



Exeter
Cathedral

Choral Eucharist

Sunday 24 May 2020
10am

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY



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

Ministers

President & Preacher: 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 access to worship in the Cathedral. Sunday services will be live-streamed from the Cathedral's Lady Chapel via www.facebook.com/exetercathedral

Daily Prayer is being led morning and evening by the clergy in their houses. Details of how to join these services are at the back of this service order.

Ascensiontide

The Great Fifty Days of Eastertide form a single festival period in which the joy of Easter is sustained through the following seven weeks, and the Church celebrates the gloriously risen Christ:

Triumphant in his glory now,
his sceptre ruleth all,
earth, heaven and hell before him bow,
and at his footstool fall. [*Fulbert of Chartres*]

On the fortieth day there has from the late fourth century been a particular celebration of Christ's ascension. He commissions his disciples to continue his work, he promises the gift of the Holy Spirit, and then he is no longer among them in the flesh. The ascension is therefore closely connected with the theme of mission. The arrival of the promised gift of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost completes and crowns the Easter Festival.

This Sunday between Ascension and Pentecost has an 'in between' quality, reflected in the collect, looking forward with longing to the outpouring of God's spirit, who brings us to where Jesus is:

we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before...

The Gathering

The president says

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

Amen.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The president briefly introduces the Eucharist.

Confession

Christ has gone up on high, leading captivity captive
and bringing gifts for all.

As we prepare ourselves to meet him here in the courts of heaven
let us call to mind our many failures and sins.

**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.

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

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Collect

Let us pray for the gift of the Spirit.

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
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

Acts 1:6-14

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Go, make disciples of all nations, says the Lord, and remember I am with you always to the end of the age.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

John 17:1-11

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Sermon

Canon Chris Palmer, Chancellor

The Nicene Creed

**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

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 president says

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace.
If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit.

cf Galatians 5.22,23

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The deacon says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All offer a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

Prayer over the gifts

The president says

Lord of all and source of our joy,
receive our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.
Keep us in the love of Christ
and bring us to the vision of his glory;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

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, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
For he is our great high priest
who has entered once for all
into the heavenly sanctuary,
evermore to pour upon your Church
the grace and comfort of your Holy Spirit.
He is the one who has gone before us,
who calls us to be united in prayer
as were his disciples in the upper room
while they awaited his promised gift,
the life-giving Spirit of Pentecost.
Therefore all creation yearns with eager longing
as angels and archangels sing the endless hymn of praise:

**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 of Blessed Mary, Mother of our Lord,
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

Looking for the coming of his kingdom
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

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.

Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

Communion

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

**Lamb of God,
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.**

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The president receives Holy Communion.

Prayer after Communion

The president says

Let us pray.

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Notices are given.

The Dismissal

The Blessing

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,
give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Waiting expectantly for the promised Holy Spirit,
go in the peace of Christ, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Notices

We pray for:

Those who are sick or in need: Lilian Lovell, John Thompson, David Rippon, Pat Webster, Rosemary Joy, Gary Lord, Jane Jones. Cilla Dainty, Ilya, Yve Taylor.

Rest in peace: Richard Proctor, Thelma Down, Steve, Fiona Spiers, Jan, John Watson, Joan Winstone. Tony Rogers, Guiseppina Ravelli, Susan Hill, Beaumont Brandie, Clive Robert Brown, Raymond Ravenscroft.

Please pray for those recently bereaved: Ruth, Allen & Julie Bowen

Sunday 31 May, Pentecost

Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer, available on YouTube from 6pm on Sat 30 May, President & Preacher: Ven David Gunn-Johnson

Holy Eucharist at 10am, live on Facebook and available thereafter too. President and Preacher, The Very Revd Jonathan, Greener, Dean.

Thy Kingdom Come Service, from the Diocese of Exeter. Available on Exeter Diocesan website from 6.30pm - with contributions from our own choral scholars.

Cathedral News, for the Cathedral Community and Volunteers, is being produced electronically, and in print for those who need it. The May edition is available at <https://www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/May-2020-News2.pdf>

If you are aware of people who do not have internet access and need a paper copy, please contact the Canon Chancellor, pastoralcare@exeter-cathedral.org.uk.

The next edition will be published at the beginning of June; the deadline for submissions is Thur 28 May, and these should be sent to Heather Morgan: hmm53@tiscali.co.uk

Here for you: our website page contains useful information about other activities, including:

Zoom Coffee: please join us at 11am on Sundays Meeting ID 732 5358 6706 Password 270422 and at other times during the week, as on the website

Sundays@7– tonight at 1900. Informal gathering for reflection, conversation, prayer, reading, silence on Zoom. Meeting ID 821 0092 7088 Password 466066

Thy Kingdom Come. An international Wave of Prayer from Ascension Day 'til Pentecost, 21 – 31 May. We invite you to join in by:

- committing to 'prayer and care' for five friends
- joining in prayer from home, including joining the Devon 24/11 Zoom Prayer Room. The cathedral is hosting the room on Wednesday 27 May from 1100-1400 and Saturday 30 May 0600-0900. We're not allowed to advertise the joining details, but if you'd like these, please contact the Canon Chancellor, chris.palmer@exeter-cathedral.org.uk
- log in to the Exeter Diocese Thy Kingdom Come service on 31 May, Pentecost, at 6.30pm.
- create a simple labyrinth at home, a 'pilgrim path' to trace slowly and prayerfully during the week. Fuller details on the website and Youtube.

Luke's Resurrection Stories. Prof Bryan has recorded talks on Luke's stories of the first Easter Day – originally intended as a Lent Group, but curtailed because of the lockdown. These are available on the cathedral's YouTube channel. We will be holding a Zoom meeting and discussion TODAY, Sunday 24 May, at 12noon – and invite all who'd like to come along to do so. Meeting ID 812 8967 1985 Password 137548

Compline: Our Choral Scholars are leading Compline from their homes on Mondays to Saturdays at 8.30pm. This can be followed at www.facebook.com/exetercathedral

Morning and Evening Prayer: from Monday 4 May, this will be said by the clergy at 9am and 5pm. These will be said via Zoom.

All are welcome to join these services:

Morning Prayer will be Zoom ID 862 6900 5004 / Tel. 0203 051 2874

Evening Prayer will be Zoom ID 892 3161 5055 / Tel. 0203 051 2874

Phased reopening:

The Bishops of the Church of England are encouraging a phased reopening of churches for worship. The first stage is for clergy to live-stream services from their churches. The Cathedral clergy will continue to hold Morning and Evening Prayer at home, and the Sunday Eucharist will be said in the Cathedral. Further opening up of the Cathedral will be dependent upon Government legislation and further guidance.

Useful information

Devon County Council Action on Covid-19 Crisis

- Advice and Help details on DCC website Coronavirus advice page. Google coronavirus advice in Devon or follow link: <https://www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/>
- **Care Direct Contact** : 0345 155 1007
- **Coronavirus Emergency Helpline**: 0345 155 1011

Exeter City Council

- **www.exeter.gov.uk**
- **Community WellBeing Exeter** helpline for requests for help and for Volunteers: 01392 265 000

