



Exeter
Cathedral

Choral Evensong

Sunday 7 March 2021
4pm

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN 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.

Minister

Officiant and Preacher: The Very Revd Jonathan Greener - *Dean*

Offertory

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The Preces and Responses are sung to the setting by Thomas Morley (1557-1602).

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

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Psalm 11

In Domino confide

The Consort sings

In the Lord put I my trust: how say ye then to my soul, that she should flee as a bird unto the hill?

² For lo, the ungodly bend their bow, and make ready their arrows within the quiver: that they may privily shoot at them which are true of heart.

³ For the foundations will be cast down: and what hath the righteous done?

⁴ The Lord is in his holy temple: the Lord's seat is in heaven.

⁵ His eyes consider the poor: and his eye-lids try the children of men.

⁶ The Lord alloweth the righteous: but the ungodly, and him that delighteth in wickedness doth his soul abhor.

⁷ Upon the ungodly he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, storm and tempest: this shall be their portion to drink.

⁸ For the righteous Lord loveth righteousness: his countenance will behold the thing that is just.

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.

Psalm 12
Salvum me fac

Help me, Lord, for there is not one godly man left:
for the faithful are minished from among the children of men.
² They talk of vanity every one with his neighbour: they do but flatter
with their lips, and dissemble in their double heart.
³ The Lord shall root out all deceitful lips: and the tongue that
speaketh proud things;
⁴ Which have said, With our tongue will we prevail: we are they that
ought to speak, who is lord over us?
⁵ Now for the comfortless troubles' sake of the needy: and because of
the deep sighing of the poor,
⁶ I will up, saith the Lord: and will help every one from him that
swelleth against him, and will set him at rest.
⁷ The words of the Lord are pure words: even as the silver, which from
the earth is tried, and purified seven times in the fire.
⁸ Thou shalt keep them, O Lord: thou shalt preserve him from this
generation for ever.
⁹ The ungodly walk on every side: when they are exalted, the children
of men are put to rebuke.

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
Exodus 5:1-6-1

Here begins the first verse of the fifth Chapter of the book of Exodus.

Afterwards Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said, 'Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, "Let my people go, so that they may celebrate a festival to me in the wilderness."' But Pharaoh said, 'Who is the Lord, that I should heed him and let Israel go? I do not know the Lord, and I will not let Israel go.' Then they said, 'The God of the Hebrews has revealed himself to us; let us go a three days' journey into the wilderness to sacrifice to the Lord our God, or he will fall upon us with pestilence or sword.' But the king of Egypt said to them, 'Moses and Aaron, why are you taking the people away from their work? Get to your labours!' Pharaoh continued, 'Now they are more numerous than the people of the land and yet you want them to stop working!' That

same day Pharaoh commanded the taskmasters of the people, as well as their supervisors, 'You shall no longer give the people straw to make bricks, as before; let them go and gather straw for themselves. But you shall require of them the same quantity of bricks as they have made previously; do not diminish it, for they are lazy; that is why they cry, "Let us go and offer sacrifice to our God." Let heavier work be laid on them; then they will labour at it and pay no attention to deceptive words.' So the taskmasters and the supervisors of the people went out and said to the people, 'Thus says Pharaoh, "I will not give you straw. Go and get straw yourselves, wherever you can find it; but your work will not be lessened in the least."' So the people scattered throughout the land of Egypt, to gather stubble for straw. The taskmasters were urgent, saying, 'Complete your work, the same daily assignment as when you were given straw.' And the supervisors of the Israelites, whom Pharaoh's taskmasters had set over them, were beaten, and were asked, 'Why did you not finish the required quantity of bricks yesterday and today, as you did before?'

Then the Israelite supervisors came to Pharaoh and cried, 'Why do you treat your servants like this? No straw is given to your servants, yet they say to us, "Make bricks!" Look how your servants are beaten! You are unjust to your own people.*' He said, 'You are lazy, lazy; that is why you say, "Let us go and sacrifice to the Lord." Go now, and work; for no straw shall be given you, but you shall still deliver the same number of bricks.' The Israelite supervisors saw that they were in trouble when they were told, 'You shall not lessen your daily number of bricks.' As they left Pharaoh, they came upon Moses and Aaron who were waiting to meet them. They said to them, 'The Lord look upon you and judge! You have brought us into bad odour with Pharaoh and his officials, and have put a sword in their hand to kill us.'

Then Moses turned again to the LORD and said, 'O Lord, why have you mistreated this people? Why did you ever send me? Since I first came to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has mistreated this people, and you have done nothing at all to deliver your people.'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh: Indeed, by a mighty hand he will let them go; by a mighty hand he will drive them out of his land.'

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: The First Service
Composer: Thomas Morley (1557-1602)*

The Consort sits.

The Second Lesson Philippians 3:4b-14

Here begins the fourth verse of the third Chapter of St Paul's letter to the Philippians.

Even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in

him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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: The First Service

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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

We beseech thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty, to be our defence against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Collect for Ash Wednesday

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness 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

Jehova, quam multi sunt hostes mei,
quam multi insurgunt contra me.
Quam multi dicunt de anima mea,
"Non est ulla salus isti in Deo plane".
At tu, Jehova, clypeus es circa me;
gloria mea, et extollens caput meum.
Voce mea ad Jehovam clamanti,
respondit mihi e monte sanctitatis suae maxime.
Ego cubui et dormivi, ego expergefeci me,
quia Jehova sustentat me.
Non timebo a myriadibus populi
quas circum disposuerint metatores contra me.
Surge, surge, Jehova, fac salvum me, Deus mi,
qui percussisti omnes inimicos meos maxillam,
dentes improborum confregisti.
Jehova est salus : super populum tuum
sit benedictio tua maxime.

*Lord, how are they increased that trouble me :
many are they that rise against me.
Many one there be that say of my soul :
There is no help for him in his God.
But thou, O Lord, art my defender :
thou art my worship, and lifter up of my head.
I did call upon the Lord with my voice :
and he heard me out of his holy hill.
I laid me down and slept, and rose up again :
for the Lord sustained me.
I will not be afraid for ten thousands of the people :
that have set themselves against me round about.
Up, Lord, and help me, O my God :
for thou smitest all mine enemies upon the cheekbone;
thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.
Salvation belongeth unto the Lord :
and thy blessing is upon thy people.*

Text: Psalm 3

Music: Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

The Consort sits.

Sermon

The Very Revd Jonathan Greener - *Dean*

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

A Fantasy – *Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656)*

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

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Public Worship: The Cathedral will be open for Public Worship on Wednesday at 1315 (Said Eucharist). On Sundays at 0800 (BCP Holy Communion) and at 1215 (Sung Eucharist with cantor). Please book tickets in advance for the Sunday 1215 Eucharist through the Cathedral website on the preceding Tuesday.

Readings next Sunday (14 March, 1000 Choral Eucharist, The Fourth Sunday of Lent/Mothering Sunday): Exodus 2:1-10; John19:25b-27

Preachers next Sunday 14 March: (The Fourth Sunday of Lent/Mothering Sunday)

0800: The Revd Canon Chris Palmer - *Canon Chancellor*
1000 and 1215; The Revd Canon Morwenna Ludlow - *Canon Theologian*
1600: The Revd Canon James Mustard - *Canon Precentor*
1800: The Revd Canon Cate Edmonds - *Canon Steward*

Those to be baptised this Sunday (7 March) in York

Thomas Loughlan

Those who are sick or in need:

Rosemary Joy, Jane Jones, Cilla Dainty, Katherine, Paul Nash, Lesley, Nigel, Simon Turrell, David Risdon, Richard Northcott, David Moss, Tom Treloar, David Webster, Jacqueline Cooke, Sue Williams, Joy, Maggie Faulkner, Pam and her family, Sue, HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, Dick Smethurst, Keith Mitchell, Richard & Gael Clough, Illya, Yve Taylor, Elsie Howell, Anthony, Lilian Lovell, Emily Appleton

Please pray for all those recently bereaved: Judith, Vivien, Katherine, Fiona Thompson and her family

Rest in Peace: Lucian Nethsingha, Chati Mancilla, Sylvia Ackland, Chris Knott, Maureen Jones, Tommy Dann, Bex Lewis, Tony Moore, Richard Shephard, Sr Mary Joseph, Eve Nottage, John Thompson, Bill Oliphant.

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

Wednesday only:

1315 Said Eucharist

Next Sunday:

0800 Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
0900 Morning Prayer - Zoom ID 847 6869 5587 Code 025062
1000 The Eucharist with Consort - Live-stream only
1215 Sung Eucharist with Cantor - *Please book tickets in advance through the Cathedral website.*
1600 Evensong with Consort - Live-stream only
1800 Sundays at 6 - Livestream only

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