



Exeter
Cathedral

Choral Eucharist

Sunday 24 January 2021

1000

THE THIRD 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 Mike Williams - *Canon Treasurer*

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

Music

Conductor: Timothy Noon - *Director of Music*

Organist: Timothy Parsons - *Assistant Director of Music*

Mass Setting: Missa Brevis - *Lennox Berkeley*
(1903-1989)

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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<https://www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/support-us/how-to-donate/>

The Gathering

Introit

The ministers enter. The Consort stands and sings

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the man that trusteth in him.

Text: Psalm 34: 8

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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 with 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

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.

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.

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

*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.*

*O Lord, the only-begotten Son,
Jesus 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, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God
the Father, have mercy upon us.*

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

The Collect

Let us pray.

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
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 19:6-10

A reading from the book of Revelation.

I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out, 'Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready; to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure'— for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. And the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' And he said to me, 'These are true words of God.' Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, 'You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 128

The Consort stands and sings

Blessed are all they that fear the Lord *
and walk in his ways.

² For thou shalt eat the labours of thine hands *
O well is thee, and happy shalt thou be.

³ Thy wife shall be as the fruitful vine *
upon the walls of thine house.

⁴ Thy children like the olive-branches *
round about thy table.

⁵ Lo, thus shall the man be blessed *
that feareth the Lord.

⁶ The Lord from out of Sion shall so bless thee *
that thou shalt see Jerusalem in prosperity all thy life long.

⁷ Yea, that thou shalt see thy children's children *
and peace upon Israel.

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 2:1-11

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.

There was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it

to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

The Consort sits

Sermon

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

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

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father.

In faith let us pray to God our Father,
his Son Jesus Christ,
and the Holy Spirit.
For the Church of God throughout the world,
let us invoke the Spirit.
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

For the leaders of the nations,
Elizabeth our Queen, and President Biden
of the United States of America
that they may establish and defend justice and peace,
let us pray for the wisdom of God.
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

For those who suffer oppression or violence,
let us invoke the power of the Deliverer.
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

That the churches may discover again their visible unity
in the one baptism which incorporates them in Christ,
let us pray for the love of Christ.
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

That the churches may attain communion
in the Eucharist around one table,
let us pray for the strength of Christ.
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

That the churches may recognize each other's ministries
in the service of their one Lord,
let us pray for the peace of 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

Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesu, Lord, to thee we raise,
manifested by the star
to the sages from afar;
branch of royal David's stem
in thy birth at Bethlehem;
anthems be to thee address,
God in Man made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream,
prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
and at Cana wedding-guest
in thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in power divine,
changing water into wine;
anthems be to thee address,
God in Man made manifest.

Manifest in making whole
palsied limbs and fainting soul;
manifest in valiant fight,
quelling all the devil's might;
manifest in gracious will,
ever bringing good from ill;
anthems be to thee address,
God in Man made manifest.

Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,
mirrored in thy holy word;
may we imitate thee now,
and be pure, as pure art thou;
that we like to thee may be
at thy great Epiphany,
and may praise thee, ever blest,
God in Man made manifest.

Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)
Tune: St Edmund (Charles Steggall 1826-1905)

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.

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

By him, your only Son,
who restored to us peace through the blood of his cross,
you willed to reconcile all creatures.
In him you have led us to the knowledge of your truth,
that bound together by one faith and one baptism
we might become his body.
Through him you have given your Holy Spirit to all peoples
to work marvels by innumerable gifts
and an abundant variety of graces.
Gathering us together in unity,
your Spirit dwells in the hearts of all your children,
filling the whole Church with his presence
and guiding it with wisdom from above.
And so, with steadfast love,
we proclaim your glory
and join with hosts of angels
in their triumphant hymn of praise:

The Consort sings:

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt coeli, et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis. Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>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.</i>
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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 receive Holy Communion.

Agnus Dei

The Consort sings

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.*

Anthem

As Cana's quiet, wondrous guest
drew richest wine from water bless'd;
through trembling vow and thankful song
may glory shine, as hearts respond
to Heaven's theme with love,
earth's antiphon.

*Text: Thomas Allain (b 1969)
Music: Richard Allain (b 1965)*

Prayers after Communion

Let us pray.

Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
may your people,
illumined by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed
to the ends of the earth;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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

May God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
three persons in one God,
inspire you to live as one,
that you may witness to the perfect unity of his love;
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.

The Blessing

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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