



Choral Eucharist

Sunday 17 January 2021
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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF 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 Canon Ian Morter - *Priest Vicar*

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

Music

Conductor: Timothy Noon - *Director of Music*

Organist: Timothy Parsons - *Assistant Director of Music*

Mass Setting: A Canterbury Mass - *Philip Moore* (b1943)

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

Giving

We rely significantly upon the generosity of our congregations and the people of Devon to sustain the Cathedral's worship and ministry. We are grateful for any donations or gifts in support of the Cathedral.

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The Gathering

Introit

The ministers enter. The Consort stands and sings

When He is King we will give him the King's gifts,
Myrrh for its sweetness, and gold for a crown,
beautiful robes", said the young girl to Joseph
fair with her first-born on Bethlehem Down.

Bethlehem Down is full of the starlight
winds for the spices, and stars for the gold,
Mary for sleep, and for lullaby music
songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

When He is King they will clothe Him in grave-sheets,
Myrrh for embalming, and wood for a crown,
he that lies now in the white arms of Mary
sleeping so lightly on Bethlehem Down.

Here He has peace and a short while for dreaming,
close-huddled oxen to keep Him from cold,
Mary for love, and for lullaby music
songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

*Text: Bruce Blunt (1899-1957)
Music: Peter Warlock (1894-1930)*

The Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.
and also you.

The president introduces the service.

Prayer of Penitence

The grace of God has dawned upon the world
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.
Let us confess our sins.

cf Titus 2.11-14

The Consort 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

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**

Gloria

The Consort stands and sings

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

Let us pray.

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Consort sits.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading

Revelation 5:1-10

A reading from the book of Revelation.

I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.' Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.'

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

Gradual
Psalm 139:1-5, 12-18

The Consort stands and sings

O Lord, thou hast searched me out, and known me:
thou knowest my down-sitting, and mine up-rising;
thou understandest my thoughts long before.

² Thou art about my path, and about my bed: and spiest out all my ways.

³ For lo, there is not a word in my tongue: but thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether.

⁴ Thou hast fashioned me behind and before: and laid thine hand upon me.

⁵ Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me: I cannot attain unto it.

¹² For my reins are thine: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

¹³ I will give thanks unto thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works, and that my soul knoweth right well.

¹⁴ My bones are not hid from thee: though I be made secretly, and fashioned beneath in the earth.

¹⁵ Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect: and in thy book were all my members written;

¹⁶ Which day by day were fashioned: when as yet there was none of them.

¹⁷ How dear are thy counsels unto me, O God: O how great is the sum of them!

¹⁸ If I tell them, they are more in number than the sand: when I wake up I am present with thee.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations
and believed in throughout the world.

Alleluia.

cf 1 Timothy 3.16

Gospel Reading

John 1:43-end

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

The Consort sits

Sermon

The Revd Canon James Mustard - *Canon Precentor*

The Nicene Creed

The Consort stands and says

**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 Consort 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 Consort stands. The president says

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of peace
there shall be no end.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Preparation of the Table

Offertory

During the preparation of the altar, the Consort sings

Hail to the Lord's Anointed!
Great David's greater Son;
Hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free;
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

He comes with succour speedy
to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
were precious in his sight.

Kings shall fall down before him,
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him,
his praise all people sing;
to him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.

O'er every foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest,
from age to age more glorious,
all-blessing and all-blest:
the tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his name shall stand for ever;
that name to us is Love.

*Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854)
Tune: Crüger (J. Crüger 1598-1662)*

Prayer over the gifts

The president says

Gracious God, accept the offering of your Church,
the hearts of your people
joined in praise and thanksgiving,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **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 honour and praise be yours always and everywhere,
mighty creator, ever-living God,
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord:
for at this time we celebrate your glory
made present in our midst.
In the coming of the magi
the King of all the world was revealed to the nations.
In the waters of baptism
Jesus was revealed as the Christ,
the Saviour sent to redeem us.
In the water made wine
the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.
Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.
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 Consort sings:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The president continues:

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 clergy and Consort receive Holy Communion.

Agnus Dei

The Consort sings

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

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

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

Anthem

Little Lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?
Gave thee life, and bid thee feed
by the stream and o'er the mead;
gave thee clothing of delight,
softest clothing, woolly, bright;
gave thee such a tender voice,
making all the vales rejoice?
Little Lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?

Little Lamb, I'll tell thee,
little Lamb, I'll tell thee:
he is called by thy name,
for he calls himself a Lamb.
He is meek, and he is mild;
he became a little child.
I, a child, and thou a lamb,
we are called by his name.
Little Lamb, God bless thee!
Little Lamb, God bless thee!

*Text: William Blake (1757-1827)
Music: John Tavener (1944-2013)*

Prayers after Communion

Let us pray.

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of 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 Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory
and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom;
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

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 Dr 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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