



Exeter
Cathedral

Choral Evensong

Sunday 31 January 2021
4pm

**THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE
COMMONLY CALLED
THE PURIFICATION OF SAINT MARY THE VIRGIN**



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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 Chris Palmer - *Canon Chancellor*

Offertory

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The Preces and Responses are sung to the setting by Thomas Tomkins.

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 34

Benedicam Domino

The Consort sings

I will always give thanks unto the Lord *his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

² My soul shall make her boast in the Lord * the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

³ O praise the Lord with me * and let us magnify his Name together.

⁴ I sought the Lord, and he heard me * yea, he delivered me out of all my fear.

⁵ They had an eye unto him, and were lightened * and their faces were not ashamed.

⁶ Lo, the poor crieth, and the Lord heareth him * yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles.

⁷ The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him * and delivereth them.

⁸ O taste, and see, how gracious the Lord is * blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

⁹ O fear the Lord, ye that are his saints * for they that fear him lack nothing.

¹⁰ The lions do lack, and suffer hunger * but they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of thing that is good.

¹¹ Come, ye children, and hearken unto me * I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

- ¹² What man is he that lusteth to live * and would fain see good days?
¹³ Keep thy tongue from evil * and thy lips, that they speak no guile.
¹⁴ Eschew evil, and do good * seek peace, and ensue it.
¹⁵ The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous * and his ears are open unto their prayers.
¹⁶ The countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil * to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
¹⁷ The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them * and delivereth them out of all their troubles.
¹⁸ The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart * and will save such as be of an humble spirit.
¹⁹ Great are the troubles of the righteous * but the Lord delivereth him out of all.
²⁰ He keepeth all his bones * so that not one of them is broken.
²¹ But misfortune shall slay the ungodly * and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.
²² The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants * and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.

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

Haggai 2:1-9

Here begins the first verse of the second Chapter from the book of the prophet Haggai.

In the second year of King Darius, in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the prophet Haggai, saying: Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the Lord; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the Lord; work, for I am with you, says the Lord of hosts, according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. For thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come,

and I will fill this house with splendour, says the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts. The latter splendour of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts.

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: Gloucester Service
Composer: Herbert Howells (1892-1983)*

The Consort sits.

The Second Lesson

John 2:18-22

Here begins the eighteenth verse of the second Chapter of the Gospel according to John.

The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?'

But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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 ever living God, we humbly beseech thy Majesty, that, as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in substance of our flesh, so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts, by the same thy Son 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

Videte miraculum matris Domini:
conceptit virgo virilis ignara consortii,
stans onerata nobili onere Maria;
et matrem se laetam cognoscit,
quae se nescit uxorem.
Haec speciosum forma prae filiis hominum
castis concepit visceribus,
et benedicta in aeternum
Deum nobis protulit et hominem.
Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto

*Behold the miracle of the mother of the Lord:
a virgin has conceived though she knows not a man,
Mary, who stands laden with her noble burden;
knowing not that she is a wife,
she rejoices to be a mother.*

*She has conceived in her chaste womb
one who is beautiful beyond the sons of men,
and blessed for ever,
she has brought forth God and man for us.
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.*

*Words: Responsory at Vespers for the Purification
Music: Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)*

The Consort sits.

Sermon

The Revd Canon James Mustard - *Canon Precentor*

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

Master Tallis's Testament - *Herbert Howells*
(1892-1983)

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

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 (7 February, 1000 Choral Eucharist, The Second Sunday before Lent): Colossians 1:15-20; Psalm 104:26-end; John 1:1-14

Preachers next Sunday 7 February:

0800: The Revd Canon Chris Palmer - *Canon Chancellor*

1000: The Revd Canon James Mustard - *Canon Precentor*

1600: The Very Revd Jonathan Greener - *Dean*

1800: The Revd Phil Wales - *Assistant Curate*

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, Emily Appleton, Charles Johnson, Jan Taylor, Tom Treloar, Bill Oliphant, Andy Puleston, David Webster, Illya, Yve Taylor, Elsie Howell, Anthony, Lilian Lovell.

Rest in Peace: Kenneth Newell, Jane Sinclair, Irene (Pat) Young.

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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