



Exeter
Cathedral

Choral Evensong

Sunday 17 January 2021
4pm

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



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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 to this online service.

Ministers

President and Preacher:
The Revd Canon James Mustard - *Canon Precentor*

Offertory

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The Preces and Responses are sung to the setting by Michael Walsh.

The Cathedral's Consort, its professional adult singers, will be singing at this act of worship.

The Consort stands and sings

V. O Lord, open thou our lips.

R. *And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.*

V. O God, make speed to save us.

R. *O Lord, make haste to help us.*

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.

R. *As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.*

V. Praise ye the Lord.

R. *The Lord's Name be praised.*

Welcome

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Psalm 96

Cantate Domino

The Consort sings

O sing unto the Lord a new song: sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.

² Sing unto the Lord, and praise his Name: be telling of his salvation from day to day.

³ Declare his honour unto the heathen: and his wonders unto all people.

⁴ For the Lord is great, and cannot worthily be praised: he is more to be feared than all gods.

⁵ As for all the gods of the heathen, they are but idols: but it is the Lord that made the heavens.

⁶ Glory and worship are before him: power and honour are in his sanctuary.

⁷ Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people: ascribe unto the Lord worship and power.

⁸ Ascribe unto the Lord the honour due unto his Name: bring presents, and come into his courts.

⁹ O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

¹⁰ Tell it out among the heathen that the Lord is King:
and that it is he who hath made the round world so fast that it cannot be moved; and how that he shall judge the people righteously.

¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad:
let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is.

¹² Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it: then shall all the trees of
the wood rejoice before the Lord.

¹³ For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth:
and with righteousness to judge the world, and the people with his
truth.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.

The Consort sits.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 60:9-end

Here begins the ninth verse of the sixtieth Chapter of the book of the
prophet Isaiah.

For the coastlands shall wait for me,
the ships of Tarshish first,
to bring your children from far away,
their silver and gold with them,
for the name of the Lord your God,
and for the Holy One of Israel,
because he has glorified you.

Foreigners shall build up your walls,
and their kings shall minister to you;
for in my wrath I struck you down,
but in my favour I have had mercy on you.

Your gates shall always be open;
day and night they shall not be shut,
so that nations shall bring you their wealth,
with their kings led in procession.

For the nation and kingdom
that will not serve you shall perish;
those nations shall be utterly laid waste.

The glory of Lebanon shall come to you,
the cypress, the plane, and the pine,
to beautify the place of my sanctuary;
and I will glorify where my feet rest.

The descendants of those who oppressed you
shall come bending low to you,

and all who despised you
shall bow down at your feet;
they shall call you the City of the Lord,
the Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
Whereas you have been forsaken and hated,
with no one passing through,
I will make you majestic for ever,
a joy from age to age.
You shall suck the milk of nations,
you shall suck the breasts of kings;
and you shall know that I, the Lord, am your Saviour
and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.
Instead of bronze I will bring gold,
instead of iron I will bring silver;
instead of wood, bronze,
instead of stones, iron.
I will appoint Peace as your overseer
and Righteousness as your taskmaster.
Violence shall no more be heard in your land,
devastation or destruction within your borders;
you shall call your walls Salvation,
and your gates Praise.
The sun shall no longer be
your light by day,
nor for brightness shall the moon
give light to you by night;*
but the Lord will be your everlasting light,
and your God will be your glory.
Your sun shall no more go down,
or your moon withdraw itself;
for the Lord will be your everlasting light,
and your days of mourning shall be ended.
Your people shall all be righteous;
they shall possess the land for ever.
They are the shoot that I planted, the work of my hands,
so that I might be glorified.
The least of them shall become a clan,
and the smallest one a mighty nation;
I am the Lord;
in its time I will accomplish it quickly.

Here ends the first lesson.

Magnificat

The Consort stands and sings

My soul doth magnify the Lord :
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded :
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth :
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me :
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him :
throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm :
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat :
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things :
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel :
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever
shall be : world without end. Amen.

*Setting: Service in G
Composer: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)*

The Consort sits.

The Second Lesson

Hebrews 6:17-7:10

Here begins the seventeenth verse of the sixth Chapter of Paul's letter to the Hebrews.

In the same way, when God desired to show even more clearly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it by an oath, so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God would prove false, we who have taken refuge might be strongly encouraged to seize the hope set before us. We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus, a forerunner on our behalf, has entered, having become a high priest for ever according to the order of Melchizedek.

This 'King Melchizedek of Salem, priest of the Most High God, met Abraham as he was returning from defeating the kings and blessed him'; and to him Abraham apportioned 'one-tenth of everything'. His name, in the first place, means 'king of righteousness'; next he is also king of Salem, that is, 'king of peace'. Without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but resembling the Son of God, he remains a priest for ever. See how great he is! Even Abraham the patriarch gave him a tenth of the spoils. And those descendants of Levi who receive the priestly office have a commandment in the law to collect tithes from the people, that is, from their kindred, though these also are descended from Abraham. But this man, who does not belong to their ancestry, collected tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had received the promises. It is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior. In the one case, tithes are received by those who are mortal; in the other, by one of whom it is testified that he lives. One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, for he was still in the loins of his ancestor when Melchizedek met him.

Here ends the second lesson.

Nunc Dimittis

The Consort stands and sings

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :
according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation;
Which thou hast prepared : before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.

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The Apostles' Creed

The clergy and Consort say

I believe in God
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Consort sings

V. The Lord be with you.
R. *And with thy spirit.*

Let us pray.

*Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

*Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil. Amen.*

- V. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
R. *And grant us thy salvation.*
- V. O Lord, save the Queen.
R. *And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.*
- V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
R. *And make thy chosen people joyful.*
- V. O Lord, save thy people.
R. *And bless thine inheritance.*
- V. Give peace in our time, O Lord.
R. *Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.*
- V. O God, make clean our hearts within us.
R. *And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.*

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and grant us thy peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen.

The Collect for Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that, by thee, we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

The Collect for Aid against all Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Anthem

The Consort remains standing and sings

When Jesus, our Lord, was born in Bethlehem, in the land of Judea;
behold, from the east to the city of Jerusalem there came wise men
and said:

Say, where is he born, the king of Judea? For we have seen his star,
and are come to adore him.

There shall a star from Jacob come forth and a Sceptre from Israel rise
up and dash in pieces princes and nations.

How brightly beams the morning star!
With sudden radiance from afar
With light and comfort glowing!
Thy Word, Jesus, inly feeds us,
Rightly leads us, life bestowing.
Praise, oh praise such love o'erflowing.

*Words: Original German text compiled from biblical sources
by Christian von Bunsen (1791-1860)
Music: Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)*

The Consort sits.

Sermon

The Revd Canon James Mustard - *Canon Precentor*

Prayers

The Revd Canon Ian Morter - *Priest Vicar*

The Consort stands.

Blessing

Final Responses

Edward Naylor

The Consort sing

V. The Lord be with you
R. *and with thy spirit.*

V. The Lord give us his peace
R. *and life eternal, Amen.*

Organ Voluntary

Notices

Sunday Zoom Coffee. We are reinstating a Zoom 'coffee hour' at 1100 for the coming weeks. Do join us online after the Morning Eucharist for to chat, catch up, celebrate and commiserate with each other, and pore over the sermon. Meeting ID: 732 5358 6706 Passcode: 270422

Living in Love and Faith. We're pleased to launch these conversations around sexuality and gender, which we hope will involve many in our cathedral and across the Church of England during 2021. Please read the material in Cathedral Life or News; please get hold of the book (available online from the cathedral shop); and please plan to join us on Zoom on Wednesday 3 February at 1100 or 1900 for an introduction. Meeting ID: 851 5756 1109 Passcode: 983803

Ecumenical Services for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

- 1) The central Exeter group of churches invites you to a Zoom service today (Sunday 17 January) at 1900. Meeting ID: 819 5308 8585 Passcode: 172992
- 2) Exeter Prays Celebration, next Sunday 24 January at 1900. A group of churches covering the whole city, and with a more evangelical flavour. Join at <https://we.tl/t-Tuq4nT2G7U>

Adults looking to prepare for Confirmation. We have a small number of adults who are interested in preparing for Confirmation. If you'd like to join these for Zoom preparation during lockdown and beyond, please contact Canon Chris Palmer – chris.palmer@exeter-cathedral.org.uk. I'm afraid we don't know when a Confirmation service for these will be possible; but things will get easier, and we can be ready – and enjoy the preparation in the meantime. A chance to grow, learn, and explore.

The Cathedral Shop is now online via the Cathedral website

Readings next Sunday (24 January, 1000 Choral Eucharist):

Psalm 128, Revelation 19:6-10; John 2:1-11

Preachers next Sunday 24 January:

0800: The Very Revd Jonathan Greener - *Dean*

1000: The Rt Revd Graham Thompson - *Chair of the Plymouth and Exeter District of the Methodist Church*

1600: The Revd Canon Mike Williams - *Canon Treasurer*

1800: The Revd Canon Ian Morter - *Priest Vicar*

Those who are sick or in need:

Rosemary Joy, John Thompson, Jane Jones, Cilla Dainty, Katherine, Paul Nash, Lesley, Nigel, Simon Turrell, David Risdon, Richard Northcott, Ann Morley, Denise, Barbara Parry, Lucian Nethsingha, David Moss, Jane Mountford, Emily Appleton, Charles Johnson, Illya, Yve Taylor, Elsie Howell, Anthony, Lilian Lovell.

Rest in Peace: Michael Pipe, Kenneth Newell, Jane Sinclair

Worship this week:**Monday to Saturday:**

0900 Morning Prayer - Zoom ID 847 6869 5587 Code 025062

1700 Evening Prayer - Zoom ID 892 3161 5055 Code 017840

Next Sunday:

0800 Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) - Live-stream only

0900 Morning Prayer - Zoom ID 847 6869 5587 Code 025062

1000 The Eucharist with Consort - Live-stream only

1600 Evensong with Consort - Live-stream only

1800 Sundays at 6 - Livestream only

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