

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

Welcome to Chichester Cathedral for this Choral Eucharist, with music sung by the Cathedral Choir.

The celebrant is **Canon Vanessa Baron**, Treasurer, and the preacher is **the Very Revd Dr Edward Dowler**, Dean of Chichester.

The service can be followed in the mauve service booklets. The **prayers, readings and hymn numbers** are on this notice sheet.

You are welcome to stay for **coffee or tea** after the service in the South Transept.

SUNDAY 23 MARCH THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

HYMNS for the 11.15 CHORAL EUCHARIST

Entrance:	468
Offertory:	376
Communion:	70ii
Final:	368

TODAY'S PRAYERS AND READINGS

COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy
but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we,
walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and
peace;
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 Isaiah 55: 1-9

The Lord says this: Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

PSALM 63: 1-8

O God, thou art my God : early will I seek thee.
My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh also longeth after thee : in a barren and dry land where no water is.
Thus have I looked for thee in holiness : that I might behold thy power and glory.
For thy loving-kindness is better than the life itself : my lips shall praise thee.
As long as I live will I magnify thee on this manner : and lift up my hands in thy Name.
My soul shall be satisfied, even as it were with marrow and fatness : when my mouth praiseth thee with joyful lips.
Have I not remembered thee in my bed : and thought upon thee when I was waking?
Because thou hast been my helper : therefore under the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

GOSPEL READING Luke 13: 1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and

good; but if not, you can cut it down." '

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

TODAY'S MUSIC

- Mass setting:** *Missa Brevis*
Lennox Berkeley
(1903-1989)
- Communion Motet:** *Venite comedite*
Robert Sharpe (b. 1971)
- Closing Music:** *Praeludium in A minor*
Georg Böhm (1661-1733)

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** (Wednesday: said)

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



NOTICES

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

Lunchtime Concerts

Tuesday 25 March at 1.10pm, we welcome pianist Max Pemberton for the final concert of the season. Coffee is available – please bring your own mug. Concerts resume after Easter on 29 April.

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.

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, please contact Sarah Castle-Smith on 07989476754.

Easter Lilies in Memory of the Departed

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/](http://thyg.uk/CUU074438)
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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].

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

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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).

SUBMISSIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cantemus concert

There is a concert sung by Cantemus (a local amateur choir) on Saturday 29 March which is conducted by George Haynes (cathedral Lay Vicar) and accompanied by our Organ Scholar, Stephanie Gaunt, alongside professional soprano, Aisling Kenny. St Faith's Church, Havant, 7:30pm, tickets £12 on the door. Music to include Howard Goodall's Eternal Light and classic choruses such as Jesu, joy and Zadok the Priest. It would be especially good to support Stephanie in this performance, with a great deal of skilled organ and piano playing on display!

Cloisters Kitchen & Garden

Mothers' Day Lunch, 30 March, 12.30-3.00pm; Easter Sunday Lunch, 20 April, 12.30-3.00pm, both in George Bell House. For more details and to book please see www.cloisterskitchengarden.co.uk/special-events

Worthing Theological Society

The last lecture of the 2024/2025 programme will take place on Monday 31 March and will be given by the Rt Revd Dr Christopher Herbert (previously Bishop of St Albans). It is entitled **Will you take your barbiturates now, or shall I call back later? Christian faith and Euthanasia**. West Worthing Baptist Church, 7.45pm, all are welcome. The church is in South Street, Tarring (BN14 7LU), near West Worthing station. Admission is free and there is a retiring collection to defray expenses. Further information from the Hon Secretary at honsecwts1@outlook.com

Chichester Cathedral Friends

The Friends currently have four volunteer vacancies we are actively seeking to fill: Friends Secretary, Communications Volunteer, Event Organiser, Joint Membership Secretary. For more information about any of these roles please contact John Gardner (johngardner@chichestercathedral.org.uk)

