



Exeter
Cathedral

Choral Evensong

Sunday 24 January 2021
4pm

THE THIRD 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: The Revd Phil Wales - *Assistant Curate*

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

Offertory

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The Preces and Responses are sung to the setting by John Reading.

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

The Revd Phil Wales - Assistant Curate

Psalm 33

Exultate, justi

The Consort sings

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous *
for it becometh well the just to be thankful.

² Praise the Lord with harp *

sing praises unto him with the lute, and instrument of ten strings.

³ Sing unto the Lord a new song *

sing praises lustily unto him with a good courage.

⁴ For the word of the Lord is true *

and all his works are faithful.

⁵ He loveth righteousness and judgement *

the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

⁶ By the word of the Lord were the heavens made *

and all the hosts of them by the breath of his mouth.

⁷ He gathereth the waters of the sea together, as it were upon an
heap * and layeth up the deep, as in a treasure-house.

⁸ Let all the earth fear the Lord *

stand in awe of him, all ye that dwell in the world.

⁹ For he spake, and it was done * he commanded, and it stood fast.

¹⁰ The Lord bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought *

and maketh the devices of the people to be of none effect, and
casteth out the counsels of princes.

¹¹ The counsel of the Lord shall endure for ever *

and the thoughts of his heart from generation to generation.

¹² Blessed are the people, whose God is the Lord Jehovah *
and blessed are the folk, that he hath chosen to him to be his
inheritance.

¹³ The Lord looked down from heaven, and beheld all the children of
men * from the habitation of his dwelling he considereth all them that
dwell on the earth.

¹⁴ He fashioneth all the hearts of them * and understandeth all their
works.

¹⁵ There is no king that can be saved by the multitude of an host *
neither is any mighty man delivered by much strength.

¹⁶ A horse is counted but a vain thing to save a man *
neither shall he deliver any man by his great strength.

¹⁷ Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him *
and upon them that put their trust in his mercy;

¹⁸ To deliver their soul from death * and to feed them in the time of
dearth.

¹⁹ Our soul hath patiently tarried for the Lord * for he is our help, and
our shield.

²⁰ For our heart shall rejoice in him * because we have hoped in his
holy Name.

²¹ Let thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us *
like as we do put our trust in thee.

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

Jeremiah 3:21-4:2

Here begins the twenty first verse of the third Chapter of the book of
the prophet Jeremiah.

A voice on the bare heights is heard,
the plaintive weeping of Israel's children,
because they have perverted their way,
they have forgotten the Lord their God:
Return, O faithless children,
I will heal your faithlessness.

'Here we come to you;
for you are the Lord our God.

Truly the hills are a delusion,
the orgies on the mountains.

Truly in the Lord our God
is the salvation of Israel.

'But from our youth the shameful thing has devoured all for which our ancestors had laboured, their flocks and their herds, their sons and their daughters. Let us lie down in our shame, and let our dishonour cover us; for we have sinned against the Lord our God, we and our ancestors, from our youth even to this day; and we have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God.'

If you return, O Israel,
says the Lord,

if you return to me,
if you remove your abominations from my presence,
and do not waver,
and if you swear, 'As the Lord lives!'
in truth, in justice, and in uprightness,
then nations shall be blessed by him,
and by him they shall boast.

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 B flat
Composer: Henry Purcell (1659-1695)*

The Consort sits.

The Second Lesson

Titus 2:1-8, 11-14

Here begins the first verse of the second Chapter of Paul's
letter to Titus.

But as for you, teach what is consistent with sound doctrine. Tell the older men to be temperate, serious, prudent, and sound in faith, in love, and in endurance. Likewise, tell the older women to be reverent in behaviour, not to be slanderers or slaves to drink; they are to teach what is good, so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be self-controlled, chaste, good managers of the household, kind, being submissive to their husbands, so that the word of God may not be discredited. Likewise, urge the younger men to be self-controlled. Show yourself in all respects a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, gravity, and sound speech that cannot be censured; then any opponent will be put to shame, having nothing evil to say of us. For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

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.

*Setting: Service in B flat
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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, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; 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

O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles: mercifully grant, that we, which know thee now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of thy glorious Godhead; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Words: The Collect for Epiphany
Music: John Bull (1562-1628)*

The Consort sits.

Sermon

The Revd Canon Mike Williams - *Canon Treasurer*

Prayers

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 be taking part in these Church of England conversations around sexuality and gender, which are important part of discerning God's direction for the church. More information can be found in Cathedral Life or News and on the cathedral website. The book is available from the cathedral shop online. And we warmly invite you to join us on Zoom on Wednesday 3 February at 1100 or 1900 for an introduction. No need to book; just turn up. Meeting ID: 851 5756 1109 Passcode: 983803

Exeter Prays. Ecumenical service today at 1900, with contributions from churches across Exeter. Join us at www.exeterprays.com

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 (31 January, 1000 Choral Eucharist, The Presentation of Christ in the Temple): Hebrews 2:14-end, Psalm 24, Luke 2:22-40

Preachers next Sunday 31 January:

0800: The Ven David Gunn-Johnson - *Priest Vicar*

1000: The Revd Phil Wales - *Assistant Curate*

1600: The Revd Preb Julian Ould - *Priest Vicar*

1800: The Ven David Gunn-Johnson - *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, Jan Taylor, Tom Treloar, Illya, Yve Taylor, Elsie Howell, Anthony, Lilian Lovell.

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

The Treasures of Romania: Monday 20- Wednesday 29 September 2021 Bishop Martin and Elspeth Shaw invite you to join them on a journey of a nation in its traditions and development. From the vibrancy of Bucharest, we will move across the Carpathian Mountains to the famous World Heritage [UNESCO] Bucovina monastery churches. Via Moldavia, we will come to Transylvania, staying at the historic mansion of Szekerland. Our journey will be completed by a visit to a Children's Hospice, cared for by an Orthodox priest. We'll have a daily Eucharist and time to enjoy new as well as deepen friendship. Cost: £1695 [which includes a deposit of £200] If you are interested to receive more information, please contact Bishop Martin: 07801 549615

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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The Cathedral is open for private prayer, Monday to Saturday 1100-1400

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