



The Eucharist

Sunday 29 June 2020
12 noon

PATRONAL FESTIVAL

ST PETER



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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: The Very Revd Jonathan Greener, Dean

Music

Recorded organ music, from our archive, played by our Director of Music, Timothy Noon, will be heard during the service. A hymn will be sung by our Choristers from their homes.

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

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Morning and Evening Prayer: this week, 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

Music before the service

Herr Jesu Christ dich zu uns wend, BWV709, J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

The Gathering

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.

The president greets the congregation.

Prayer of Penitence

The saints were faithful unto death
and now dwell in the heavenly kingdom for ever.
As we celebrate their joy,
let us bring to the Lord our sins and weaknesses,
and ask for his mercy.

**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

Almighty God,
who inspired your apostle Saint Peter
to confess Jesus as Christ and Son of the living God:
build up your Church upon this rock,
that in unity and peace it may proclaim one truth
and follow one Lord, your Son our Saviour Christ,
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

A reading from the book Acts (12.1-11)

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him.

The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, ‘Get up quickly.’ And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him, ‘Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.’ He did so. Then he said to him, ‘Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.’ Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel’s help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, ‘Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.

or

A reading from the first letter of Peter (2.19-end)

For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly.² If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God’s approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

‘He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.’

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,^{*} so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds^{*} you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church,
and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16.13-19

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.’

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

Address

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

The president introduces the 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

We are fellow-citizens with the saints
and of the household of God,
through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace
to those who were far off and those who were near.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

Hymn

By all your saints still striving, for all Your saints at rest,
Your holy Name, O Jesus for ever more be blessed.
You rose, our King victorious, that they might bear the crown
And ever shine in splendour, reflected from Your throne.

We praise, You Lord, for Peter, so eager and so bold:
Thrice falling, yet repentant, thrice charged to feed your fold.
Lord, make Your pastors faithful to guard your flock from harm
And hold them when they waver with Your almighty arm.

Then let us praise the Father and worship God the Son,
And sing to God the Spirit, eternal Three in One,
'Til all the ransomed number who stand before the throne
Ascribe all power and glory and praise to God alone.

Horatio Bolton Nelson (1823-1913)
Tune: Wolvercote

Prayer over the gifts

The president says

Father, accept all we bring before you this day.
Guide us with your love and feed us at your table
as you nourish the faith of the Church
by the preaching of your apostle Saint Peter.
We ask this through 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 your Son our Lord.

You are the eternal Shepherd
who never leaves his flock unattended.

You raised up Peter to feed your lambs and tend your sheep
as a Pastor of the new Covenant,
even though he denied the Lord on the night of his betrayal.

Reconciled to you he led the infant Church,
proclaiming salvation to all your people
and teaching all to turn to Christ our Lord.

As the Rock on which Christ built his Church
he inspires us to follow in his steps
and recognise your Son as the chief cornerstone.

Dying a martyr's death, he won the unfading crown of glory;
the doors of paradise unlocked
o receive him into your eternal kingdom.

Therefore with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
we proclaim your great and glorious 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, St Edward the Confessor 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 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.**

Agnus Dei

**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.**

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
shall be healed.**

The president receives communion.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Lord,
hear the prayers of those you have called
To this table of salvation
in honour of Peter your apostle and our patron.
Keep us faithful to your Son,
who alone has the words of eternal life,
that he may lead us as the loyal sheep of his flock
to the eternal joys of your kingdom.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Dismissal

The Blessing

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

God give you grace to follow St Peter and all God's saints
In faith, and hope and love.
And the blessing of God almighty, the Father the Son and the Holy
Spirit be upon you this day and forever more.
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ Voluntary

“Tu es petra”, from Equisse Byzantine, Henry Mulet (1878-1967)

**EXETER CATHEDRAL IS OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER DAILY, 10am-4pm
(11.30am-4pm on Sundays).**

All are welcome.

