

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

CHORAL EVENSONG

WITH THANKSGIVING FOR



SUNDAY 30TH JUNE 2024
3.00PM

WELCOME

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Chichester District Foodbank supports people experiencing hardship to end hunger and poverty in our district. We do this by giving people emergency food and household essentials. At the same time, we listen to people and help them improve the situations that have led them to experience poverty.

We offer direct support, referrals to a wide range of services and signposting to relevant support. We challenge unfair systems that drive people into poverty through our campaigns and seek to give people who have experienced poverty a voice.

Thank you to the many volunteers, supporters and partners who share their resources to help us achieve our vision: to end poverty and hunger in Chichester District.

Five minutes before the service, the following are escorted to their seats:

THE MAYOR OF CHICHESTER

Cllr Sarah Quail

THE CHAIRMAN OF WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

Cllr Pieter Montyn

THE HIGH SHERIFF OF WEST SUSSEX

Mrs Philippa Gogarty, and Mr Rory Gogarty

ORDER OF SERVICE

Please stand as the procession enters.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN



There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgement given.

For the love of God is broader
than the measures of man's mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
But we make his love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify his strictness
with a zeal he will not own.

**There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.
There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.**

2nd half of tune:

**If our love were but more simple,
we should take him at his word;
and our lives would be all gladness
in the joy of Christ our Lord.**

*Common Praise 598
F. W. Faber (1814-1863)*

*Corvedale
Maurice Bevan (1921-2006)*

Please remain standing.

WELCOME

*The Reverend Canon Simon Holland
Interim Dean*

The cantor and choir sing

THE PRECES

O Lord, open thou our lips.
And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's Name be praised.

Philip Moore (b. 1943)

Please sit.

INTRODUCTION

*Joanne Kondabéka, CEO and Founder, Chichester District Foodbank
followed by Sam Sugars, Stand Stronger Together participant*

The choir sings

PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd:
therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture:
and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul:
and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness,
for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil:
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me:
thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Please stand.

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.

Please sit.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Read by The Mayor of Chichester, Cllr Sarah Quail

If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted towards your needy neighbour. You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be. Be careful that you do not entertain a mean thought, thinking, 'The seventh year, the year of remission, is near', and therefore view your needy neighbour with hostility and give nothing; your neighbour might cry to the Lord against you, and you would incur guilt. Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, 'Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbour in your land.'

Deuteronomy 15: 7-11

Please stand. The choir sings the canticle

MAGNIFICAT

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.

Please sit.

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Read by Stephanie Chadwick, Chichester District Foodbank Trustee

A lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

Luke 10: 25-37

Please stand. The choir sings the canticle

NUNC DIMITTIS

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.

Luke 2: 29-32

Edward Bairstow (1874-1946) in D

Remain standing to say together

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**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 cantor and choir sing

THE RESPONSES

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Please sit or kneel.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon 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.
Amen.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save The King.
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.
And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECTS

Grant, O Lord, we beseech thee,
that the course of this world
may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance,
that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Choir: Amen.

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.

Choir: Amen.

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.

Choir: Amen.

Philip Moore (b. 1943)

Please sit. The choir sings

THE ANTHEM

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you;
the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you,
and give you peace.
Amen.

Numbers 6: 24-26

John Rutter (b. 1945)

HOMILY

*The Reverend Canon Simon Holland
Interim Dean*

Please stand.

HYMN



Just as I am, without one plea
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings within, and fears without,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

**Just as I am (thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down),
now to be thine, yea thine alone,
*O Lamb of God, I come.***

**Just as I am, of that free love
the breadth, length, depth and height to prove,
here for a season, then above,
*O Lamb of God, I come.***

*NEH 294
Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871)*

*Saffron Walden
Arthur Henry Brown (1830-1926)*

THE PRAYERS

*Led by The Reverend Paul Collins
Chair of Trustees, Chichester District Foodbank*

Please sit or kneel. The Prayers conclude with the Grace:

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore.
Amen.**

Please stand.

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,
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer,
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
I will ever give to thee.

NEH 368

William Williams (1717-1791)

tr. Peter Williams (1727-1796) and others

Cwm Rhondda

John Hughes (1873-1932)

THE BLESSING

The peace of God,
which passes 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 Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

CLOSING MUSIC

VON GOTT WILL ICH NICHT LASSEN
BWV 658

*Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)*

Please remain standing as the procession departs.

AFTER THE SERVICE

All are warmly invited to remain for refreshments after the service, which will be served from the North Aisle of the Nave.

A retiring collection will also be taken in aid of Chichester District Foodbank.

NOTHING IS EVER IN VAIN

by Deirdre McCausland

My world was falling apart and I would dart
Around the place to find some healing grace
I'd go here and there looking for help and get nowhere
I was desperate and in despair
I'd see black holes in life and the deeper they got the more I was in strife.
There's no one to talk to
There's nowhere to go
The lists in services are endless
It's all a bit of a mess
I'm in agony I'm in pain
But my torture my experiences my trauma cannot be in vain
I try to get help
I try to reach out
Is closed doors what my life is all about?
I want to talk about my problems to express my fears
So that I can be there to catch other people's tears
And I hope that things will turn around so people do not feel eternally
bound to their past traumas and hurt and pain
I'm telling you now nothing is ever in vain,
There is a window, there is a way; I'm worthy and I'm not made of clay.
You cannot mould me into something you want me to be
I'm unique and different and that's just ME.