



Exeter  
Cathedral

# Choral Evensong

Sunday 28 March 2021  
4pm

**THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE EASTER**



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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

We rely significantly upon the generosity of our congregations to sustain the Cathedral's worship and ministry.

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

The Preces and Responses are sung to a Plainsong setting.

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**

The Very Revd Jonathan Greener - *Dean*

## **Psalm 69:1-20**

*The Consort sings*

Save me, O God: for the waters are come in, even unto my soul.

<sup>2</sup> I stick fast in the deep mire, where no ground is: I am come into deep waters, so that the floods run over me.

<sup>3</sup> I am weary of crying; my throat is dry: my sight faileth me for waiting so long upon my God.

<sup>4</sup> They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head: they that are mine enemies, and would destroy me guiltless, are mighty.

<sup>5</sup> I paid them the things that I never took: God, thou knowest my simpleness, and my faults are not hid from thee.

<sup>6</sup> Let not them that trust in thee, O Lord God of hosts, be ashamed for my cause: let not those that seek thee be confounded through me, O Lord God of Israel.

<sup>7</sup> And why? for thy sake have I suffered reproof: shame hath covered my face.

<sup>8</sup> I am become a stranger unto my brethren: even an alien unto my mother's children.

<sup>9</sup> For the zeal of thine house hath even eaten me: and the rebukes of them that rebuked thee are fallen upon me.

<sup>10</sup> I wept, and chastened myself with fasting: and that was turned to my reproof.

<sup>11</sup> I put on sackcloth also: and they jested upon me.

<sup>12</sup> They that sit in the gate speak against me: and the drunkards make songs upon me.

<sup>13</sup> But, Lord, I make my prayer unto thee: in an acceptable time.

<sup>14</sup> Hear me, O God, in the multitude of thy mercy: even in the truth of thy salvation.

<sup>15</sup> Take me out of the mire, that I sink not: O let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters.

<sup>16</sup> Let not the water-flood drown me, neither let the deep swallow me up: and let not the pit shut her mouth upon me.

<sup>17</sup> Hear me, O Lord, for thy loving-kindness is comfortable: turn thee unto me according to the multitude of thy mercies.

<sup>18</sup> And hide not thy face from thy servant, for I am in trouble: O haste thee, and hear me.

<sup>19</sup> Draw nigh unto my soul, and save it: O deliver me, because of mine enemies.

<sup>20</sup> Thou hast known my reproof, my shame, and my dishonour \* mine adversaries are all in thy sight.

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**

Isaiah 5:1-7

Here begins the first verse of the fifth Chapter of the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Let me sing for my beloved  
my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard  
on a very fertile hill.

He dug it and cleared it of stones,  
and planted it with choice vines;

he built a watch-tower in the midst of it,  
and hewed out a wine vat in it;

he expected it to yield grapes,  
but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and people of Judah,  
judge between me  
and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard  
that I have not done in it?  
When I expected it to yield grapes,  
why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you  
what I will do to my vineyard.  
I will remove its hedge,  
and it shall be devoured;  
I will break down its wall,  
and it shall be trampled down.  
I will make it a waste;  
it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns;  
I will also command the clouds  
that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts  
is the house of Israel,  
and the people of Judah  
are his pleasant planting;  
he expected justice,  
but saw bloodshed;  
righteousness,  
but heard a cry!

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

*The Consort sits.*

## **The Second Lesson**

Mark 12:1-12

Here begins the first verse of the twelfth Chapter of the Gospel according to Mark.

Then he began to speak to them in parables. 'A man planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a pit for the wine press, and built a watch-tower; then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the season came, he sent a slave to the tenants to collect from them his share of the produce of the vineyard. But they seized him, and beat him, and sent him away empty-handed. And again he sent another slave to them; this one they beat over the head and insulted. Then he sent another, and that one they killed. And so it was with many others; some they beat, and others they killed. He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But those tenants said to one another, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours." So they seized him, killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard. What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others. Have you not read this scripture: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"?' When they realized that he had told this parable against them, they wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowd. So they left him and went away.

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

## **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**

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same 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*

Hosanna to the Son of David.

Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna. Thou that sittest in the highest heavens.

Hosanna in excelsis Deo.

*Text: Matthew 21:9; Luke 19:38*

*Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)*

*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 fancy – William Byrd (1543-1623)*

## **Through the week at Exeter Cathedral**

### **Daily Offices**

Sunday-Saturday on Zoom:

0900: Morning Prayer

1700: Evening Prayer

***From Wednesday 31 March**, the Zoom code and password for all online services of Morning and Evening Prayer will be:*

**Meeting ID: 97282476293**

**Passcode: 7A3kHQ**

**Zoom** services can be joined at [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us)  
or by telephone 020 3481 5240

### **Private Prayer**

The Cathedral is open for private prayer, Monday to Saturday 1100-1400,

### **The Eucharist**

Wednesday at 1315 in the Nave

## **Holy Week and Easter**

### **Monday-Wednesday (29-31 March)**

8.00pm: Organ Prelude, Address by Bishop Jack Nicholls and Compline

- *Online at [www.facebook.com/exetercathedral](http://www.facebook.com/exetercathedral)*

### **Maundy Thursday (1 April)**

#### **10.30am Chrism Eucharist**

- *Online at [www.facebook.com/CofEDevon](http://www.facebook.com/CofEDevon)*

**7.30pm The Liturgy of the Last Supper** followed by the watch until 9.30pm

- *In the Cathedral. Tickets at [www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk](http://www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk)*
- *Also online with choir [www.facebook.com/exetercathedral](http://www.facebook.com/exetercathedral)*

### **Good Friday (2 April)**

#### **2.00pm The Liturgy of Good Friday**

- *In the Cathedral. Tickets at [www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk](http://www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk)*
- *Also online with choir [www.facebook.com/exetercathedral](http://www.facebook.com/exetercathedral)*

#### **7.30pm The Crucifixion by Sir John Stainer**

*sung by the University of Exeter Chapel Choir*

- *Online [www.facebook.com/exeteruniversitychapelchoir](http://www.facebook.com/exeteruniversitychapelchoir)*

### **Easter Day Services (4 April)**

#### **6.00am The First Eucharist of Easter**

#### **8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)**

#### **10am Sung Eucharist & Sermon**

- *In the Cathedral. Tickets at [www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk](http://www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk)*
- *Also online with choir [www.facebook.com/exetercathedral](http://www.facebook.com/exetercathedral)*

#### **11.30am Choral Matins & Sermon**

- *Online with choir [www.facebook.com/exetercathedral](http://www.facebook.com/exetercathedral)*

#### **4.00pm Choral Evensong**

*with farewell to Timothy Parsons (Assistant Director of Music)*

- *Online, live with choir [www.facebook.com/exetercathedral](http://www.facebook.com/exetercathedral)*

#### **6pm Sundays@6 Online**

## Notices

### Readings next Sunday (4 April, 1600 Choral Evensong):

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Luke 24:13-35

### Preachers next Sunday 4 April: (Easter Sunday)

0600: The Revd Preb Julian Ould - *Priest Vicar*

0800: The Revd Canon Morwenna Ludlow - *Canon Theologian*

1000 The Rt Revd Robert Atwell - *Bishop of Exeter*

1800: The Revd Phil Wales - *Assistant Curate*

### Those who are sick or in need:

Rosemary Joy, Jane Jones, Cilla Dainty, Katherine, Paul Nash, Nigel, David Risdon, Richard Northcott, David Moss, David Webster, Sue Williams, Joy, Sue, Dick Smethurst, Keith Mitchell, Richard & Gael Clough, Maureen Clark, Tom, Hedley Ringrose, Baby Harry Hudson.

**Please pray for all those recently bereaved:** Yve Taylor, Elsie Howell, Anthony, Lilian Lovell, Emily Appleton.

**Rest in Peace:** Lesley, Shirley-Ann Williams, Patricia Parkin. Harry Guest, David Rimmer.

### From Chapter and the Cathedral Community Committee

As you may know, Easter Day is the last Sunday at the Cathedral for Tim Parsons in his role as Assistant Director of Music. Chapter and the whole Cathedral Community want to thank Tim for his outstanding contribution to the Cathedral. We hope that as many people as possible will want to contribute to a thank you gift, and will tune in to Evensong on Easter Day, when we shall bid farewell to both Tim and Cressida.

Please send a donation either to the Finance Department, Cathedral Office, 1 The Cloisters, Exeter EX1 1HS, or donate online to

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/SupportExeterCathedral>

If you send a donation by post, please mark the envelope 'Tim Parsons Gift', and make cheques payable to 'The Dean and Chapter of Exeter'. If donating online, please indicate in the space for comment that the payment is for Tim's gift.

## **OUR THIRD CATHEDRAL QUIZ EVENING**

**Saturday 10 April 1845 for 1900 on ZOOM**

As we enter hopefully into the spring and greater freedom to get out and about again, we thought that as a celebration of Easter we would have our third Cathedral Quiz Evening. So we invite any members of the Cathedral Community near or far to join us for an exciting evening. You can gather a team of four who work together (you do this on Zoom without having to be in physical together). Please register your interest with me as soon as possible on [ian.morter@exeter-cathedral.org.uk](mailto:ian.morter@exeter-cathedral.org.uk) giving me your email address.  
Ian Morter – *Priest Vicar*

**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.

**The Cathedrals 'pop up' shop** is set to re-open on Monday 12 April, 1100 – 1400, in the Grandisson Chapel. We look forward to seeing you there.



