

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY 30 MARCH: MOTHERING SUNDAY

11.15am Sung Eucharist

with music sung by the Cathedral Choir.

Celebrant: The Dean, The Very Revd Dr Edward Dowler

Preacher: Canon Vanessa Baron

ENTRANCE HYMN

Come down, O Love divine,
Seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
Within my heart appear,
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
Till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let thy glorious light
Shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
Mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become mine inner clothing;
True lowliness of heart,
Which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
With which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace,
Till he become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

Words: *Bianco da Siena (d. 1434),
tr. R. F. Littledale (1833-1890);*

Music: *DOWN AMPNEY, Ralph Vaughan Williams
(1872-1958)*

COLLECT

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.**

FIRST READING Exodus 2: 1-10

A man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?'

Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because,' she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

PSALM 127: 1-4

Except the Lord build the house : their labour is but lost
that build it.

Except the Lord keep the city : the watchman waketh but
in vain.

It is but lost labour that ye haste to rise up early, and so late
take rest, and eat the bread of carefulness : for so he
giveth his beloved sleep.

Lo, children and the fruit of the womb : are an heritage and
gift that cometh of the Lord.

SECOND READING Colossians 3: 12-17

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jesus said, 'woman, here is your son', and to the disciple he said, 'here is your mother'.

GOSPEL READING Luke 2: 33-35

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.'

OFFERTORY HYMN

For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.*

For the beauty of each hour,
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of night: *Lord of all...*

For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and brain's delight,
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight: *Lord of all...*

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild: *Lord of all...*

For each perfect gift of thine,
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven: *Lord of all...*

For thy church that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
This pure sacrifice of love: *Lord of all...*

Words: *F. S. Pierpoint (1835-1917)*; Music: ENGLAND'S LANE, *Geoffrey Shaw (1879-1943)*, adapted from folk song

COMMUNION HYMN—*please remain seated.*

Jesus, good above all other,
Gentle Child of gentle Mother,
In a stable born our Brother,
Give us grace to persevere.

Jesus, cradled in a manger,
For us facing every danger,
Living as a homeless stranger,
Make we thee our King most dear.

Jesus, for thy people dying,
Risen Master, death defying,
Lord in heaven, thy grace supplying,
Keep us to thy presence near.

Jesus, who our sorrows bearest,
All our thoughts and hopes thou sharest,
Thou to man the truth declarest;
Help us all thy truth to hear.

Lord, in all our doings guide us;
Pride and hate shall ne'er divide us;
We'll go on with thee beside us,
And with joy we'll persevere!

Words: *Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)*;

Music: QUEM PASTORES, *German 14th century (Latin)*
carol

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.**

FINAL HYMN

Now thank we all our God,
With heart and hand and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The One eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore. Amen.

Words: *Martin Rinkart (1586-1649), tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)*; Music: NUN DANKET, *Melody in J. Crüger's Praxis Pietatis Melica (c. 1647)*

TODAY'S MUSIC

Mass setting: *Missa Sancti Johannes*
Brian Chapple (b. 1945)
Motet: *Mary's Magnificat*
Andrew Carter (b. 1939)
Closing Music: *Prelude & Fugue in E minor, BWV 548*
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

SERVICES THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

Sunday

8.00am **Holy Communion** (BCP)
9.15am **Eucharist** for children, families and
caregivers
10.15am **Choral Mattins**
11.15am **Choral Eucharist**
3.00pm **Choral Evensong**

Monday-Saturday

7.45am **Morning Prayer**
8.00am **Holy Communion**
5.30pm **Choral Evensong**

There is an additional celebration of **Holy Communion** according to the Book of Common Prayer on Thursdays at 10.30am.

This week we are delighted to welcome **La Diva Choir of Bishop Luffa School, Chichester**, to sing Choral Evensong on Wednesday 2 April.



LENT AT THE CATHEDRAL

Lent Course

This year's Lent Course will take place in George Bell House on Wednesday 12, 19, 26 March and 2, 9 of April, beginning at 12.00 with a soup lunch. It will end by 2pm. Please email chris.george@chichestercathedral.org.uk to book a place or speak to one of the clergy.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Each Wednesday during Lent in the Lady Chapel, 2.30-3.30pm

Reading of St Luke's Gospel

Tuesday 15 April, 11.00am-1.30pm, George Bell House. You are warmly invited to join members of the Cathedral ministry team to read aloud the entirety of St Luke's Gospel together. Please bring a Bible (whichever English translation you use is fine) and a packed lunch. Please register with chris.george@chichestercathedral.org.uk

HOLY WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

Palm Sunday, 13 April

The usual pattern of Sunday services, including Procession of Palms at the 11.15 Eucharist

Monday and Tuesday in Holy Week, 14 & 15 April

14 & 15 April, 8.00pm Choral Compline

Wednesday in Holy Week, 16 April

12.00pm Diocesan Chrism Eucharist *livestreamed*
2.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
8.00pm Tenebrae—The Liturgy of Shadows

Maundy Thursday, 17 April

7.00pm Eucharist of the Last Supper *livestreamed*

Good Friday, 18 April

9.30am The Easter Story Retold: A Service for Children, Families & Caregivers
12.00pm Three Hours' Devotion *livestreamed*
1.30pm The Liturgy of the Passion *livestreamed*

Easter Eve, 19 April

7.30pm Easter Vigil with Baptism and Confirmation

Easter Day, 20 April

The usual pattern of Sunday services as we celebrate Jesus' glorious resurrection from the dead.

Please see the separate flyer for full details.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have a **notice relevant to the ministry and mission of the Cathedral** that you would like to submit for this notice sheet, please contact: chris.george@chichestercathedral.org.uk by 5pm on Tuesday.

If you have any **safeguarding concerns** in relation to the Cathedral, please contact safeguarding@chichestercathedral.org.uk or speak to a member of our Safeguarding team [please see the website or our Safeguarding posters for more details].

NOTICES

Canon Jack Dunn's last service at the Cathedral will be on **4 May 2025**.

The Cathedral Chapter has agreed that we will advertise for the post of **Canon Chancellor** in Eastertide.

Slow Art Day Saturday 5 April (10am and 2pm) The Cathedral will once again be taking part in this annual event. This will give the opportunity to slowly look at five of the artworks in the Cathedral for about 10 minutes each. This will be followed by a discussion over coffee and the opportunity to find out more about the works. See the website for further details or contact John Workman (jw50.art@gmail.com). Booking is essential. Tickets (£10 including refreshments) can be booked through the website.

Foot washing for Maundy Thursday We are looking for twelve members of the congregation who would be willing to have their feet washed by the Bishop as part of our Maundy Thursday service, taking place at 7.00pm on Thursday 17 April. If you would like to take part, please contact Chris George:
chris.george@chichestercathedral.org.uk or 01243 812 488

Easter Garden On Easter Eve, 19 April, from 10.00am we will be creating an Easter Garden in the St Mary Magdalene Chapel with the help of our families and young children. If you are interested in taking part or have any questions please contact Sarah Castle-Smith on 07989476754.

Easter Lilies in Memory of the Deceased If you would like a relative to be remembered this Easter, alongside the Easter Lilies, please email the names to Chris.George@chichestercathedral.org.uk
Donations towards the cost of the flowers may be made in the Cathedral or online at thyg.uk/CUU074438

Deacons Ish and Irene would value your thoughts and prayers on Saturday 5 April when they will be sharing a "When the road is rough and steep" testimony concert and Sunday 6 April when they will be leading an all-age Family Service. Both are being hosted by the Harvester Reformational Church in Walsall.

SUPPORT CHORAL MUSIC AT THE CATHEDRAL

Double Your Impact – Save the Music at Chichester Cathedral In this milestone 950th year, your donation will be matched pound for pound! Support the Platinum Endowment Trust for Music to protect the Cathedral's music for generations to come.

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SUBMISSIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Academy of St Martin in the Fields & Anthony Roth Costanzo

Thursday 10 April, 7.00pm. Recognised as one of the world's leading performers of new music, countertenor Anthony Roth Costanzo will sing a programme combining some of the most beautiful and contemplative traditional Easter music from **Handel's Messiah** with new music written specially for him, the European Premiere of *Laika* by **Golijov**. For more details and to book tickets please see the website.

Cloisters Kitchen & Garden

Easter Sunday Lunch, 20 April, 12.30-3.00pm, George Bell House. For more details and to book please see www.cloisterskitchengarden.co.uk/special-events

Electoral & Community Rolls: Notice of Enrolment to the Electoral & Community Rolls

Notice is hereby given that the (Parish Equivalent) Electoral and Community Roll of the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity (Chichester Cathedral) will be revised between Wednesday 16 April – Friday 25 April 2025. Application forms for enrolment can be obtained from the Vergers' Office or from the Visitors' Desk. Please note that **everyone** who wishes to be on the Roll will have to complete a form. Full instructions are included on the form itself. Forms must be returned no later than Wednesday 16 April. The Roll will be published on Friday 25 April. The Annual Community Meeting will take place on Sunday 11 May (following Sunday Eucharist).

If you are able to make a donation to the Cathedral... The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is a secure and simple way of giving to the Cathedral by Direct Debit on a regular monthly, quarterly or annual basis. If eligible, you can opt to add Gift Aid and PGS claims this on our behalf, passing it directly back to the Cathedral.

- Online: Visit www.parishgiving.org.uk and search for 'Chichester Cathedral', or scan the QR code.
- By phone: 0333 002 1271, Monday to Friday, 9.00 to 5.00
- By post: Using the PGS application form. A copy is available to collect from the Visitors' Desk or the Vergers' Office.

