

Choral Evensong

Sunday 14 February 2021 4pm

THE SUNDAY CALLED QUINQUAGESIMA THE NEXT SUNDAY BEFORE LENT



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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 Prof Morwenna Ludlow -Canon Theologian Preacher: The Revd Phil Wales - Assistant Curate

Offertory

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The Preces and Responses are sung to the setting by William Smith.

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

Some material included in this service is copyright: © The Archbishops' Council 2000 Some material included in this service is copyright: © The Crown/Cambridge University Press: The Book of Common Prayer (1662) CCL Number 172188 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 Canon Prof Morwenna Ludlow -Canon Theologian

Psalm 2

Quare fremuerunt gentes?

The Consort sings

Why do the heathen so furiously rage together: and why do the people imagine a vain thing?

² The kings of the earth stand up, and the rulers take counsel together: against the Lord, and against his Anointed.

³ Let us break their bonds asunder: and cast away their cords from us.

⁴ He that dwelleth in heaven shall laugh them to scorn: the Lord shall have them in derision.

⁵ Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath: and vex them in his sore displeasure.

⁶ Yet have I set my King: upon my holy hill of Sion.

⁷ I will preach the law, whereof the Lord hath said unto me: Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.

⁸ Desire of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance: and the utmost parts of the earth for thy possession.

⁹ Thou shalt bruise them with a rod of iron: and break them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

¹⁰ Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be learned, ye that are judges of the earth.

¹¹Serve the Lord in fear: and rejoice unto him with reverence.

¹² Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and so ye perish from the right way * if his wrath be kindled, (yea, but a little,) blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

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

1 Kings 19:1-16

Here begins the first verse of the nineteenth Chapter of the first book of Kings.

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, 'So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.' Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: 'It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, 'Get up and eat.' He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, 'Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.' He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'

He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' Then the Lord said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

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 minor

Composer: Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

The Consort sits.

The Second Lesson

2 Peter 1:16-end

Here begins the sixteenth verse of the first Chapter of the second letter of Peter.

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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 G minor Composer: Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

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

O Lord, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth: send thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee: grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. *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, thou art my God: early will I seek thee. My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh also longeth after thee: in a barren and dry land where no water is. Thus have I looked for thee in holiness: that I might behold thy power and glory. For thy loving-kindness is better than life itself: my lips shall praise thee. As long as I live will I magnify thee on this manner: and lift up my hands in thy Name. Because thou hast been my helper: therefore under the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice. Hallelujah.

> Words: Psalm 63:1-5, 8 Music: Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

The Consort sits.

Sermon

The Revd Phil Wales - Assistant Curate

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

Voluntary in C - John Blow (1649-1708)

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 had over 120 people at our two plenary sessions on Wednesday to discover more of our conversations around sexuality, gender, and identity. So what are the next steps?

1) We're creating an email list for people who want to keep in touch with LLF at the cathedral. Please email pastoral.care@exeter-cathedral.org.uk if you'd like to be added to this list. We won't spam you, and will blind copy all emails.

2) We plan opportunities for conversations during Lent, Summer, and Autumn – 5 sessions, using published material. Information on times and facilitators for the first round will be available early this week, and bookings will open in the middle of the week. Information will be emailed to those who've joined the email list, and bookings via the same email address. But for many people, this will be a conversation for later in the year – and hopefully face to face by the autumn – so do look out for chances to join over the coming months.

The Cathedral Shop is now online via the Cathedral website

Readings next Sunday (21 February, 1000 Choral Eucharist, The First Sunday

of Lent): Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-9; Mark 1:9-15

Preachers next Sunday 21 February:

0800: The Revd Canon James Mustard - Canon Precentor 1000: The Revd Canon Cate Edmonds - Canon Steward 1600: The Revd Canon Prof Morwenna Ludlow - Canon Theologian 1800: The Revd Canon James Mustard - Canon Precentor

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, Denise, Barbara Parry, David Moss, Emily Appleton, Charles Johnson, Tom Treloar, Bill Oliphant, Andy Puleston, David Webster, Sylvia Ackland, William, Jacqueline Cooke, Sue Williams, Joy, Maggie Faulkner, Pam and her family, Illya, Yve Taylor, Elsie Howell, Anthony, Lilian Lovell.

Rest in Peace: Irene (Pat) Young, Jan Taylor, Captain Sir Tom Moore, Lucian Nethsingha.

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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