



Exeter
Cathedral

Choral Evensong

Tuesday 1 March
5.30pm

St David's Day

with

Vigil and
Prayers for Peace in Ukraine



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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 here.

Ministers

Officiant and Cantor: The Revd Canon James Mustard -
Canon Precentor

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The Preces and Responses are sung to the setting by Andrew Millington, former Organist and Director of Music of this Cathedral Church (b.1952)

From the Bishop of Europe:

Prayers Across Europe for Peace in Ukraine on Tuesday 1 March

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The situation in Ukraine is very deeply troubling. President Putin is leading a completely unjustified and aggressive war against Ukraine, a war which many ordinary Russians deeply deplore. Leaders from many Christian churches, including the Ukrainian Orthodox (Russian Patriarchate) Church have condemned the invasion of Ukraine. Our hearts cry out for justice and peace. We are most especially concerned for the wellbeing of those in Ukraine who are directly affected by the war. This includes particularly the members of our own congregation of Christ Church, Kyiv. The Churchwarden there, Christina, messaged us this morning saying: 'Please pray for us as we are standing here for our land and for our roots. The battle for Kyiv has begun; it is fierce and intensive. Pray for us.'

I am therefore inviting you to gather on Tuesday 1 March at 18:00 gmt/ 19:00 cet/ 20:00 Kyiv/ 21:00 Moscow: 'Prayers across Europe for Peace in Ukraine'. The gathering is timed for the eve of a Day of Prayer called by Pope Francis.

In the face of military action, we can easily feel powerless and fearful. But one thing we can do is pray. We can pray in solidarity with those most affected. We can pray that God will yet overrule in the hearts and minds of those with power and authority. We can pray that the victims will be few and that the innocent will be protected. We can pray that peace will come through justice and not through the infliction of the will of a stronger party on a weaker.

In this prayer gathering, we will be joined by many people from Church of England churches in England. In addition, Archbishop Justin has drawn the event to the attention of Anglican Primates from across the world.

So please share with many people from across Europe and beyond in praying for peace in Ukraine and in our continent.

*Yours in Christ,
+Robert Gibraltar in Europe*

Order of service

The choir 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

Psalm 6

Domine, ne in furore

O Lord, rebuke me not in thine indignation: neither chasten me in thy displeasure.

² Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak :
Lord, heal me, for my bones are vexed.

³ My soul also is sore troubled :
but, Lord, how long wilt thou punish me?

⁴ Turn thee, O Lord, and deliver my soul :
O save me for thy mercy's sake.

⁵ For in death no man remembereth thee :
and who will give thee thanks in the pit?

⁶ I am weary of my groaning; every night wash I my bed :
and water my couch with my tears.

⁷ My beauty is gone for very trouble :
and worn away because of all mine enemies.

⁸ Away from me, all ye that work vanity :
for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping.

⁹ The Lord hath heard my petition : the Lord will receive my prayer.

¹⁰ All mine enemies shall be confounded, and sore vexed :
they shall be turned back, and put to shame suddenly.

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 7

Domine, Deus meus

O Lord my God, in thee have I put my trust :
save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me;
² Lest he devour my soul, like a lion, and tear it in pieces :
while there is none to help.
³ O Lord my God, if I have done any such thing :
or if there be any wickedness in my hands;
⁴ If I have rewarded evil unto him that dealt friendly with me :
yea, I have delivered him that without any cause is mine enemy;
⁵ Then let mine enemy persecute my soul, and take me :
yea, let him tread my life down upon the earth, and lay mine
honour in the dust.
⁶ Stand up, O Lord, in thy wrath, and lift up thyself, because of the
indignation of mine enemies :
arise up for me in the judgement that thou hast commanded.
⁷ And so shall the congregation of the people come about thee :
for their sakes therefore lift up thyself again.
⁸ The Lord shall judge the people; give sentence with me, O Lord :
according to my righteousness, and according to the innocency that
is in me.
⁹ O let the wickedness of the ungodly come to an end :
but guide thou the just.
¹⁰ For the righteous God : trieth the very hearts and reins.
¹¹ My help cometh of God :
who preserveth them that are true of heart.
¹² God is a righteous Judge, strong and patient :
and God is provoked every day.
¹³ If a man will not turn, he will whet his sword :
he hath bent his bow, and made it ready.
¹⁴ He hath prepared for him the instruments of death :
he ordaineth his arrows against the persecutors.
¹⁵ Behold, he travaileth with mischief :
he hath conceived sorrow, and brought forth ungodliness.
¹⁶ He hath graven and digged up a pit :
and is fallen himself into the destruction that he made for other.
¹⁷ For his travail shall come upon his own head :
and his wickedness shall fall on his own pate.

¹⁸ I will give thanks unto the Lord, according to his righteousness :
and I will praise the Name of the Lord most High.

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 8

Domine, Dominus noster

The congregation sits. The choir sings

O Lord our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the world:
thou that has set thy glory above the heavens!

² Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained
strength, because of thine enemies:

that thou mightest still the enemy, and the avenger.

³ For I will consider thy heavens, even the works of thy fingers:
the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained.

⁴ What is man, that thou art mindful of him:
and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

⁵ Thou madest him lower than the angels:
to crown him with glory and worship.

⁶ Thou makest him to have dominion of the works of thy hands:
and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet;

⁷ All sheep and oxen:
yea, and the beasts of the field;

⁸ The fowls of the air, and the fishes of the sea:
and whatsoever walketh through the paths of the seas.

⁹ O Lord our Governor:
how excellent is thy Name in all the world!

The congregation stands.

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 congregation sits.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 11.1-9

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

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

Here ends the First Lesson.

Magnificat

The congregation stands. 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.

*Setting: Service in G
Composer: Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)*

The congregation sits.

The Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 13.5-13

Here begins the fifth verse of the thirteenth Chapter of the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Examine yourselves to see whether you are living in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not realize that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless, indeed, you fail to pass the test! I hope you will find out that we have not failed. But we pray to God that you may not do anything wrong—not that we may appear to have passed the test, but that you may do what is right, though we may seem to have failed. For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth. For we rejoice when we are weak and you are strong. This is what we pray for, that you may become perfect. So I write these things while I am away from you, so that when I come, I may not have to be severe in using the authority that the Lord has given me for building up and not for tearing down.

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Here ends the Second Lesson.

Nunc Dimittis

The congregation stands. 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.

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The Apostles' Creed

The congregation remains standing and says

**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.**

Responses

The choir and minister sing

V. The Lord be with you.

R. *And with thy spirit.*

Let us pray.

The congregation sits or kneels.

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 for the Day

O Lord, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth: Send thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake.
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.

Hymn

The congregation stands.

The Cross and Lights lead the Choir, Clergy and Congregation to the West Doors of the Cathedral.

**O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:**

**Under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.**

**Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.**

**O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home!**

*Author: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)
Tune: St Anne, William Croft (1678-1727)*

Vigil for Ukraine

The Dean says

We stand this night in solidarity with the people of Ukraine, keeping them in our prayers and in our hearts as they face hostile forces sent by the President of the Russian Federation.

We pray for all who are taking up arms in defence of their land. We pray for all who are fearful, all who are bereaved or injured. We pray for all refugees and we pray for those who have been killed.

We pray too for the leaders of nations, for President Zelensky and President Putin, and pray for the work of all peace keepers and mediators.

We gather our prayers for all in Ukraine as we say together

**Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done,
on 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.
For thine is the kingdom
the power and the glory
forever and ever.
Amen.**

Choral Hymn

The choir sings

O for a closer walk with God,
a calm and heavenly frame,
a light to shine upon the road
that leads me to the Lamb!

Where is the blessedness I knew
when first I sought the Lord?
Where is the soul refreshing view
of Jesus and his Word?

What peaceful hours I once enjoyed!
How sweet their memory still!
But they have left an aching void
the world can never fill.

The dearest idol I have known,
whate'er that idol be,
help me to tear it from thy throne
and worship only thee.

So shall my walk be close with God,
calm and serene my frame;
so purer light shall mark the road
that leads me to the Lamb.

Text: William Cowper (1731-1800)

Tune: Caithness (from the Scottish Psalter 1635)

Blessing

The Dean says

The peace of God
which passeth all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord:
And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,
be amongst you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The choir departs

Vigil

*You are invited to remain in the Cathedral
in prayer for peace in Ukraine
Until 7.00pm.*

*If you wish to leave before 7.00pm
please leave quietly.*

At 6.55pm the Dean says

O Lord God Almighty, who from thy throne dost behold all the dwellers upon earth: Look down with pity upon those on whom have fallen the miseries of war. Have compassion on the wounded and dying; comfort the broken-hearted; assuage the madness of the nations; guide our rulers; make war to cease; give peace in our time, O Lord. We ask it in the name of him who is the Prince of Peace, even thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The vigil ends and the clergy and people depart quietly.

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