



Exeter
Cathedral

Choral Eucharist

Sunday 28 January 2024

10.00am

**THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE
TEMPLE (CANDLEMAS)**

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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 Bishops of Exeter, the symbol of their 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.

Epiphany

In the Western churches, the Epiphany ('manifestation') became an occasion to celebrate one element in the story of Christ's birth, the visit of the far-travelled magi, understood as the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. Matthew's account speaks simply of 'wise men from the east'; later tradition fixed their number at three, made them kings and recalled their resonant names – Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. In this perspective, Epiphany tide is an apt season to pray for the worldwide mission of the Church. The feast of the Conversion of St Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, appropriately falls in the Epiphany season, as does the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. In the Eastern churches, the Epiphany is, rather, the celebration of Christ's baptism at the hands of John, when the heavens were opened and a voice from heaven declared Jesus to be God's beloved Son. The miracle of Cana in Galilee, where Jesus 'first manifested his glory', follows immediately.

The season of joyful celebration that begins at Christmas now continues through the successive Sundays of Epiphany, and the festal cycle ends only with the Feast of the Presentation (Candlemas). The child who has been manifested to the magi at his birth is now recognized by Simeon and Anna, when he comes to be presented in the Temple according to the Law of Israel.

He is both ‘a light to lighten the Gentiles’ and ‘the glory of God’s people Israel’. But the redemption he will bring must be won through suffering; the Incarnation is directed to the Passion; and Simeon’s final words move our attention away from the celebration of Christmas and towards the mysteries of Easter.

Ministers

President: The Very Revd Jonathan Greener - *Dean*

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

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

Preacher: The Revd Canon Chris Palmer - *Canon Treasurer*

Music

Mass Setting: The Westminster Mass – *Roxanna Panufnik (b1968)*

Conductor: Timothy Noon - *Director of Music*

Organist: Michael Stephens-Jones - *Assistant Director of Music*

Cloister Club

All children, whether new to the Cathedral, visitors or old friends, are very welcome to join us in Cloister Club. Our Cloister Club leaders all have enhanced DBS checks and will be sitting in the North Nave aisle before the service. Come and join us for fun and music.

Holy Communion

Communion will be offered in two kinds, bread and wine. Please do not dip the host in the wine. Please follow the directions of the sidesmen. Gluten free wafers will be available at all communion stations, if you require a gluten free wafer please indicate this to the clergy. If you wish to receive a blessing only please carry this order of service with you.

Collection and Giving

A collection will be taken during this service. Please remember to use a Gift Aid envelope if you are a UK taxpayer. Also, you may support the work of the Cathedral by donating at the collection boxes and online terminals at the entrance and exit.



Additionally, you may give to the Cathedral via this QR code:

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Organ music before the service

Mit Fried und Freud ich fahr dahin, BWV 616 - *J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

Order of service

The Gathering

Introit

The congregation remains seated. The choir sings

Nunc dimittis servum tuum, Domine, secundum verbum tuum in pace:

Quia viderunt oculi mei salutare tuum

Quod parasti ante faciem omnium populorum:

Lumen ad revelationem gentium, et gloriam plebis tuae Israel.

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto,

Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculorum.

Amen.

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.

Words: Luke, 2:29-32

Music: Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

Hymn

The congregation stands and sings

**Of the Father's heart begotten,
ere the world from chaos rose,
he is Alpha: from that fountain
all that is and hath been flows;
he is Omega, of all things
yet to come the mystic close:
evermore and evermore.**

**2. O how blest that wondrous birthday,
when the Maid the curse retrieved,
brought to birth mankind's salvation,
by the Holy Ghost conceived;
and the Babe, the world's redeemer,
in her loving arms received,
evermore and evermore.**

**3. This is he, whom seer and sibyl
sang in ages long gone by;
this is he of old revealed
in the page of prophecy;
lo! he comes, the promised saviour;
let the world his praises cry:
evermore and evermore.**

**4. Sing, ye heights of heaven, his praises;
angels and archangels, sing!
Wheresoe'er ye be, ye faithful,
let your joyous anthems ring,
every tongue his name confessing,
countless voices answering:
evermore and evermore.**

Words: Latin, Prudentius (348-413)

Tr. R.F. Davis (1866-1937)

Music: Divinum Mysterium, Piae Cantiones

Greeting

The president says:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.
and also with you.

Introduction

The president greets the congregation.

Dear friends, forty days ago we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now we recall the day on which he was presented in the Temple, when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people. As a sign of his coming among us, his mother was purified, as we now come to him for cleansing. In their old age Simeon and Anna recognized him as their Lord, as we today sing of his glory.

In this Eucharist, we celebrate both the joy of his coming and his searching judgement, looking back to the day of his birth and forward to the coming days of his passion.

The Cloister Club leader gathers the children around the banner.

The congregation says

**Come to us, Lord,
as we gather here today.
Live with us, Lord
through our worship and our prayers.
Help us to hear you,
help us to know you
and help us to be with you,
today, and always.
Amen.**

The Cloister Club departs.

Invitation to Confession

The deacon says

Hear the words of our Saviour Jesus Christ:

‘I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me shall never walk in darkness
but shall have the light of life.’

Let us therefore bring our sins into his light
and confess them in penitence and faith.

cf John 8.12

The congregation sits.

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed,
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light.
Amen.**

Absolution

The president says

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria

The congregation stands. The choir sings

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

The Collect

The congregation remains standing as the president invites us to pray

Let us pray that we may know and share the light of Christ.

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The congregation sits.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading

Hebrews 2.14-18

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Hebrews.

Since the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a

sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

The congregation stands and sings

**Faithful vigil ended,
watching, waiting cease;
Master, grant your servant
his discharge in peace.**

**2. All the Spirit promised,
all the Father willed,
now these eyes behold it
perfectly fulfilled.**

**3. This your great deliverance
sets your people free;
Christ their light uplifted
all the nations see.**

**4. Christ, your people's glory!
Watching, doubting cease:
grant to us your servants
our discharge in peace.**

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b 1926)

Tune: Pastor Pastorum, F. Silcher (1789-1860)

Gospel Acclamation

The congregation turns to face the deacon.

The acclamation heralds the Gospel reading.

The choir sings the Alleluia, then all repeat it.



The cantor sings:

This child is the light to enlighten the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.

cf Luke 2.32

All sing the Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:22-40

The deacon says

Today the Lord is presented in the Temple
in substance of our mortal nature.

Alleluia.

Today the Blessed Virgin comes
to be purified in accordance with the law.

Alleluia.

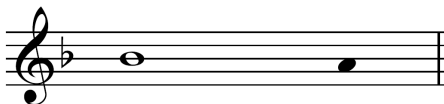
Today old Simeon proclaims Christ
as the light of the nations and the glory of Israel.

Alleluia. Praise to Christ, the light of the world.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

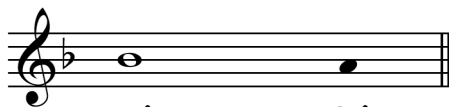
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.



Glory to you, O Lord.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation sits.

Sermon

The Revd Canon Chris Palmer - *Canon Treasurer*

The Nicene Creed

The congregation stands and says

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

The president introduces the Prayers. The congregation sits.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

At the end
Merciful Father;
**Accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The congregation stands. The president says

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high has broken upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1.78,79

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
and also with you.

Preparation of the Table

The altar is prepared. The people's candles are lit and the congregation sings.

**Hail to the Lord who comes,
comes to his temple gate,
not with his angel host,
not in his kingly state:
no shouts proclaim him nigh,
no crowds his coming wait.**

**2. But borne upon the throne
of Mary's gentle breast,
watched by her duteous love,
in her fond arms at rest;
thus to his Father's house
he comes, the heavenly guest.**

**3. There Joseph at her side
in reverent wonder stands;
and, filled with holy joy,
old Simeon in his hands
takes up the promised child,
the glory of all lands.**

**4. Hail to the great First-born,
whose ransom-price they pay,
the Son before all worlds,
the child of man to-day,
that he might ransom us
who still in bondage lay.**

**5. O Light of all the earth,
thy children wait for thee:
Come to thy temples here,
that we, from sin set free,
before thy Father's face
may all presented be.**

Words: Thomas Este's Psalter 1592

Tune: Old 120th (Ravenscroft Psalmes c.1621)

Prayer over the gifts

The congregation remains standing. The president says

Father, in Christ there has sprung up a light for the righteous;
accept the gifts we bring before you
and grant that Christ may shine in us
to the praise and glory of your name.
Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

The president says

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good,
always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ, who is one with you from all eternity.
For on this day he appeared in the Temple
in substance of our flesh
to come near to us in judgement.
He searches the hearts of all your people
and brings to light the image of your splendour.
Your servant Simeon acclaimed him as the light to lighten the nations
while Anna spoke of him to all who looked for your redemption.
Destined for the falling and rising of many,
he was lifted high upon the cross
and a sword of sorrow pierced his mother's heart
when by his sacrifice he made our peace with you.
And now we rejoice and glorify your name
that we, too, have seen your salvation
and join with angels and archangels
in their unending hymn of praise:

The choir sings:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The president continues:

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.
On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.
So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

The deacon says

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Peter and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Believing the promises of God,
let us pray with confidence in the words our Saviour has taught us.

**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 those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

**God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

*The congregation sits and extinguishes their candles. If you wish to receive communion please follow the directions of the sidesmen, joining the appropriate queue and returning to your seats via the side aisles. If you wish to receive a blessing **please hold up this book to indicate that you wish to receive a blessing.** Please do not dip the host in the wine. Gluten Free hosts are available—simply say “Gluten Free.”*

Agnus Dei

The choir sings

Lamb of God
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.

Anthem

The choir sings

Senex puerum portabat, puer autem senem regebat:
quem Virgo peperit, et post partum Virgo permansit,
ipsum quem genuit adoravit.

*The old man carried the boy, but the boy ruled the old man.
Whom the virgin bore, and afterwards remained a virgin,
the very same to whom she gave birth, she worshipped.*

Words: Antiphon of the Purification

Music: William Byrd (1543-1623)

Prayer after Communion

The president says

Let us pray.

The congregation stands.

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,
who lived to welcome the Messiah:
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes
to bring us to eternal life;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen.

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

The congregation sits. Notices are given.

The Dismissal

Blessing

The congregation stands. The president says

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary,
fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Dismissal

The deacon says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Hymn

The congregation remains standing and sings

**Christ whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
sun of Righteousness, arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night;
dayspring from on high, be near;
daystar, in my heart appear.**

**2. Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see;
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.**

**3. Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiancy divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.**

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Tune: Ratisbon, W.H. Havergal (1793-1870)

Organ Voluntary

Lumen ad revelationem gentium - Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

The congregation sits and is invited to listen to the organ voluntary.

Tea and coffee are served in the South Transept following the service. All are welcome.

For your prayers

Those who are sick or in need:

King Charles III, HRH Katherine Princess of Wales, Peter Johnson,
Joy Jones, Illya Nastase, Philip Richardson, John Marshman, Barbara Stafford,
Jeremy, Tom, Jonathan Bush, Paul Edmonds, Kate de Brett

Rest in peace: Audrey Evelyn Dickinson, Jenny Savill-James, Hilary Elliott,
Maggi Faulkner, Barbara Cawley, Margaret Whiting, Wilf Reynolds.

Anniversaries of Death: Michael Prince

Pray for the Crown Nominations Commission in its role of appointing the
next Bishop of Exeter.

Loving and gracious God...

We pray for the appointment of our new Bishop, that you will give us a
shepherd after your own heart.

Give wisdom and discernment to all involved in making the appointment.

May those who offer themselves receive grace and peace as they seek your will.

May we, your children, be faithful in prayer, living out our calling to share the
good news of your kingdom and to serve the people of Devon with joy. Amen.

Readings next Sunday (04 February 2024 10.00am Choral Eucharist,
The Second Sunday before Lent): Colossians 1.15-20, John 1.1-14

Ash Wednesday services: 14 February:

8.15am Morning Prayer at St Petrock's

8.35am Said Eucharist at St Petrock's

1.15pm Said Eucharist at St Pancras

5pm Evening Prayer in the Lady Chapel

5.30pm Solemn Eucharist in the Nave sung by the St Peter's Singers

The imposition of Ashes will be included at the Eucharist services this day.

Pastoral Care Team

Members of the Pastoral Care Team are entrusted to visit the sick and the housebound with Communion. If you would like a member of the Pastoral Care Team to contact you, please email: pastoral.care@exeter-cathedral.org.uk

If you would like a conversation whether in joy or sorrow, please contact the Canon Chancellor, Canon Deborah Parsons: 07776359402

(deborah.parsons@exeter-cathedral.org.uk) or Canon Ian Morter 07527735640 (ian.morter@exeter-cathedral.org.uk)

For wedding enquiries, please contact Prebendary Julian Ould (julian.ould@exeter-cathedral.org.uk)

For baptism enquiries, please contact the Venerable David Gunn-Johnson (david.gunn-johnson@exeter-cathedral.org.uk)

Notices

Prayers for Peace

The St John the Evangelist Chapel has now been set aside for prayers for peace. Please feel free to add your prayers or just spend time reflecting on and praying for peace in the Middle East, Ukraine and beyond.

Shared slow Bible reading

The simple practice of slow reading known as Lectio Divina is very different from our modern habit of skimming text. The shared Lectio Divina group meets on Wednesdays at 8pm on Zoom, led in turn by Clare Bryden, Helen Friend and Carys Puleston. The session lasts 40 mins, and is structured to include slow reading from the Psalms, a time for silent pondering, opportunity for everyone in turn to share their responses, prayer for each other, and a period of discussion. Anyone is always welcome to join us and to share or not as they feel comfortable. There is more information via the QR code, and you can also find Clare's contact details there if you have any questions.



Epiphany-Lent Study Group

Join our Epiphany-Lent Study Group on the Gospel according to St Mark, with the Revd Canon Professor Richard A. Burridge - an internationally recognised biblical scholar, ethicist, theologian and social commentator - every Wednesday, 2:30pm-4:30pm, from 31 January to 13 March. This seven-week course will look at Mark's account of Jesus' ministry of teaching and healing, the origins of the conflict with the religious leaders of his day, Mark's discussion of Jesus' identity and mission, as well as prepare us for Holy Week through Mark's narrative of the Passion and Crucifixion."

Please scan the following QR code for further information.



Slow Book Group:

The Word within the words by *Malcolm Guite*

Malcolm Guite is a poet, priest, academic, and a life fellow of Girton College, Cambridge. He describes how his Christian faith informs and underpins his poetry, and in turn how poetry itself, and the poetic imagination, helps him to understand and interpret his faith. A slow book group meeting, co-led by Clare Bryden and Revd Phil Wales, will take place on Zoom from 7pm-8.30pm on **Thursday 1 February** where we shall read and reflect together on this book. If you would like to know more about the Slow Book Group or if you would like to sign up for this meeting please email Revd Phil Wales, Cathedral Deacon (phil.wales@exeter-cathedral.org.uk). Places are limited.

Advance Notice: Following this stand-alone meeting, the Slow Book Group will then return after Easter for a series of monthly meetings to explore *Befriending Silence* by Carl McColman. Further details to follow in 2024.

Contemplate War and Peace with Mars: 1-28 February

2024

Mars: War & Peace begins at 6:30pm on 1 February

Experience artist Luke Jerram's famous installation, Mars: War and Peace in the Nave, with sound composition by BAFTA award-winning composer, Dan Jones.

Tickets: £6 - Adults, free admission for children within a family group
Bookable via the QR code



Lent Series 2024 - Female Theologians

Venue - The Sacristy, Exeter Cathedral, Entrance via The West Wing

Tuesday 6 February, 2024, 6.30-8.00pm St Macrina by Revd Canon Prof Morwenna Ludlow

Thursday 15 February, 2024, 2.30-4.00pm Hildegard of Bingen by Canon Sue Wallace

Tuesday 20 February, 2024, 6.30-8.00pm St Perpetua Revd Canon Prof Morwenna Ludlow

Monday 11 March, 2024, 2.30-4.00pm Teresa of Avila by Revd Sue Astbury

In Conversation with... meets on Sunday 11th February at 6.30 pm in the Nave, Exeter Cathedral (refreshments served from 6.00 p.m.)

Our speaker is: Olabisi Obamakin who will be In Conversation with Revd Canon Professor Morwenna Ludlow. Olabisi Obamakin is a New Testament scholar and Postdoctoral Research Associate working in the Common Awards Team at Durham University. She is working on a 3-year project entitled 'Diversifying the Common Awards Curriculum.' Olabisi reflects on her own hybrid British-Nigerian heritage. This is interwoven with analysis from novels written by women of similar backgrounds. Using these voices Olabisi asks how they might challenge common ways of reading gospel stories: Do they suggest that a "normal" or "obvious" reading is only normal or obvious to those in a particular place and time? In what ways might British-Nigerian voices resonate powerfully with the stories of women from first century Palestine?" Join us for a fascinating conversation...

Make Your Own Planet

Monday 12 – Friday 16 February, 11am-12pm

Inspired by Luke Jerram's art installation, Mars: War and Peace, this is an opportunity for children, using a range of craft materials, to create their very own hanging planet, based on real or imagined worlds. **As part of the session**

with an experienced freelance artist the group could design and make a whole solar system of planets.

This workshop is for children aged 6+ and there is a maximum of 15 children per workshop – children may each have up to one accompanying adult with them for free. *Participants are asked to come to the welcome desk of the Cathedral to be collected for the workshop for a prompt 11am start.*

Tickets: Children: **£5** Accompanying adults: **FREE** (one per child)

Bookable via the QR code.



Art of the Book: 1000 Years of Bookbinding

Tuesday 13 February 2024, 2pm-3:30pm in the Cathedral Library.

Join us for the first seminar in our *Art of the Book* series.

Take a closer look at some of Exeter Cathedral's most beautiful bookbindings, from medieval tawed sheepskin to gorgeous gold-tooled goatskin and polished tree-stained calf. Discover how bindings have been made across the centuries and what they can tell us about books and their owners.

Tickets: £20 bookable via the QR code.

Booking is essential as places are limited.



Reflection on hymnody with Jeremy Rawlings

Sundays 18, 25 February, 3, 10, 17 March 2024 11.45am-1.00pm in the Richard Eyre Room.

Many of us will have sung hundreds of hymns in our lives and will no doubt have favourites but how often have you stopped to think about the words, the music, the circumstances of its creation, or considered how the text of the hymn sits within our liturgy? These sessions are designed to provide a closer look at five hymns with a seasonal feel. We will not just be looking at 'traditional' Lenten hymns but others which fit within the theme. We will use the music and the words to reflect on our understanding of our relationship with Christ. It will be an opportunity not only to reflect on the season of Lent but also to deepen our own prayer practice in a journey of the heart. If you would like more information, please do contact Jeremy Rawlings at jeremyrawlings3@gmail.com

Library & Archives In Focus: Mythology of Mars

Thursday 22 February, drop in between 11am and 1pm

Join us under Luke Jerram's remarkable red planet to discover literary, scientific and botanical references to the Roman god of Mars from the collections of the Cathedral Library, from Shakespeare and Milton to woodpeckers and wormwood. This event is included in general Cathedral admission.

Under Mars: Silent Disco

Friday 23 February, 7:30pm-10pm

This unique event will take place in the heart of the Cathedral, underneath Luke Jerram's art installation Mars: War and Peace. So, grab those headsets, flick that switch, and be prepared to cut some shapes. With two channels of music led by DJs in fierce battle, it is time to immerse yourself in our Silent Disco under Mars. Please note that this is an 18+ event.

Tickets: Adults £10 bookable via the QR code.



Celebrating a church for everyone: Saturday 24 February, 10.30am-1pm at St Thomas Church Hall, Church Road, Exeter, EX4 1AP. To help anticipate numbers or for further enquiries please contact the Revd Preb David Nixon (rev.dave@virgin.net) or the Revd David Runcorn (davidruncorn@mac.com)

An Opportunity to Wonder and Wander and Walk the Labyrinth.....

A labyrinth is a journey to the centre, a winding pilgrim path that is walked prayerfully and reflectively. There is no one way to use the labyrinth; each person experiences this pilgrimage in a different way. There are famous mediaeval labyrinths in some continental cathedrals, most notably in the nave at Chartres. Our labyrinth will be available for people to pray with on Saturday 23 March, Saturday 4 May, Saturday 22 June, Saturday 31 August and Saturday 28 September and 26 October from 1100 a.m. -3.00 p.m. Do join us! Canon Deborah Parsons

J.S. Bach

St. John Passion

Palm Sunday
24 March 2024



Join us for J S Bach's monumental retelling of the story of the Crucifixion of Jesus. The choir of Exeter Cathedral will be joined by Baroque specialist orchestra Charivari Agréable.

The role of the evangelist is taken by former choral scholar and lay vicar of Exeter Cathedral, Edward Woodhouse, and Tim Mirfin will sing the role of Christus.

Other solos will be sung by members of Exeter Cathedral Choir, including choristers.

Tickets: Front Nave – £22, Middle/Rear Nave – £16,
Premium Unreserved Aisles – £12, Unreserved Aisles –
£10

Under 18s – £5 across all areas

Bookable via the QR code.





Exeter
Cathedral

Sunday 28

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

8.00am	Holy Communion <i>BCP p205 for Collect, Epistle and Gospel</i>	Nave
9.00am	Morning Prayer CW	St Gabriel Chapel
10.00am	Choral Eucharist <i>CW Order 1</i> Nunc Dimittis <i>Gustav Holst</i> The Westminster Mass <i>Roxanna Panufnik</i> Senex puerum portabat à 5 <i>William Byrd</i>	Nave
4.00pm	Choral Evensong <i>BCP</i> <i>Herbert Howells</i> in B minor Hail, gladdening light <i>Charles Wood</i>	Psalm 34 Nave Responses <i>John Sanders</i> Nave
6.30pm	Healing Service	

Monday 29

8.15am	Morning Prayer CW	Lady Chapel
8.35am	The Eucharist CW	Lady Chapel
9.00am	Morning Prayer CW	www.zoom.us
5.30pm	Choral Evensong <i>BCP</i> Charles Villiers Stanford in B flat Evening Hymn of King Charles I – <i>Henry Ley</i>	Psalms 142, 143 Nave Responses <i>Andrew Millington</i>

Tuesday 30

Charles, King and Martyr, 1649

8.15am	Morning Prayer CW	St Petrock's
8.35am	The Eucharist CW	St Petrock's
9.00am	Zoom Morning Prayer CW	www.zoom.us
5.30pm	Choral Evensong <i>BCP</i> <i>William Harris</i> in A Eternal spirit <i>Michael Walsh</i>	Psalms 147, 148 Nave Responses <i>Richard Ayleward</i>

Wednesday 31

8.15am	Morning Prayer CW	St Petrock's
8.35am	The Eucharist CW	St Petrock's
9.00am	Zoom Morning Prayer CW	www.zoom.us
1.15pm	The Eucharist CW	St Pancras
5.30pm	Evening Prayer <i>BCP</i>	Lady Chapel

The Very Revd Jonathan Greener – *Dean*

The Revd Canon James Mustard – *Canon Precentor*

Timothy Noon – *Director of Music*

28 January-04 February 2024

Thursday 01 February

8.15am	Morning Prayer CW		St Petrock's
8.35am	The Eucharist CW		St Petrock's
9.00am	Zoom Morning Prayer CW		www.zoom.us
5.30pm	Choral Evensong BCP	Psalms 6-8	Nave
	<i>John Blow in F</i>		Responses
	<i>Senex puerum portabat à 4 William Byrd</i>		Andrew Millington

Friday 02 February

8.15am	Morning Prayer CW		St Petrock's
8.35am	The Eucharist CW		St Petrock's
9.00am	Zoom Morning Prayer CW		www.zoom.us
5.30pm	Choral Evensong BCP	Psalms 12-14	Nave
	<i>The Short Service William Byrd</i>		Responses
	<i>When to the temple Johannes Eccard</i>		Richard Ayleward

Saturday 03

		Anskar, Archbishop, Missionary, 865	
8.15am	Morning Prayer CW		Lady Chapel
8.35am	The Eucharist CW		Lady Chapel
5.30pm	Choral Evensong BCP	Psalms 18	Nave
	<i>Alan Gray in F minor</i>		Responses
	<i>Videte miraculum Thomas Tallis</i>		Andrew Millington
			Hymn 466

Sunday 04

		The Second Sunday before Lent	
8.00am	Holy Communion BCP p80 for Collect, Epistle and Gospel		Nave
	<i>(Sexagesima)</i>		
9.00am	Morning Prayer CW		Lady Chapel
10.00am	Choral Eucharist CW Order 1		Nave
	<i>All this time this song is best William Walton</i>		
	<i>Mass in G minor Ralph Vaughan Williams</i>		
	<i>Christ, whose glory fills the skies –</i>		
	<i>Thomas Armstrong</i>		
4.00pm	Choral Evensong BCP	Psalms 65	Nave
	<i>Collegium Sancti Johannis Cantabrigiense –</i>		Responses
	<i>Michael Tippett</i>		Philip Radcliffe
	<i>See, see the word is incarnate Orlando Gibbons</i>		
			Hymns 307, 285
			NEH
6.30pm	Sundays@6.30		Nave

CW – Common Worship, services and prayers for the Church of England (2000)

Zoom Morning Prayer: www.zoom.us Meeting ID: 99638985011, Passcode: 1F0puR

BCP – Book of Common Prayer (1662)



Candlelight Concert

Saturday 24 February, 7pm-9pm

Join Exeter's renowned Cathedral Choir for an immersive, atmospheric candlelit performance under the awe-inspiring spectacle of Luke Jerram's Mars: War and Peace. Reflecting on themes of war and peace, this unique concert will include music by Elgar, Stanford and many others.



Tickets are £20 for adults and
£5 for under 18s.

Available from 01392 285983

(Monday to Friday)

or online at

bit.ly/candlelight-concert-mars.

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