



Exeter
Cathedral

Choral Eucharist

Sunday 27 December 2020
1000

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

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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 Ven David Gunn-Johnson - *Priest Vicar*

Preacher: The Very Revd Jonathan Greener - *Dean*

Organist: Timothy Noon - *Director of Music*

Cantor: Cressida Peers

Offertory

We rely significantly upon the generosity of our congregations to sustain the Cathedral's worship and ministry. Please give by **contactless means** if you can. Money may be placed in the **Donation Boxes** as you leave. Please remember to use a **Gift Aid envelope** if you are a UK taxpayer.

For more information about planned and regular giving, please go to:
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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 Cantor will lead singing on behalf of the congregation. When speaking responses or prayers, please do not raise your voice.

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.

Safeguarding

The Chapter takes the responsibility for safeguarding children and vulnerable adults seriously in their commitment to make Exeter Cathedral a safe and welcoming place. If you have any concerns please discuss them with a member of the Cathedral Chapter or contact the Cathedral Safeguarding Advisor, Charlie Pitman, Tel. 01392 345909

The Gathering

Introit
Isaiah 9:6

The ministers enter.

The congregation stands. The cantor sings

Unto us a child is born, * unto us a son is given.
Dominion is on his shoulder and his name
shall be called the Angel of Great Counsel.

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

Hear the words of the angel to Joseph:
'You shall call his name Jesus,
for he will save his people from their sins.'
Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of God
through Jesus the Saviour of the world.

cf Matthew 1.21

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.**

Absolution

May the God of all healing and forgiveness
draw you to himself
and cleanse you from all your sins,
that you may behold the glory of his Son,
the Word made flesh,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Gloria

The congregation stands. The cantor sings

Gloria in excelsis Deo,
et in terra pax
hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam,
Domine Deus, Rex coelestis
Deus Pater omnipotens.

*Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace,
good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee
for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father Almighty.*

Domine Fili unigenite,
Jesu Christe.
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,
filius Patris,
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.

*O Lord, the only-begotten Son,
Jesu Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the
world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the
world, receive our prayer.*

Quoniam tu solus sanctus.
Tu solus Dominus.
Tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe.
Cum sancto Spiritu,
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the
Father. Amen.*

The Collect

Let us pray.

Almighty God,
who wonderfully created us in your own image
and yet more wonderfully restored us
through your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,
so we may share the life of his divinity;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading

Galatians 4:4-7

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 148

The congregation remains seated. The cantor sings

O praise the Lord of heaven * praise him in the height.
Praise him, all ye angels of his * praise him, all his host.
Praise him, sun and moon * praise him, all ye stars and light.
Praise him, all ye heavens * and ye waters that are above the heavens.
Let them praise the Name of the Lord * for he spake the word, and they were made; he commanded, and they were created.

He hath made them fast for ever and ever * he hath given them a law which shall not be broken.

Praise the Lord upon earth * ye dragons, and all deeps;
Fire and hail, snow and vapours * wind and storm, fulfilling his word;
Mountains and all hills * fruitful trees and all cedars;
Beasts and all cattle * worms and feathered fowls;
Kings of the earth and all people * princes and all judges of the world;
Young men and maidens, old men and children, praise the Name of the Lord * for his Name only is excellent, and his praise above heaven and earth.

He shall exalt the horn of his people; all his saints shall praise him * even the children of Israel, even the people that serveth him.

Gospel Acclamation

The congregation stands.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we have seen his glory.

cf John 1.14

Alleluia

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:15-21

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.

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

The congregation sits

Sermon

The Very Revd Jonathan Greener - *Dean*

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

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9.6

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 cantor sings

O little one sweet, O little one mild,
thy Father's purpose thou hast fulfilled;
thou cam'st from heaven to mortal ken,
equal to be with us poor men,
O little one sweet, O little one mild.

O little one sweet, O little one mild,
with joy thou hast the whole world filled;
thou camest here from heaven's domain,
to bring men comfort in their pain,
O little one sweet, O little one mild.

O little one sweet, O little one mild,
in thee love's beauties are all distilled;
then light in us thy love's bright flame,
that we may give thee back the same,
O little one sweet, O little one mild.

*Words: German, S. Scheidt (1650)
Tr Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)
Tune: O Jesulein Süß*

Prayer over the gifts

The congregation stands. The president says

Word made flesh, life of the world,
in your incarnation you embraced our poverty:
by your Spirit may we share in your riches.

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.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty creator, ever-living God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who for love of our fallen race humbled himself,
and was born of the Virgin Mary
by the power of your Spirit,
and lived as one of us.

In this mystery of the Word made flesh
you have caused his light to shine in our hearts,
to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
In him we see our God made visible
and so are caught up in the love of the God we cannot see.
Therefore with all the angels of heaven
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

The cantor 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 cantor sings

Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

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

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

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

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

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

Organ music is played.

Prayers after Communion

The congregation stands

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home:
help your Church to live as one family,
united in love and obedience,
and bring us all at last to our home in heaven;
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, who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly,
fill you with peace and goodwill
and make you partakers of the divine nature;
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

Please wait in your seat until directed to leave.



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Sunday 27

0800	Holy Communion <i>BCP p61 for Collect, Epistle and Gospel</i>	Online
0900	Morning Prayer <i>CW</i>	Zoom
1000	Sung Eucharist <i>CW Order 1 (Cantor and Organ)</i>	Nave
1700	Evening Prayer <i>BCP</i>	Zoom
1800	Sundays@6	Nave

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Monday 28

0900	Morning Prayer <i>CW</i>	Zoom
1315	The Eucharist <i>CW</i>	Lady Chapel
1700	Evening Prayer <i>BCP</i>	Zoom

The Holy Innocents

Tuesday 29

0900	Morning Prayer <i>CW</i>	Zoom
1315	The Eucharist <i>CW Order 1</i>	Lady Chapel
1700	Evening Prayer <i>BCP</i>	Zoom

Thomas Becket, archbishop, martyr, 1170

Wednesday 30

0900	Morning Prayer <i>CW</i>	Zoom
1315	The Eucharist <i>CW Order 1</i>	Lady Chapel
1700	Evening Prayer <i>BCP</i>	Zoom

Morning prayer via Zoom www.zoom.us

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Password: 025062

Tel. 0203 051 2874

Evening prayer via Zoom www.zoom.us

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The Very Revd Jonathan Greener – *Dean*

The Revd Canon James Mustard – *Precentor*

27 December - 3 January 2021

Thursday 31

0900	Morning Prayer CW	Zoom
1315	The Eucharist CW Order 1	Lady Chapel
1700	Evening Prayer BCP	Zoom

Friday 1 January 2021

0900	Morning Prayer CW	Zoom
1315	The Eucharist CW Order 1	Lady Chapel
1700	Evening Prayer BCP	Zoom

The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzus, bishops,
teachers, 379 and 389

		Zoom
		Lady Chapel
		Zoom

Saturday 2

0900	Morning Prayer CW	Zoom
1315	The Eucharist CW Order 1	Lady Chapel
1700	Evening Prayer BCP	Zoom

Sunday 3

0800	Holy Communion BCP p65 for Collect, Epistle and Gospel	Nave
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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Booking is essential

Notices

Readings next Sunday (3 January, 1000 Sung Eucharist, The Epiphany):

Ephesians 3.1-12, Psalm 72.[1-9]10-15, Matthew 2.1-12

Preachers next Sunday 3 January:

0800: The Revd Canon Ian Morter - *Priest Vicar*

1000: The Revd Canon Cate Edmonds - *Canon Steward*

1800: The Revd Phil Wales - *Assistant Curate*

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, Barbara Parry, 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.

Informal recital given by David Webb (tenor): Sunday 24 January 2021 after 1600 Choral Evensong. This recital is one of a few places David will be performing his 'Winterreise' recital as part of a Mental Health Charity Fundraiser. The money raised at these recitals will be split between MIND and Music Minds Matter.

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