



Exeter  
Cathedral

# The Eucharist

*Sunday 22 March 2020*

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT/  
MOTHERING SUNDAY**

***Laetare Jerusalem***



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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.

### **Offertory**

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### **Minister**

President and Preacher - Very Revd Jonathan Greener - *Dean*

### **Communion**

Communion will be received by the Dean for, and on behalf of, the Cathedral Community and the people of Devon.

### **Music**

The Mass setting today is sung to Plainsong by a choral scholar.

## **COVID-19: Infection Control**

In response to the Archbishops' instructions, we have suspended all public worship in the Cathedral. Daily Prayer is being offered by a Canon morning and evening within the building and a weekly Eucharist is being celebrated and live streamed from the Lady Chapel.

At this time, the Cathedral is open 1000-1600 seven days a week for quiet, prayer and reflection.

# The Gathering

*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.*

*The president says*

## The Greeting

Mothering Sunday is a day to thank God for all the love we have received from those closest to us, and especially from those who have mothered us. For many of us, today may also bring sadness as we remember those no longer with us. As we light a candle, we bring to God our thanksgiving and remembrance.

*The president lights a candle*

Loving God, thank you for the gifts of love and commitment  
that give us encouragement, joy and strength;  
for all whose love has touched our lives  
and changed us for the better.

We thank you especially for those we love but see no longer, including  
mothers and fathers, sons and daughters, brothers and sisters,  
husbands and wives.

In the sharing of love you have enriched our knowledge of you  
and of one another.

May we be drawn closer together by being drawn nearer to you,  
knowing that you hold us for ever.

**Amen.**

## Confession

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her. As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

*Isaiah 66: 10, 13*

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy  
forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly,  
love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

## Kyrie

*The Scholar sings*

Kyrie, eleison.	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>
Christe, eleison.	<i>Christ, have mercy.</i>
Kyrie, eleison.	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>

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.**

## The Collect

*The president invites us to pray*

God of compassion,  
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,  
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,  
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:  
strengthen us in our daily living  
that in joy and in sorrow  
we may know the power of your presence  
to bind together and to heal;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

### The First Reading

Colossians 3:12-17

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading**

Luke 2:33-35

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about Jesus. 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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Homily**

### **The Nicene Creed**

**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.*

*Each petition ends:*  
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 president says:*

I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!' Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: 'May they prosper who love you. For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, 'Peace be within you.'

*Psalm 122: 1, 7-8*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

## Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

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### Prayer over the gifts

*The president says:*

Grant, we beseech you, merciful God that we may both handle with true reverence, and ever receive with faithful mind, these your holy things with which we are fed unceasingly.

**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 him thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, Lord God,  
our light and our salvation;  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
From the beginning you have created all things  
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.  
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,  
the crown of all creation.  
You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels  
and all the powers of heaven  
we may find a voice to sing your praise:



*The scholar sings*

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt coeli, et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.</i>
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How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.  
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,  
you embraced a people as your own.

When they turned away and rebelled  
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,  
to be the living bread,  
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.  
He offered his life for sinners,  
and with a love stronger than death  
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,  
he came to supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.  
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, 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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus  
**Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Father, we plead with confidence  
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;  
we remember his dying and rising in glory,  
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you  
these gifts of your creation;  
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.  
As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,  
form us in the likeness of Christ,  
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with all the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Peter,  
and all the saints,  
to the vision of that eternal splendour  
for which you have created us;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

by whom, with whom, and in whom,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:  
Amen.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Trusting in the compassion of God,  
let us pray with confidence as 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 this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

*The scholar sings:*

Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

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

Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
dona nobis pacem.

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

## **Communion**

*The president receives Holy Communion.*

*After Communion, the scholar sings a motet.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Silence is kept.*

*The president says* Let us pray.

*The congregation stands.*

Loving God,  
as a mother feeds her children at the breast  
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life:  
help us who have tasted your goodness  
to grow in grace within the household of faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Notices are given.*

## The Dismissal

*The president says:*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,  
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

## The Blessing

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### Readings for Eucharist next Sunday 29 March:

Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 11:1-45

**For the sick:** Steven, John Thompson, Lilian Lovell, David Rippon, Pat Webster, Rosemary Joy, Ilya, Baby Logan, Philippa, Yve Taylor, Joan Winstone.

**Rest in peace:** Janet Parrish, David Conway, Brian Mooney.

**Lent Books.** We invite you to read

- *Saying Yes to Life* by Ruth Valerio (The Archbishop's Lent Book) £9.99
- #LiveLent Booklet £2.45
- *Walking the Way of the Cross* by Stephen Cottrell, Paula Gooder and Philip North £9.99
- *Reflections for Lent 2020* by Steven Croft, Christopher Herbert and Lucy Winkett £5.99

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