



Exeter
Cathedral

Choral Evensong

A service of Thanksgiving
for
Exeter Cathedral School

Tuesday 30 June 2026
5.30pm



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Welcome

The Cathedral Church of St Peter in Exeter, founded in 1050, has been the seat (cathedra) of the Bishops of Exeter for nearly 1000 years. Throughout this time, education has been central to the Cathedral's mission, in the appointing of a master and teaching of choristers in various premises and, from 1858 in the establishment of a school. We give thanks today for this rich legacy of education, and pray for the whole community of Exeter Cathedral School as it closes at the end of this term.

Ministers

Officiant and Cantor: The Revd Canon James Mustard –
Precentor

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Music

Conductor: Timothy Noon - *Director of Music*

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

The Preces and Responses are sung to the setting by *Michael Walsh (b1948)*

Order of service

The congregation stands at the entrance of the choir and ministers. 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

The Revd Canon James Mustard - *Precentor*

Hymn

The congregation stands and sings

**I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
who will bear my light to them -?
whom shall I send?**

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me;
I will hold your people in my heart.*

**I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them –
whom shall I send?
*Here I am Lord...***

**I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them;
my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide,
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them –
whom shall I send?
*Here I am Lord...***

Words: Dan Schutte (b1947)

Tune: Here I am Lord, Dan Schutte (b1947)

Psalm 150

Laudate Dominum

The congregation sits. The choir sings

O praise God in his holiness : praise him in the
firmament of his power.

2 Praise him in his noble acts : praise him according to his excellent greatness.

3 Praise him in the sound of the trumpet : praise him upon the lute and harp.

4 Praise him in the cymbals and dances : praise him upon the strings and pipe.

5 Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals : praise him upon the loud cymbals.

6 Let every thing that hath breath : praise the Lord.

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 40:25-31

Here begins the twenty fifth verse of the fortieth Chapter of the book of the prophet Isaiah.

To whom, then, will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high and see:

Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;

because he is great in strength,
mighty in power,
not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob,
and assert, O Israel,
“My way is hidden from the Lord,
and my right is disregarded by my God”?
Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint
and strengthens the powerless.
Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted,
but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.

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.

Words: 1:46-55

Setting: St Paul's Service

Composer: Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

The congregation sits.

The Second 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

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.

Words: Luke 2:29-32

Setting: St Paul's Service

Composer: Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

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.**

The choir sings

V. The Lord be with you.

R. *And with thy spirit.*

The congregation sits or kneels.

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 King.

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

O God, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal: Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. Amen.

The Collect for Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that, by thee, we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

The Collect for Aid against all Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Anthem

The congregation sits. The choir sings

Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen, Herr Zebaoth!
Meine Seele verlanget und sehnet
sich nach den Vorhöfen des Herrn;
mein Leib und Seele freuen sich in dem lebendigen Gott.
Wohl denen, die in deinem Hause wohnen, die loben dich
immerdar

How lovely are your dwelling places, Lord of hosts!
My soul desires and yearns
for the courts of the Lord.
My body and soul long for the living God.
Happy are they that dwell in your house, who praise you
for ever.

Words: Psalm 84

Music: Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Sermon

*The Ven Hilary Dawson – Canon Treasurer,
Former Chaplain and teacher at Exeter Cathedral School,
and former Chorister Parent*

Prayers

Heavenly Father, we give thanks for Exeter Cathedral School, for the education of choristers and all pupils, and for the training of teachers on this site over many hundreds of years. We give thanks for the many thousands of young lives shaped here, and pray that their legacy may be remembered here. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Lord God, we pray for this school community past and present: for pupils, parents, teachers, support staff and governors. We give thanks for this academic year and for the achievements to be celebrated at Speech Day: for academic, sporting, musical and artistic achievements, and for all who have encouraged them.

We give thanks for all who have supported pastoral care, safeguarding, and all pupils' needs. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Loving God, we pray for this community as it leaves this place for new schools and places of work. We pray for each other, that we will take the values of ECS with us into our new schools. We pray that we may share the fruits of the Spirit with all whom we meet, that we may be the living legacy of this school, people of faith, hope and love. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Hymn

The congregation stands and sings

**Angel-voices ever singing
round thy throne of light,
angel-harps for ever ringing,
rest not day nor night;
thousands only live to bless thee
and confess thee
Lord of might.**

**Thou who art beyond the farthest
mortal eye can scan,
can it be that thou regardest
songs of sinful man?
Can we know that thou art near us,
and wilt hear us?
yea, we can.**

**For we know that thou rejoicest
o'er each work of thine;
thou didst ears and hands and voices
for thy praise design;
craftsman's art and music's measure
for thy pleasure
all combine.**

**In thy house, great God, we offer
of thine own to thee;
and for thine acceptance proffer
all unworthily
hearts and minds and hands and voices
in our choicest
psalmody.**

**Honour, glory, might and merit
thine shall ever be,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
blessed Trinity.
of the best which thou hast given
earth and heaven
render thee.**

Words: Francis Pott (1832-1909)

Tune: Angel Voices, E.G. Monk (1819-1900)

The congregation remains standing.

The Blessing

The Dean says

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

The peace of God which passeth all understanding, keep
your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and his Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
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

*An Occasional Trumpet Voluntary - Patrick Gowers (1936-
2014)*

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