



Exeter
Cathedral

Choral Evensong

Sunday 14 March 2021
4pm

THE FOURTH 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 Revd Canon Chris Palmer
Canon Chancellor

Offertory

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The Preces and Responses are sung to the setting by *Humphrey Clucas* (b1941)

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 13

Usque quo, Domine?

The Consort sings

How long wilt thou forget me, O Lord, for ever: how long wilt thou hide thy face from me?

² How long shall I seek counsel in my soul, and be so vexed in my heart: how long shall mine enemies triumph over me?

³ Consider, and hear me, O Lord my God: lighten mine eyes, that I sleep not in death.

⁴ Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him: for if I be cast down, they that trouble me will rejoice at it.

⁵ But my trust is in thy mercy: and my heart is joyful in thy salvation.

⁶ I will sing of the Lord, because he hath dealt so lovingly with me: yea, I will praise the Name of the Lord most Highest.

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 6:2-13

Here begins the second verse of the sixth Chapter of the book of Exodus.

God also spoke to Moses and said to him: 'I am the Lord. I appeared to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as God Almighty, but by my name "The Lord" I did not make myself known to them. I also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land in which they resided as aliens. I have also heard the groaning of the Israelites, whom the Egyptians are holding as slaves, and I have remembered my covenant. Say therefore to the Israelites, "I am the Lord, and I will free you from the burdens of the Egyptians and deliver you from slavery to them. I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgement. I will take you as my people, and I will be your God. You shall know that I am the Lord your God, who has freed you from the burdens of the Egyptians. I will bring you into the land that I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; I will give it to you for a possession. I am the Lord." ' Moses told this to the Israelites; but they would not listen to Moses, because of their broken spirit and their cruel slavery.

Then the Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go and tell Pharaoh king of Egypt to let the Israelites go out of his land.' But Moses spoke to the Lord, 'The Israelites have not listened to me; how then shall Pharaoh listen to me, poor speaker that I am?' Thus the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, and gave them orders regarding the Israelites and Pharaoh king of Egypt, charging them to free the Israelites from the land of Egypt.

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: Fauxbourdon
Composer: Jeremy Woodside*

The Consort sits.

The Second Lesson

Romans 5:1-11

Here begins the first verse of the fifth Chapter of St Paul's letter to the Romans.

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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: Fauxbourdon
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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

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. 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

Ave, maris stella,
Dei mater alma,
atque semper virgo,
felix cœli porta.

Sumens illud «Ave»
Gabrielis ore,
funda nos in pace,
mutans Evæ nomen.

Solve vincla reis,
profer lumen cæcis,
mala nostra pelle,
bona cuncta posce.

Monstra te esse matrem,
sumat per te precem
qui pro nobis natus
tulit esse tuus.

Virgo singularis,
inter omnes mitis,
nos culpis solutos
mites fac et castos.

Vitam præsta puram,
iter para tutum,
ut videntes Jesum
semper collætetur.

Sit laus Deo Patri,
summo Christo decus,
Spiritui Sancto
tribus honor unus. Amen.

*Hail, star of the sea,
Nurturing Mother of God,
And ever Virgin
Happy gate of Heaven*

*Receiving that "Ave"
From the mouth of Gabriel,
Establish us in peace,
Transforming the name of "Eva"*

*Loosen the chains of the guilty,
Send forth light to the blind,
Our evil do thou dispel,
Entreat (for us) all good things.*

*Show thyself to be a Mother:
Through thee may he receive prayer
Who, being born for us,
Undertook to be thine own.*

*O unique Virgin,
Meek above all others,
Make us, set free from our sins,
Meek and chaste.*

*Bestow a pure life,
Prepare a safe way:
That seeing Jesus,
We may ever rejoice.*

*Praise be to God the Father,
To the Most High Christ (be) glory,
To the Holy Spirit
(Be) honour, to the Three equally. Amen.*

*Text: Vesper Hymn, 9th Century
Music: Claudio Monteverdi (1567-1643)*

The Consort sits.

Sermon

The Revd Canon Chris Palmer - *Canon Chancellor*

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

Prière à Notre Dame – Lèon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

Notices

Readings next Sunday (21 March, 1600 Choral Evensong):

Exodus 7:8-24; Romans 5:12-end, Psalm 34

Preachers next Sunday 21 March: (The Fifth Sunday of Lent/Passion Sunday)

0800: The Ven David Gunn-Johnson - *Priest Vicar*

1000 and 1215: The Very Revd Jonathan Greener - *Dean*

1600: The Revd Canon James Mustard - *Canon Precentor*

1800: The Revd Canon Morwenna Ludlow - *Canon Theologian*

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, David Webster, Jacqueline Cooke, Sue Williams, Joy, Pam and her family, Sue, Dick Smethurst, Keith Mitchell, Richard & Gael Clough, Harry Guest, Maureen Clark HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, Yve Taylor, Elsie Howell, Anthony, Lilian Lovell, Emily Appleton.

Please pray for all those recently bereaved: Fiona Thompson and her family, Anne and her family.

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

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

Resurrection Now! with Bishop Rowan Williams. Sunday 11 April, 1800 on Zoom. We are delighted that former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, has accepted our invitation to join us for Holy Ground on the Second Sunday of Easter. This online gathering will be a chance to allow the Easter message of new life to take root in our own lives. The evening will include worship, Rowan's talk, conversation in groups, and Q&A. Please book for this event at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/exetercathedral/holy-ground-resurrection-now-with-rt-revd-rowan-williams/e-prgoka>. The Zoom link will be included in your booking confirmation.

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. Tickets available from 1600 on the preceding Tuesday.*

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, including a Said Eucharist on Wednesday at 1315.

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