



Exeter
Cathedral

Choral Evensong

Sunday 21 March 2021
4pm

THE FIFTH 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 James Mustard -
Canon Precentor

Offertory

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The Preces and Responses are sung to the setting by *Philip Radcliffe*
(1905-1986)

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 34

Benedicam Domino

The Consort sings

I will always give thanks unto the Lord: his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

² My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

³ O praise the Lord with me: and let us magnify his Name together.

⁴ I sought the Lord, and he heard me: yea, he delivered me out of all my fear.

⁵ They had an eye unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.

⁶ Lo, the poor crieth, and the Lord heareth him: yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles.

⁷ The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him: and delivereth them.

⁸ O taste, and see, how gracious the Lord is: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

⁹ O fear the Lord, ye that are his saints: for they that fear him lack nothing.

¹⁰ The lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of thing that is good.

¹¹ Come, ye children, and hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

¹² What man is he that lusteth to live: and would fain see good days?

- ¹³ Keep thy tongue from evil: and thy lips, that they speak no guile.
¹⁴ Eschew evil, and do good: seek peace, and ensue it.
¹⁵ The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous: and his ears are open unto their prayers.
¹⁶ The countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil: to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
¹⁷ The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them: and delivereth them out of all their troubles.
¹⁸ The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart: and will save such as be of an humble spirit.
¹⁹ Great are the troubles of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of all.
²⁰ He keepeth all his bones: so that not one of them is broken.
²¹ But misfortune shall slay the ungodly: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.
²² The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants: and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.

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 7:8-24

Here begins the eighth verse of the seventh Chapter of the book of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'When Pharaoh says to you, "Perform a wonder", then you shall say to Aaron, "Take your staff and throw it down before Pharaoh, and it will become a snake."' So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and did as the Lord had commanded; Aaron threw down his staff before Pharaoh and his officials, and it became a snake. Then Pharaoh summoned the wise men and the sorcerers; and they also, the magicians of Egypt, did the same by their secret arts. Each one threw down his staff, and they became snakes; but Aaron's staff swallowed up theirs. Still Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the Lord had said. Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Pharaoh's heart is hardened; he refuses to let the people go. Go to Pharaoh in the morning, as he is going out to the water; stand by at the river bank to meet him, and take in your hand the staff that was turned into a snake. ¹⁶Say to him, "The Lord, the God of the Hebrews, sent me to you to say, 'Let my people go, so

that they may worship me in the wilderness.’ But until now you have not listened. Thus says the Lord, ‘By this you shall know that I am the Lord.’ See, with the staff that is in my hand I will strike the water that is in the Nile, and it shall be turned to blood. The fish in the river shall die, the river itself shall stink, and the Egyptians shall be unable to drink water from the Nile.”’ The Lord said to Moses, ‘Say to Aaron, “Take your staff and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt - over its rivers, its canals, and its ponds, and all its pools of water - so that they may become blood; and there shall be blood throughout the whole land of Egypt, even in vessels of wood and in vessels of stone.”’ Moses and Aaron did just as the Lord commanded. In the sight of Pharaoh and of his officials he lifted up the staff and struck the water in the river, and all the water in the river was turned into blood, and the fish in the river died. The river stank so that the Egyptians could not drink its water, and there was blood throughout the whole land of Egypt. But the magicians of Egypt did the same by their secret arts; so Pharaoh’s heart remained hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the Lord had said. Pharaoh turned and went into his house, and he did not take even this to heart. And all the Egyptians had to dig along the Nile for water to drink, for they could not drink the water of the river.

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: Second Service
Composer: Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656)*

The Consort sits.

The Second Lesson

Romans 5:12-end

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

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. But law came in, with the result that the trespass multiplied; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, just as sin exercised dominion in death, so grace might also exercise dominion through justification leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

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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, mercifully to look upon thy people; that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; 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

Salvator mundi, salva nos,
qui per crucem et sanguinem redemisti nos,
auxiliare nobis, te deprecamur, Deus noster.

*O Saviour of the world, save us,
who by thy cross and blood hast redeemed us,
help us, we pray thee, O Lord our God.*

*Text: Antiphon for Holy Unction
and the Exultation of the Holy Cross*

Music: John Blow (1649-1708)

The Consort sits.

Sermon

The Revd Canon James Mustard - *Canon Precentor*

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

Méditation (Symphonie 1) – *Charles-Marie Widor*
(1844-1937)

Notices

Readings next Sunday (28 March, 1600 Choral Evensong):

Psalm 69:1-20; Isaiah 5:1-7; Mark 12:1-12

Preachers next Sunday 28 March: (Palm Sunday)

0800: The Revd Canon Ian Morter - *Priest Vicar*
1000 and 1215: The Revd Canon James Mustard - *Canon Precentor*
1600: The Very Revd Jonathan Greener - *Dean*
1800: The Revd Canon Dr Chris Palmer - *Canon Chancellor*

Those who are sick or in need:

Rosemary Joy, Jane Jones, Cilla Dainty, Katherine, Paul Nash, Nigel, Simon Turrell, David Risdon, Richard Northcott, David Moss, David Webster, Sue Williams, Joy, Pam and her family, Sue, Dick Smethurst, Keith Mitchell, Richard & Gael Clough, Harry Guest, Maureen Clark, Tom, Charles Edmonds, Hedley Ringrose, 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: Tommy Dann, Richard Shephard, Sr Mary Joseph, John Thompson, Lesley, Shirley-Ann Williams, Patricia Parkin.

Worship for week commencing Sunday 21 March additional services

Tuesday 23 March: 1730 Legal service (livestreamed over the Cathedral Facebook page)

Thursday 25 March: 1315 Said Eucharist in the Nave for the Feast of the Annunciation.

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:

1315 Said Eucharist

Next Sunday 28 March (Palm 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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