The Eucharist

Sunday 31 May 2020
10am

PENTECOST
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.
Please go to:
https://www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/support-us/how-to-donate/

Ministers
President: The Very Revd Jonathan Greener, Dean

Music
Thank you to our Choral Scholars, who have recorded an anthem for Pentecost, heard at the Offertory. You can see their video on our Facebook and Youtube channels from 11am.

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.
Pentecost (from the Greek *pentekoste*, ‘fiftieth’ of fifty days of celebration) has its roots in the Jewish Feast of Weeks, which was completed on the fiftieth day after Passover. On the fiftieth day of Easter, God sends his Holy Spirit to empower the Church to perform the mission which the risen Christ has entrusted to it; and he inaugurates the messianic community of perfect communication. Pentecost celebrates both the Holy Spirit and the Christian Church. It was originally the crown and completion of the Easter season; only later, in the medieval West, did it become a new festival season of its own.

After the Easter Vigil, the time of Pentecost was a preferred occasion for baptism in early Christian centuries, and the services of Pentecost also reflect this baptismal theme. Christ’s disciples are born again of water and the spirit. There is some evidence that the ascension was first celebrated on the fiftieth day of Easter, but it was soon moved to the fortieth day in faithfulness to Luke’s chronology. Ascension and Pentecost are closely linked.

The risen Lord is no longer present to the Church in the body of his flesh; the Church is now to be the new body of Christ, filled with his life through the gift of the Spirit.

The Sunday after Pentecost came to be kept in the West as Trinity Sunday, although it was not prescribed as a universal feast until 1334. In a sense, every feast must be a festival of the Trinity, because the whole Trinity is at work in every moment of creation, redemption and sanctification; but Trinity Sunday provides a particular occasion to reflect on the revelation of God’s self as Trinity, immediately after the Great Fifty Days of Easter. The numbering of the following Sundays ‘after Trinity’ continues the practice of *The Book of Common Prayer*. 
**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!**

**Introduction**

*The president greets the congregation.*

Jesus Christ, whom we worship, is our crucified, risen and ascended Lord and we have walked with him through his journey of love. We have faced the agony of his suffering and death on a cross. We have rejoiced at his bursting free from the bonds of death. We have enjoyed his risen presence with us and his revelation of himself through the breaking of bread. We have seen his return to the throne before which every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that this Jesus is Lord. And now, with the followers of his own time, we await the coming of the promised Holy Spirit, his gift to his people, through whom we make Christ known to the world.

**The Pentecost Reading**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2.1-13)

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, ‘Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?’
And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.’ All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’ But others sneered and said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’

The Lord is here.

*His Spirit is with us.*

**Confession**

As we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ in Word, Spirit and Sacrament,
Let us all to mind and confess our sins.

As we long for your refreshing
**Lord, have mercy**

As we long for your renewing
**Christ, have mercy**

As we long for your empowering
**Lord, have mercy.**

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 that the Spirit will work through our lives 
to bring Christ to the world.

God, who as at this time 
taught the hearts of your faithful people 
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: 
grant us by the same Spirit 
to have a right judgement in all things 
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; 
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, 
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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

John 20.19-23

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’

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

Address
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

God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

cf 2 Corinthians 1.22

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Preparation of the Table
Taking of the Bread and Wine

Offertory motet

If ye love me, keep my commandments
And I will give you another comforter
That he my bide wit you for ever
E’en the spirit of truth.

Text: John 14.15-17 (trans. Willian Tyndale, 1494-1536)
Music: Thomas Tallis (1505-85)

Prayer over the gifts

The president says

Blessed be God, who feeds the hungry, who raises the poor, who fills our praise. Blessed be God for ever.
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, it is our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and everlasting God,
through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord.
This day we give you thanks
because in fulfilment of your promise
you pour out your Spirit upon us,
filling us with your gifts, leading us into all truth,
and uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith.
Your Spirit gives us grace to call you Father,
to proclaim your gospel to all nations
and to serve you as a royal priesthood.
Therefore we join our voices with angels and archangels,
and with all those in whom the Spirit dwells,
to proclaim the glory of your name,
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.

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 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

Let us pray in the words our Saviour 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.

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

Silence is kept.

The president says

Let us pray.

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation
the way of life eternal:
open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The president gives the Notices

The Dismissal

The Blessing

The president says

May the Spirit,
who hovered over the waters when the world was created,
Who overshadowed the Virgin when the Son came among us,
Who set the church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost
Bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ.
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Filled with the Spirit’s power,
go in the light and 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, Pat Webster, Rosemary Joy, Gary Lord, Jane Jones. Cilla Dainty, Katherine, Ilya, Yve Taylor.
Please pray for those recently bereaved: Ruth, Allen & Julie Bowen

Cathedral News, for the Cathedral Community and Volunteers, is being produced electronically, and in print for those who need it. If you would like to receive a copy, please contact the Canon Chancellor, pastoralcare@exeter-cathedral.org.uk

Here for you: our website page contains useful information about local services available at this time, including Sundays@7, Moday prayers for healing, Tuesday Lectio Divina, Friday morning service on the phone, Friday morning Zoom coffee. And each Sunday...

... Zoom Coffee: please join us at 11am on Sundays on Zoom. Meeting ID 732 5358 6706 Password 270422. The Canon Chancellor has more information about how to join this: chris.palmer@exeter-cathedral.org.uk

BCP Holy Communion will be said on Saturday evenings, 6.00pm. This will be available on the Cathedral’s Youtube channel: www.youtube.com/exetercathedral

Thy Kingdom Come. The Exeter Diocesan “Thy Kingdom Come” service for Pentecost is TODAY at 6.30pm. On the Diocesan website and Youtube channels. It features music sung by our Choral Scholars. In addition we are encouraging people to create a simple labyrinth at home, a ‘pilgrim path’ to trace slowly and prayerfully during the week. Fuller details on the website.

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

Next Sunday—7th June—Trinity Sunday
BCP Holy Communion, from 6.30pm on Saturday evening on YouTube, with Preb Julian Ould
Eucharist, 10am live on Facebook, with the Dean
Sundays@7, 7pm on Zoom, with Revd Phil Wales. Meeting ID Password 466066.

Holy Ground. On Sunday 14 June 7pm we will welcome Revd David Runcorn to speak on ‘Love means love—the Bible and same-sex relationships’. David’s talk will be posted a week beforehand on YouTube and will be repeated on the evening. An evening of worship, learning, and conversation. Zoom Meeting ID 858 5251 2922 Password 634794

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