveals the judgement that has come upon the world  
and the triumph of Christ crucified.

He is the victim who dies no more,  
the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever,  
our advocate in heaven to plead our cause,  
exalting us there to join with angels and archangels,  
for ever praising you and *saying*:

**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.**

Father of all, we give you thanks  
for every gift that comes from heaven.  
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.

With signs of faith and words of hope  
he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.

**This is our song:**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son,  
yet at the end they turned on him.  
On the night he was betrayed  
he came to table with his friends  
to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.

**This is our song:**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;  
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:  
This is my body, given for you all.  
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;  
he took the cup, gave it and said:  
This is my blood, shed for you all  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

**This is our song:**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup  
we celebrate the cross  
on which he died to set us free.  
Defying death he rose again  
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story.

**This is our song:**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Spirit on us now  
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ  
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food  
offer ourselves to live for you  
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven  
where all creation worships you,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:  
**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Standing at the foot of the cross,  
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 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.**

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

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

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

## **Communion**

*The president receives Holy Communion.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*The president says*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,  
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:  
give us the mind to follow you  
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
**Amen.**

## **The Dismissal**

*The president says the blessing*

Christ crucified draw you to himself,  
to find in him a sure ground for faith,  
a sure support for hope,  
and the assurance of sins forgiven;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

*The president says*

Go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Upcoming services Holy Week and Easter**

These services will be broadcast live on the cathedral's Facebook page,  
except where indicated.

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### **Monday - Wednesday (6-8 April)**

7.30pm Holy Week Addresses from the Dean  
on St Therese of Lisieux

**Monday:** Sainte Therese: her life  
Followed with Compline led by the Precentor

**Tuesday:** Sainte Therese: her suffering  
Followed with Compline led by the Precentor

**Wednesday:** Sainte Therese: her prayer  
Followed with "The Lamentations of Jeremiah" by Thomas Tallis (1505-85)  
Recorded by the Choral Scholars (21 March 2020)

### **Maundy Thursday (9 April)**

10.30am Chrism Eucharist (*broadcast on Exeter Diocese website*)

7.30pm The Eucharist of the Lord's Supper followed by the watch  
President and Preacher: The Canon Chancellor

### **Good Friday (10 April)**

2.00pm The Liturgy of our Lord's Passion  
Led by the Canon Precentor

### **Easter Day Services (12 April)**

10am Easter Eucharist  
President and Preacher: The Dean







