

# **Choral Eucharist**

Sunday 20 December 2020 1000

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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.

### **Ministers**

President: The Very Revd Jonathan Greener - *Dean* Preacher: The Ven David Gunn-Johnson - *Priest Vicar* 

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

# **Face Coverings in the cathedral**

As of 8 August 2020, wearing face coverings in places of worship is now mandatory. All congregants, visitors, volunteers, and staff must wear face coverings when in the cathedral. There are exemptions to this regulation, including anyone under the age of 11, those leading worship and preaching, those with disabilities and those with hidden health conditions. Full details can be found here:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own#when-you-do-not-need-to-wear-a-face-covering

# **Speech and Singing**

We ask that you do not sing. The Choir will lead singing on behalf of the congregation. When speaking responses or prayers, please do not raise your voice.

Choir: The St Peter's Singers

Conductor: Timothy Parsons - Assistant Director of Music

Organist: Timothy Noon - Director of Music

Setting of the Mass: Messe Solennelle - Louis Vierne

(1870-1937)

# **Social distancing**

Measures are in place to protect the health and safety of worshippers, volunteers and staff. Please follow instructions as they are given. Markings on the floor indicate:

• 2 metres (Blue tape)

#### **Holy Communion**

Communion will be offered in one kind only (consecrated bread). If you wish to receive communion, you will be required to wash your hands before receiving. Please remain in your seat and the president will come to you.

## Offertory

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# The Gathering

Introit

The ministers enter.
The congregation stands. The Choir sings

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green: the trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know, but ne'er can tell, the glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought: I missed of all; but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest awhile: under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive; which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

Text: Joshua Smith (1784) Music: Elizabeth Poston (1905-1987)

# **The Greeting**

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**

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

cf 1 Corinthians 4.5

The congregation sits.

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.

**Kyrie** 

The congregation remains seated. The Choir sings

Kyrie, eleison. Lord. have mercv. Christe, eleison. Christ, have mercy. Kyrie, eleison. Lord, have mercy.

**Absolution** 

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

Let us pray.

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you. in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

# The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The president lights four candles on the Advent Wreath.

God our Father,
the angel Gabriel told the Virgin Mary
that she was to be the mother of your Son.
Though Mary was afraid,
she responded to your call with joy.
Help us, whom you call to serve you,
to share like her in your great work
of bringing to our world your love and healing.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the light who is coming into the world.

Amen.

## The Liturgy of the Word

# **The First Reading**

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

A reading from the second book of Samuel.

Now when David, the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.'

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed

judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

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

Gradual

Psalm 89:1-4; 20-27

The congregation remains seated. The Choir sings

My song shall be alway of the loving kindness of the Lord \* with my mouth will I ever be shewing thy truth from one generation to another.

- <sup>2</sup> For I have said, Mercy shall be set up for ever \* thy truth shalt thou stablish in the heavens.
- <sup>3</sup> I have made a covenant with my chosen \* I have sworn unto David my servant;
- <sup>4</sup> Thy seed will I stablish for ever \* and set up thy throne from one generation to another.
- <sup>20</sup> Thou spakest sometime in visions unto thy saints, and saidst: I have laid help upon one that is mighty; I have exalted one chosen out of the people.
- <sup>21</sup> I have found David my servant: with my holy oil have I anointed him.
- <sup>22</sup> My hand shall hold him fast: and my arm shall strengthen him.
- <sup>23</sup> The enemy shall not be able to do him violence: the son of wickedness shall not hurt him.
- <sup>24</sup> I will smite down his foes before his face : and plague them that hate him.
- <sup>25</sup> My truth also and my mercy shall be with him: and in my Name shall his horn be exalted.
- <sup>26</sup> I will set his dominion also in the sea : and his right hand in the floods.
- <sup>27</sup> He shall call me, Thou art my Father : my God, and my strong salvation.

# **Gospel Acclamation**

The congregation stands.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God. **Alleluia** 

# **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.** 

The congregation sits

Sermon

The Ven David Gunn-Johnson - Priest Vicar

The Nicene Creed

The congregation stands

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 congregation sits
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 congregation stands. 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.

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

# **Preparation of the Table**

Offertory

The congregation sits.

During the preparation of the altar, the Choir only sing

Lo! he comes with clouds descending, once for favoured sinners slain: thousand thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train: Alleluia!

God appears on earth to reign.

2. Every eye shall now behold him robed in dreadful majesty; those who set at naught and sold him, pierced and nailed him to the Tree, deeply wailing. shall the true Messiah see.

- 3. Those dear tokens of his passion still his dazzling body bears. cause of endless exultation to his ransomed worshippers: with what rapture gaze we on those glorious scars!
- 4. Yea, Amen, let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne; Saviour, take the power and glory, claim the kingdom for thine own: Alleluia! thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Tune: Helmsley (collected by Thomas Olivers, c.1763)

# **Prayer over the gifts**

The congregation stands. The president says

As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now reunited on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom. **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 and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son.

He is the one foretold by all the prophets, whom the Virgin Mother bore with love beyond all telling. John the Baptist was his herald and made him known when at last he came. In his love Christ fills us with joy as we prepare to celebrate his birth, so that when he comes again he may find us watching in prayer, our hearts filled with wonder and praise. And so, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your glory, and join in their unending hymn of praise:

#### The Choir sings:

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt coeli, et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis. Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis. 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 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 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.

# **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 I shall be healed.

The congregation sits and is invited to receive Holy Communion. The president will come to your seat. Alternatively you may ask the priest for a blessing.

Please hold up this book to indicate that you wish to receive a blessing.

Gluten Free hosts are available—please hold up a piece of paper saying 'Gluten Free'.

No words of distribution will be said and you are asked not to speak.

#### During the distribution of Holy Communion, the choir sings

# **Agnus Dei**

# The Choir sings:

Agnus Dei, Lamb of God

qui tollis peccata mundi, you take away the sin of the world,

miserere nobis. have mercy on us.

Agnus Dei, Lamb of God

qui tollis peccata mundi, you take away the sin of the world,

miserere nobis. have mercy on us.

Agnus Dei, Lamb of God

qui tollis peccata mundi, you take away the sin of the world,

dona nobis pacem. grant us peace.

#### The choir sings

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins, who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be. Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord Almighty God, who was and is to come; sing holy, holy, Lord! Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming soon. E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more; they need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their all!

Words: Revelation 22 adapted by Ruth Manz (1919-2008)
Music: Paul Manz (1919-2019)

### **Prayers after Communion**

The congregation stands

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory
Amen.

Notices are given.

#### The Dismissal

# The Blessing

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; 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.

### **Organ Voluntary**

Allegro risoluto ma non troppo vivo (Symphonie 2) -Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Please wait in your seat until directed to leave.



#### Sunday 20 THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT O Clavis David Holy Communion BCP p52 for Collect, Epistle and Gospel 0800 Nave Morning Prayer CW 0900 Zoom Choral Eucharist CW Order 1 1000 Nave Messe Solennelle - Louis Vierne E'en so, Lord Jesus - Paul Manz Allegro risoluto ma non troppo vivo (Symphonie 2) -Louis Vierne Sung Eucharist CW Order 1 (Cantor and organ) 1215 Nave The Exeter Nativity 1500 Nave 1800 Sundays@6 Nave Monday 21 O Oriens 0900 Morning Prayer CW Zoom The Eucharist CW 1315 Lady Chapel Evening Prayer BCP 1700 Zoom Cathedral Carol Service 1730 Nave O Rex Gentium **Tuesday 22** 0900 Morning Prayer CW Zoom The Eucharist CW 1315 Lady Chapel 1700 Evening Prayer BCP 700m **Cathedral Carol Service** 1730 Nave O Emmanuel Wednesday 23 0900 Morning Prayer CW Zoom 1315 The Eucharist CW Lady Chapel Evening Prayer BCP

#### Morning prayer via Zoom www.zoom.us

Cathedral Carol Service

Meeting ID: 847 6869 5587

Password: 025062 Tel. 0203 051 2874

1700

1730

#### Evening prayer via Zoom www.zoom.us

Zoom

Nave

Meeting ID: 892 3161 5055

Password: 017840 Tel. 0203 051 2874

The Very Revd Jonathan Greener – Dean The Revd Canon James Mustard - Precentor

# 20-27 December 2020

Thursday 24			CHRISTMAS EVE		
0900	Morning Prayer CW		Zoom		
1315	The Eucharist CW		Lady Chapel		
1500	The Office of Bishop John Grandisson for Chri	stmas Eve	Nave and Online		
1700	Evening Prayer BCP		Zoom		
1730	The Office of Bishop John Grandisson for Chri	Nave and Online			
2100	Choral Eucharist CW Order 1 sung by the St Pe	Nave			
	Lux Aurumque - Eric Whitacre				
	Little Organ Mass - Franz Joseph Haydn				
	In the bleak midwinter - Gustav Holst				
	Toccata in G - Théodore Dubois				
Friday 25			CHRISTMAS DAY		
0800	Holy Communion BCP p54 for Collect, Epistle	and Gospel	Nave		
0900	Morning Prayer CW	**************************************	Zoom		
1000	Choral Eucharist CW Order 1		Nave		
	Spatzenmesse - W. A. Mozart		Nave		
	I saw three ships - Simon Preston				
	Carillon-Sortie - Henri Mulet				
1600	Choral Evensong with Carols from the	Psalm 8	Nave		
	Minstrels' Gallery BCP				
	Charles Villiers Stanford in A		Responses		
			Bernard Rose		
		St Stephen, de	eacon, first martyr		
0900	Morning Prayer CW		Zoom		
1315	The Eucharist CW		Lady Chapel		
1700	Evening Prayer BCP		Zoom		
			AY OF CHRISTMAS		
0800	Holy Communion BCP p61 for Collect, Epistle and Gospel		Online		
0900	Morning Prayer CW	Zoom			
1000	Sung Eucharist CW Order 1 (Cantor and Organ	Nave			
1700	Evening Prayer BCP		Zoom		
1800	Sundays@6		Nave		
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CW – Common Worship, services and prayers for the Church of England (2000) BCP – Book of Common Prayer (1662)

Timothy Noon - Director of Music

All services in the Nave are at 2m social distance

Tickets for all Choral and Sung Service available

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#### **Notices**

Readings next Sunday (27 December, 1000 Sung Eucharist, The First Sunday of Christmas): Galatians 4:4-7; Psalm 148; Luke 2:15-21

#### **Preachers next Sunday 27 December:**

0800: The Revd Canon James Mustard (Canon Precentor)

1000: The Very Revd Jonathan Greener (Dean)

1800: The Revd Canon Dr Chris Palmer (Canon Chancellor)

#### Those who are sick or in need:

Rosemary Joy, John Thompson, Jane Jones, Cilla Dainty, Katherine, Stephen, Sally-Ann Hodson, Paul Nash, Prue Dowson, George Hood, Paul Nener, Juliette & David Bargman, Lesley, Nigel, Anthony, Simon Turrell, Simon Boyes, David Risdon, Richard Northcott, Rosie, Eve Kingdom, Ann Morley, Denise. Illya, Yve Taylor, Elsie Howell, Emily Appleton,

Please pray for all those recently bereaved: Donald Marr.

**Rest in Peace:** Amanda, Margaret Marr, James Atwell, Frank Berra, Michael Pipe.

### Congregations are being welcomed to the Cathedral for worship

Choral and Sung services will be ticketed. Free tickets for our Christmas services (21-25 December inclusive) are available through our website. Numbers of congregants at all services will be capped at 80 people. So, in order that as many people as possible can attend, we ask that you only book for a maximum of one Carol service and one Eucharist. We are looking forward to welcoming you in person and online to our services throughout Advent and Christmas."

#### **Little Advent Programme**

## **Reflections for Advent with Revd Prof Chris Bryan**

Chris Bryan has recorded reflections on the Gospel Readings for the four Sunday of Advent. We are delighted to offer these to the cathedral community as we look for the coming of Christ this Advent. These will be posted on the Cathedral YouTube website. Look out for future videos in the weeks to come.

**Not The Exeter Nativity or Covid Or Not, It's Still Christmas.** A simpler take on our highly popular Nativity. Today at 1500. With live congregation and livestreamed. Tune in on Facebook. Script by David Gunn Johnson, full of wit; cast of six!

Cathedral Cloister Club Zoom Party: Sunday 20 December at 3pm on Zoom.

#### **Christmas donations to the Wednesday Kitchen**

The Wednesday Kitchen team are hoping to offer a scaled-down version of the usual pre-Christmas hog roast to their regular guests from the homeless community. In normal circumstances they would be asking us to donate gifts for their guests, but Covid 19 restrictions preclude that this year. Instead, the team would be very grateful to receive donations of money so that they can buy what is required. If you would like to support their work in this way, please send a cheque payable to Exeter Cathedral, addressed to Canon Mike Williams, Finance Office, 1 The Cloisters, Exeter EX1 1HS, and mark the envelope "For Wednesday Kitchen Account".

The Cathedral Shop is now online via the Cathedral website www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk