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EXETER CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

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Leavers' Eucharist

in thanksgiving
for the long history of the School;
for all that has been received and given.

Exeter Cathedral, Thursday 2 July 2026, 11h00

Led by Bishop Martin

In the name of God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

All: Amen

All stand to sing our first Hymn

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the firey cloudy pillar,
lead me all my journey through:
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever sing to thee,
I will ever sing to thee.

Remain standing

Almighty God,

to whom all hearts are open, all desires known.
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit.
that we may perfectly love you.
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

All sit

The Prayers of Penitence

Jesus said, 'Before you offer yourself or whatever you have as a gift, go
and be reconciled.'

we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness.

You asked for our hands that they be used for your purpose.

All: Gracious God, forgive us our idleness.

You asked for our mouths to speak your word.

All: Gracious God, forgive us for speaking in whispers.

You asked for our eyes that we might respond to others' pain.

All: Gracious God, forgive us for closing them

when we preferred not to see.

You asked for our lives that you might work through us.

All: Gracious God, forgive us our stubbornness,

that renewed we might live this and every day
to your praise and glory.

All: Amen

All stand to sing the 'Gloria'

Glory to God

'The Peruvian Gloria'

Remain standing

A Collect

O God, the source of all wisdom and truth,
we thank you for bringing us together as a school community.
Bless our learning, deepen our friendships, and guide our growth,
That we may live what we have learnt, practice new friendships,
And grow in the best that we can be.
At this holy meal,
fill our hearts with your love,
that we may serve you and one another with joy;
In Jesus Christ,
Amen.

Remain standing for the Gospel Reading

The Gospel

Mark 2:1-11

Hear the Good News of Jesus Christ in St Mark's Gospel.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. Then some people came, bringing to him a paralysed man,

carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, **"Son, your sins are forgiven."** Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, ***"Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"*** At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, **"Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and take your mat and walk'?"** But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins " —he said to the paralytic— **"I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home."**

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

A reflection
Bishop Martin

Intercessions

All stand for the Peace

The Peace

Peace may be difficult to find in the world at present.

We can be that Peace here and now

And give that peace to each other.

The Peace of Jesus Christ, the God of Peace, be with you.

And also with you

All sit for the Eucharistic Prayer

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All : It is right to give thanks and praise.

Lord of all life,
you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.
You give us this great and beautiful earth,
to discover and to cherish.

You give us your love,
even when things go wrong.
Jesus knew hurt and pain.
Through him you wipe away our tears,
and fill us with your peace.

You made us all,
each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels
and sing your praise:

All: 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.

We thank you, loving Father,
because, when we turned away,
you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross
and shows us the way to live.
Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died,
when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread.
He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.
As you feed us with these gifts,

send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another,
as we look forward to that day
when suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.
And now with Mary the Mother of Jesus, St Peter and all your saints
we give you glory,
through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit,
today and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

*All: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.*

All stand

Blessing and Communion (receiving the bread and wine / receiving a blessing)

All sit

Concluding Prayer

Bishop Martin

God of all beginnings and endings, we come to You with thankful hearts, yet heavy with the sadness of the goodbyes we will share. We stand at the close of an era, acknowledging that this school, which has been a sanctuary of growth, learning, and community, is closing its doors as a school. We give You thanks for the essential role Exeter Cathedral School has played in our lives, and we entrust its the echoes of its lasting qualities and its lasting character towards hope and love that arise from You.

All: Amen .

All stand to sing our final hymn

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me save that thou art.
Thou my best thought by day and by night;
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father, I thy dear child;
Thou in me dwelling, with thee reconciled.**

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight.
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r;
Raise thou me Heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Remain standing

A Blessing

Bishop Martin

Go in the Peace of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.