



# Choral Evensong

Easter Day 2021  
4.00pm

Setting: Service in B minor  
*Hugh Blair*

*(livestream)*



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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: The Very Revd Jonathan Greener - *Dean*

### **Music**

The Cathedral Choir will be singing at this act of worship.

Director of Music: Timothy Noon

Assistant Director of Music: Timothy Parsons

### **Offertory**

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The Preces and Responses are sung to the setting by *Bernard Rose* (1916-1996)

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## Order of Service

*The Choir 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 66:1-11

*Jubilate Deo*

*The Choir sings*

- O be joyful in God, all ye lands: sing praises unto the honour of his Name, make his praise to be glorious.
- <sup>2</sup> Say unto God, O how wonderful art thou in thy works: through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies be found liars unto thee.
- <sup>3</sup> For all the world shall worship thee: sing of thee and praise thy Name.
- <sup>4</sup> O come hither, and behold the works of God: how wonderful he is in his doing toward the children of men.
- <sup>5</sup> He turned the sea into dry land: so that they went through the water on foot; there did we rejoice thereof.
- <sup>6</sup> He ruleth with his power for ever; his eyes behold the people: and such as will not believe shall not be able to exalt themselves.
- <sup>7</sup> O praise our God, ye people: and make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- <sup>8</sup> Who holdeth our soul in life: and suffereth not our feet to slip.
- <sup>9</sup> For thou, O God, hast proved us: thou also hast tried us, like as silver is tried.
- <sup>10</sup> Thou broughtest us into the snare: and laidest trouble upon our loins.

<sup>11</sup> Thou sufferedst men to ride over our heads: we went through fire and water, and thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.

*All stand.*

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.

*All sit.*

### **The Old Testament Lesson**

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Here begins the first verse of the thirty seventh Chapter of the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.'

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the

land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

Here ends the first lesson.

## **Magnificat**

*All stand as the Choir 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.

*All sit.*

## **The New Testament Lesson**

Luke 24:13-35

Here begins the thirteenth verse of the twenty fourth Chapter of the Gospel according to Luke.

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has

risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Here ends the second lesson.

### **Nunc Dimittis**

*All stand as the Choir 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.

### **The Apostles' Creed**

*All remain standing and 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 Choir sings*

V. The Lord be with you.  
R. *And with thy spirit.*

*All kneel.*

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 God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: we humbly beseech thee, that as by thy special grace preventing us thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

*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.*

*All sit.*

### **The Anthem**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
which according to his abundant mercy  
hath begotten us again unto a lively hope  
by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,  
to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled,  
that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,  
who are kept by the power of God  
through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed at the last time.  
But as he which hath called you is holy,  
so be ye holy in all manner of conversation.  
Pass the time of your sojourning here in fear.  
Love one another with a pure heart fervently.

See that ye love one another.  
Love one another with a pure heart fervently:  
Being born again, not of corruptible seed,  
but of incorruptible, by the word of God.  
For all flesh is as grass,  
and all the glory of man as the flower of grass.  
The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away.  
But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. Amen.

*Text: 1 Peter 1:3–5, 15, 17, 22b, 23a, 24*  
*Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810–1876)*  
*(Organist of this Cathedral, 1835–1841)*

## **Prayers**

*The Choir sits.*

## **Hymn**

*The Choir stands and sings*

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,  
your sweetest notes employ,  
the Paschal victory to hymn  
in strains of holy joy.

How Judah's Lion burst his chains,  
and crushed the serpent's head;  
and brought with him, from death's domains,  
the long-imprisoned dead.

From hell's devouring jaws the prey  
alone our leader bore;  
his ransomed hosts pursue their way  
where he hath gone before.

Triumphant in his glory now  
his sceptre ruleth all,  
earth, heaven, and hell before him bow,  
and at his footstool fall.

While joyful thus his praise we sing,  
his mercy we implore,  
into his palace bright to bring,  
and keep us evermore.

All glory to the Father be,  
all glory to the Son,  
all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,  
while endless ages run. Alleluya! Amen.

*Text: St Fulbert of Chartres d.1028*

*Tr Robert Campbell (1814-1868)*

*Tune: St Fulbert (H.J. Gauntlett 1805-1876)*

## **Farewell to the Assistant Director of Music**

### **The Blessing of Choristers**

*The Bishop*

O come let us sing unto the Lord.

*The choristers*

Let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

*The Bishop*

O God, who inspired king David both to write psalms  
and to appoint singers for worship:  
give grace to the Choristers of this Cathedral Church,  
that with psalms, and hymns, and spiritual songs,  
they may sing and make music to the glory of your name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

May the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Peter,  
St Cecilia and St Nicholas uphold you;  
may the angelic Consorts watch over you  
and support you in your ministry;  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you  
now and always.

**Amen. Thanks be to God!**

## **The Blessing**

*All remain standing. The Bishop says*

V: Our help is in the name of the Lord  
R: **who made heaven and earth.**

V: Blessed be the name of the Lord  
R: **from this time forth and for evermore.**

The God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
that great Shepherd of the sheep,  
through the blood of the eternal covenant  
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,  
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen**

## **Organ Voluntary**

Toccata (Symphonie V) –  
*Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)*

*The Dean and Chapter and the whole community of Exeter Cathedral  
wish you and those whom you love  
a blessed and joyful Easter.*

## **Notices**

### **Preachers next Sunday 11 April: (The Second Sunday of Easter)**

0800: The Revd Canon James Mustard - *Canon Precentor*

1000 The Revd Canon Cate Edmonds - *Canon Steward*

1800: (at Holy Ground): Archbishop Rowan Williams

### **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, Keith Brewer, Susanna Metz, 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.

### **Although we say farewell to Tim and Cressida on Easter Day, it will be possible to contribute to their gift until the end of April**

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.

**Resurrection Now! with Bishop Rowan Williams.** next 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.

**OUR THIRD CATHDRAL 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*

**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.

**Slow Book Group: *Being Disciples: Essentials of Christian Living* by Rowan Williams**

*Being Disciples* is a short, lively and inspiring book which is full of wisdom. A slow book group is being planned for those who wish to study this little gem of Christian teaching together. Meetings will take place on the third Thursday of each month between 1900 and 2030 during May, June and July. We shall devote our time to reviewing what we have read, sharing insights, seeking answers to questions and above all, reflecting on what our learning means for each of us in our daily effort to live out our faith.

Whether you are relatively new to Christian living or seeking refreshment *Being Disciples* is, in many ways, an ideal book to study together. If you would like to sign up for a place or have any questions please email Rev'd Phil Wales, Distinctive Deacon [phil.wales@exeter-cathedral.org.uk](mailto:phil.wales@exeter-cathedral.org.uk)

**From Timothy Parsons, Assistant Director of Music**

*I've spent four-and-a-half years in Exeter - roughly the time that a chorister spends in the cathedral choir. Like a chorister's career, my time here has been relatively short, but packed with excitement, progress, and life-changing experiences.*

*There are a lot of people whom I have to thank for that. I'm eternally grateful to Timothy Noon for offering me the job here back in 2016. His unflinching passion and commitment to what we do has inspired me each and every day, and I couldn't have wished for a better training as I now prepare to become a Director of Music myself. I'm hugely thankful to our Dean and Chapter - and in particular to our expert and effervescent Precentor, James Mustard, who has been such a constant support, especially in this last very challenging year. It's been such a privilege to work with the Cathedral Choir: the two sets of choristers have taught me more than they could imagine, and their delightful good humour has invariably put me in high spirits first thing in the morning! It's also been great to work with our fantastic team of lay vicars and choral scholars, and it's been a blessing to live in the close-knit community of Cloister Garth. I'd like to extend my warmest thanks to the entire congregation and wider cathedral community for welcoming me so warmly to Devon. I feel fortunate that so many people have shown me such kindness and that I've been able to make countless wonderful friends here.*

*Most of all, I want to thank my fiancée Cressida, who is (as I'm sure you can understand) the single biggest reason I'm glad I came to Exeter! She has been part of this community for her whole life, so to leave this city behind is even more of a wrench for her than it is for me. I know that she is one of the treasures of Exeter Cathedral and I promise to look after her! We are both hugely excited to start our new life together in Bury St Edmunds: please do come and say hello if you are in Suffolk. But Exeter is a place which will always be a home to us, and we are so much looking forward to remaining part of the cathedral community in the years to come and to hearing about the various exciting projects that are about to unfold.*

*Although we have twice had to postpone our wedding, we can't wait to get married here in July. So our undying thanks to every one of you, and please stay in touch!*

