



GUILDFORD
CATHEDRAL

6pm
5 May 2024

SIXTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER
CHORAL
EVENSONG



WELCOME

EASTERTIDE

The Great Fifty Days of Eastertide form a single festival period in which the tone of joy created at the Easter Vigil is sustained through the following seven weeks, and the Church celebrates the gloriously risen Christ.

Early Christians gave the name Pentecost to this whole fifty-day span. In those places where the custom of lighting the Easter Candle at the beginning of Easter is followed, the lit Candle stands prominently in church for all the Eastertide services. The Alleluia appears frequently in liturgical speech and song and the gold and white vestments along with the decoration of churches and fresh flowers after the austerity of Lent emphasize the joy and brightness of the season.

On the fortieth day there has, from the late fourth century, been a particular celebration of Christ's ascension. He commissions his disciples to continue his work, he promises the gift of the Holy Spirit, and then he is no longer among them in the flesh. The ascension is therefore closely connected with the theme of mission. The arrival of the promised gift of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost completes and crowns the Easter Festival.

COLLECTION

Your support makes a real difference to the ministry and mission of Guildford Cathedral. If you would like to support this work on a regular basis it's very simple to set up a direct debit via the Parish Giving Scheme. The phone number is 0333 002 1271, and the Cathedral reference code is 170617001. One-off donations can be made using the Gift Aid envelopes or a contactless donation by using the contactless collection plates on your way out, or the contactless box (by the West Doors of the Cathedral) or our QR code. If you use the contactless plates or box and you are a taxpayer, please complete a green gift aid envelope and write 'contactless donation' on the front; please put the envelope in the plate or the cash box at the west end. On behalf of all at Guildford Cathedral, thank you.



PARTICIPATION IN THE SERVICE

We sing the hymns and say together the words in **bold** type. Although posture is suggested please do whatever is most comfortable for you. A large print copy of this order of service is available from the stewards.

MUSIC TODAY

Thank you to our girl choristers who are singing Evensong for us tonight. The boy choristers and lay clerks are singing this evening at St. Mary's Church, Long Ditton.

PRECES AND RESPONSES

Jeremy Woodside (b. 1989)

CANTICLES

Berkeley Service Thomas Hewitt Jones (b. 1984)

OFFICIANT AND PREACHER

The officiant and preacher this evening is the Reverend Canon Chris Hollingshurst.

He lives to help in time of need,
he lives, my hungry soul to feed;
he lives and grants me daily breath,
he lives, and I shall conquer death

He lives, my kind, wise, constant friend,
who still will guard me to the end;
he lives, and while he lives I'll sing,
Jesus, my prophet, priest, and king

He lives, my saviour, to prepare
a place in heaven, and lead me there;
he lives, all glory to His name,
Jesus, unchangeably the same.

Words: Samuel Medley (1738-1799)

Music: CP 349 Church Triumphant, J. W. Elliott (1833-1915)

Sit **PSALM 45**

My heart is inditing of a good matter :

I speak of the things which I have made unto the King.

My tongue is the pen :

of a ready writer.

Thou art fairer than the children of men :

full of grace are thy lips, because God hath blessed thee for ever.

Gird thee with thy sword upon thy thigh, O thou most Mighty :

according to thy worship and renown.

Good luck have thou with thine honour :

ride on, because of the word of truth, of meekness, and
righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.

Thy arrows are very sharp,

and the people shall be subdued unto thee :

even in the midst among the King's enemies.

Thy seat, O God, endureth for ever :

the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.

Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity :
wherefore God, even thy God,
hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.
All thy garments smell of myrrh, aloes, and cassia :
out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad.
Kings' daughters were among thy honourable women :
upon thy right hand did stand the queen in a vesture of gold,
wrought about with divers colours.
Hearken, O daughter, and consider, incline thine ear :
forget also thine own people, and thy father's house.
So shall the King have pleasure in thy beauty :
for he is thy Lord God, and worship thou him.
And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift :
like as the rich also among the people shall make their
supplication before thee.
The King's daughter is all glorious within :
her clothing is of wrought gold.
She shall be brought unto the King in raiment of needle-work :
the virgins that be her fellows shall bear her company,
and shall be brought unto thee.
With joy and gladness shall they be brought :
and shall enter into the King's palace.
Instead of thy fathers thou shalt have children:
whom thou mayest make princes in all lands.
I will remember thy Name from one generation to another :
therefore shall the people give thanks unto thee, world without end.

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.

Chant: Walter Galpin Alcock (1861-1947)

Sit **OLD TESTAMENT** Song of Solomon 4.16 - 5.2; 8.6,7

Awake, O north wind,
and come, O south wind!
Blow upon my garden
that its fragrance may be wafted abroad.
Let my beloved come to his garden,
and eat its choicest fruits.
I come to my garden, my sister, my bride;
I gather my myrrh with my spice,
I eat my honeycomb with my honey,
I drink my wine with my milk.
Eat, friends, drink,
and be drunk with love.

I slept, but my heart was awake.
Listen! my beloved is knocking.
'Open to me, my sister, my love,
my dove, my perfect one;
for my head is wet with dew,
my locks with the drops of the night.'
Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm;
for love is strong as death,
passion fierce as the grave.
Its flashes are flashes of fire,
a raging flame.
Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can floods drown it.
If one offered for love
all the wealth of one's house,
it would be utterly scorned.

Stand

MAGNIFICAT

My soul doth magnify the Lord:
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded:
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.
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.

Text: Luke 1.46-55

Sit

NEW TESTAMENT Revelation 3.14-22

‘And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the origin of God’s creation:

‘I know your works; you are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were either cold or hot. So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am about to spit you out of my mouth. For you say, “I am rich, I

have prospered, and I need nothing.” You do not realize that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. Therefore I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire so that you may be rich; and white robes to clothe you and to keep the shame of your nakedness from being seen; and salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see. I reprove and discipline those whom I love. Be earnest, therefore, and repent. Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me. To the one who conquers I will give a place with me on my throne, just as I myself conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.’

Stand **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.

Text: Luke 2. 29-32

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 catholick Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

THE LESSER LITANY, LORD'S PRAYER AND PRECES

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

*Sit or
kneel* 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.

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

○ Lord, save the King.
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

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

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

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

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

God our redeemer,
who hast delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of thy Son:
grant, that as by his death he hath recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
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.

Sit **ANTHEM**

Alleluia.
I am the good shepherd .
I know my sheep, and my sheep know me.
Alleluia.

Words: John 10.14

Music: From 'An Easter Sequence' Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)

HOMILY Canon Chris Hollingshurst

Sit or **THE PRAYERS**

kneel

The prayers conclude with

**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.**

Stand **HYMN**



Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:



No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:

Words: French, 19th century, Edmond Budry (1854-1932)

tr. Richard Hoyle (1875-1939)

Music: CP 160 Maccabaeus, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

BLESSING

God the Father,
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;
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

1. 'Ach Gott, wem soll ich's klagen' (Sonata 3)

Paul Hindemith (1895-1963)

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

SERVICES TODAY

7.30am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) *in the Lady Chapel*

9.45am Cathedral Eucharist

6pm Choral Evensong

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

8am Tuesday

8.30am Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

9am Monday, Saturday

Holy Communion *in the Lady Chapel*

8.30am Tuesday

9am Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

9.30am Monday, Saturday

Evening Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

4pm Monday

5.30pm Wednesday, Thursday

Choral Evensong

5.30pm Tuesday, Friday

5pm Saturday to celebrate the 90th birthday of Barry Rose (see below)

Choral Eucharist for the Ascension

7pm Thursday

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 12 MAY

7.30am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) *in the Lady Chapel*

9.45am Cathedral Eucharist

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FOOD BANK COLLECTION SUNDAY 5 MAY

The next collection of food for the North Guildford Foodbank is TODAY Sunday 5 May. They has asked for the following items: tea bags (not decaffeinated), tinned meat, tinned fruit, biscuits, shampoo and conditioner. Here are some words of thanks from the administrator, Zoe: "Thank you for continuing to support the food bank through these difficult times. The need is unrelenting still, and so I am deeply grateful for all the support that we receive. When we're providing a week's worth of food - and most clients have children - we are getting through a huge volume of food at the moment. Please do pass on our heartfelt thanks to all who donate so faithfully - we couldn't do it without you!"

POST BOX TOPPER EXHIBITION 16 APRIL TO 2 JUNE

This unique exhibition brings together some wonderful examples of post box toppers from across the country.

VOLUNTEERS TO LEAD INTERCESSIONS OR TO READ LESSONS

We are looking for more volunteers to help lead the intercessions during Sunday morning's Choral Eucharist or read Bible lessons. If you are interested, please contact Canon Rachel (rachel.young@guildford-cathedral.org) or just come along. Training for this will be in the library as follows:

For intercessors: Sunday 5 May, 11.15am-12.30pm

For readers: Sunday 2 June, 11.15am-12.30pm

HOLY WEEK SPEAKER ADDRESSES

If you enjoyed listening to the addresses given by Father Charlie Annis during Holy Week, or were not able to attend and would like to read them, you can download the texts from the Cathedral website (<https://www.guildford-cathedral.org/worship/services/holy-week-compline-addresses>). They will be available for a month.

CHORAL EVENSONG SATURDAY 11 MAY, 5pm

You are invited to celebrate the 90th birthday of Barry Rose, the first Organist and Master of the Choristers of Guildford Cathedral, at Evensong on Saturday 11 May at 5pm. Please see the information below. To book a free seat please go to <https://www.guildford-cathedral.org/events/boxoffice/737>.



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Join us for Choral Evensong - a celebration of

Dr Barry Rose OBE for his 90th Birthday

Guildford Cathedral Choristers conducted by Dr Barry Rose OBE

Music chosen by Dr Barry Rose OBE reflecting his long and illustrious career and music connections.

Saturday 11 May

5pm

BOX OFFICE | RSVP

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GUILDFORD TOWN CENTRE CHAPLAINCY'S ANGEL DESCENT SATURDAY 11 MAY

We are delighted to welcome our Mission Partners, Guildford Town Centre Chaplaincy (GTCC) to the Cathedral on the morning of Saturday 11 May as their supporters will attempt to ascend and descend the bell tower multiple times to collectively clock up 75,000 steps, to represent the number of individuals GTCC have helped since they were established in 2008. To sponsor the team please visit [Angel Ascent - JustGiving](#) GTCC run three local projects, Street Angels, Community Angels and Volunteer Chaplains – to find out more about their work visit www.gtcc.org.uk.

HOPE IN DEPRESSION COURSE

Feeling low, anxious or stressed? The Hope in Depression Course runs over six sessions and is for anyone suffering with depression and anxiety, or for loved ones who want to know how they can help. This donation-funded course has six group sessions, starting Monday 13 May, 7-9.30pm. For more information or to book a place go to st-saviours.org.uk/hope.

'THY KINGDOM COME' DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENT SUNDAY 19 MAY

The global prayer movement 'Thy Kingdom Come' (9-19 May) invites church congregations to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Christ. This annual initiative is for everyone, and for all age groups, but this year local youth groups and young people (11s-18s) throughout the diocese are particularly invited to worship together at 'The Prayer'. This Diocesan-wide event rounds off 'Thy Kingdom Come' taking place at Christ's College Guildford on Pentecost Sunday (19 May) 4.15-6.30pm. You can find further details at www.thykingdomcome.global and www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about-us/news/join-with-millions-to-pray-thy-kingdom-come.php

COMMUNITY MEETING SUNDAY 9 JUNE

The Interim Dean, Stuart Beake, on behalf of the Chapter, would like to hold a community meeting following the expected decision about the land sale appeal at the end of May. The date for this is proposed as Sunday 9 June after the morning service, assuming the decision has been received by then.

GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL MUSIC PATRONS' SCHEME

Many of you have supported our chorister sponsorship scheme over the years, and many also give to the Music Development Foundation, for which we have been very grateful. The Music Patrons' Scheme was launched in January and is for those who would like to support all of the music of Guildford Cathedral in its entirety, from sheet music to musicians, and everything in between. As a Patron you will be the first to hear about our choir and organists, their concerts and other events

throughout the year, and there are other members' benefits in store, too. If you are interested and would like to know more about becoming a Patron, please contact the Development Team, Nicola Pratt (headofdevelopment@guildford-cathedral.org) or Karen Taylor (fundraising.officer@guildford-cathedral.org).

GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM 2024

A group will once again be going on pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in 2024. The pilgrimage will run from Friday 16 to Sunday 18 August, with the option of staying until after breakfast on Monday 19 August. Canon Gilly Myers will be accompanying us. The pilgrimage provides opportunities to take part in the rich liturgies of the Shrine, Sunday Eucharist at St Mary's Parish Church, a visit to the Slipper Chapel and Catholic Shrine, or quiet reflection in the grounds of the Shrine and walking in the lovely surrounding Norfolk countryside. Fellowship, and deepening of faith is at the core of the weekend. The cost (full board including breakfast, lunch and dinner in the Shrine refectory) will be around £180-£258 per person depending on whether you wish to stay the Sunday night. If you are interested in joining us, or would like more information, then please contact Donald Thompson, in person at the Cathedral, or via email, d.thompson@rhul.ac.uk.

