



GUILDFORD
CATHEDRAL

Holy Week 8.30pm and 9pm
SERMONS MONDAY,
AND COMPLINE TUESDAY
AND WEDNESDAY
25, 26 and 27 March, 2024



WELCOME

HOLY WEEK AND PASSIONTIDE

It is still uncertain when Christians first began to make an annual (as opposed to a weekly) memorial of the death and resurrection of Christ. This *Pascha* (from the Hebrew *pesach*, meaning ‘Passover’) was at first a night-long vigil on Easter Eve. Over time, the *Pascha* developed into the articulated structure of Holy Week and Easter. Christians share in Christ’s own journey, from the triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to the empty tomb on Easter morning.

INTRODUCING OUR HOLY WEEK PREACHER

Fr Charlie Annis CR is a member of the Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield. He took his simple vows fifteen months ago, is a poet and preacher, and is studying Carmelite Spiritual Direction. His sermons before Compline on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week will have the theme ‘The Economy of Salvation’.

PARTICIPATION IN THE SERVICE OF COMPLINE

We sing the hymn and say together the words in **bold** type. We remain seated throughout except to stand for the Gospel Canticle. A large print copy of this order of service is available.

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 box (by the West Doors of the Cathedral), or our QR code. On behalf of all at Guildford Cathedral, thank you.



SERMON

Please remain seated as the officiant and the Holy Week preacher enter.

WELCOME

READING

Monday 25 March

Isaiah 55.1-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Ho, 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.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Tuesday 26 March

Romans 8.18-28

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were

saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

For the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Wednesday 27 March | Corinthians 3.10-15

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw - the work of each builder will become visible, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done. If what has been built on the foundation survives, the builder will receive a reward. If the work is burned, the builder will suffer loss; the builder will be saved, but only as through fire.

For the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

SERMON Father Charlie Annis CR
The Economy of Salvation

The sermon is followed by a period of silence until 9pm.

COMPLINE

PREPARATION

Please remain seated.

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.
Amen.

Our help is in the name of the Lord
who made heaven and earth.

A period of silence for reflection on the past day.

**Most merciful God,
we confess to you,
before the whole company of heaven and one another,
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed
and in what we have failed to do.
Forgive us our sins,
heal us by your Spirit
and raise us to new life in Christ. Amen.**

○ God, make speed to save us.

○ Lord, make haste to help us.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

HYMN

We sing the hymn unaccompanied



Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
that you, with steadfast love, would keep
Your watch around us while we sleep.

From evil dreams defend our sight,
from fears and terrors of the night;
tread underfoot our deadly foe
that we no sinful thought may know.

O Father, that we ask be done
through Jesus Christ, your only Son;
and Holy Spirit, by whose breath
our souls are raised to life from death.
Amen.

Words: Latin before 11th century

Tune: Te Lucis Ante Terminum, Mode viii

WORD OF GOD

PSALMODY

We say the Psalm responsorially, the officiant leading and the preacher and congregation joining in with the even numbered verses. We pause at the diamond in the middle of each verse. Please follow the preacher's timing of the pauses.

Monday 25 March

Psalm 25

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you I trust; ♦
let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 **Let none who look to you be put to shame, ♦
but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated.**
- 3 Make me to know your ways, O Lord, ♦
and teach me your paths.
- 4 **Lead me in your truth and teach me, ♦
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you have I hoped all the day long.**
- 5 Remember, Lord, your compassion and love, ♦
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 **Remember not the sins of my youth
or my transgressions, ♦
but think on me in your goodness, O Lord,
according to your steadfast love.**
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; ♦
therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.
- 8 **He will guide the humble in doing right ♦
and teach his way to the lowly.**
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth ♦
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.
- 10 **For your name's sake, O Lord, ♦
be merciful to my sin, for it is great.**
- 11 Who are those who fear the Lord? ♦
Them will he teach in the way that they should choose.
- 12 **Their soul shall dwell at ease ♦
and their offspring shall inherit the land.**
- 13 The hidden purpose of the Lord is for those who fear him ♦
and he will show them his covenant.

- 14 My eyes are ever looking to the Lord, ♦
for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.**
- 15 Turn to me and be gracious to me, ♦
for I am alone and brought very low.
- 16 The sorrows of my heart have increased; ♦
O bring me out of my distress.**
- 17 Look upon my adversity and misery ♦
and forgive me all my sin.
- 18 Look upon my enemies, for they are many ♦
and they bear a violent hatred against me.**
- 19 O keep my soul and deliver me; ♦
let me not be put to shame, for I have put my trust in you.
- 20 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, ♦
for my hope has been in you.**
- 21 Deliver Israel, O God, ♦
out of all his troubles.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

The service continues on page 14.

Tuesday 26 March

Psalm 55.13-24

- 13 For it was not an open enemy that reviled me, ♦
for then I could have borne it;
- 14 Nor was it my adversary that puffed himself up
against me, ♦
for then I would have hid myself from him.**
- 15 But it was even you, one like myself, ♦
my companion and my own familiar friend.
- 16 We took sweet counsel together ♦
and walked with the multitude in the house of God.**
- 17 Let death come suddenly upon them;
let them go down alive to the Pit; ♦
for wickedness inhabits their dwellings, their very hearts.
- 18 As for me, I will call upon God ♦
and the Lord will deliver me.**
- 19 In the evening and morning and at noonday
I will pray and make my supplication, ♦
and he shall hear my voice.
- 20 He shall redeem my soul in peace from the battle
waged against me, ♦
for many have come upon me.**
- 21 God, who is enthroned of old, will hear and bring them down; ♦
they will not repent, for they have no fear of God.
- 22 My companion stretched out his hands against his friend ♦
and has broken his covenant;**
- 23 His speech was softer than butter, though war was in his heart; ♦
his words were smoother than oil, yet are they naked swords.
- 24 Cast your burden upon the Lord and he will sustain you, ♦
and will not let the righteous fall for ever.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

The service continues on page 14.

Wednesday 27 March

Psalm 88

- 1 O Lord, God of my salvation, ♦
I have cried day and night before you.
- 2 **Let my prayer come into your presence; ♦
incline your ear to my cry.**
- 3 For my soul is full of troubles; ♦
my life draws near to the land of death.
- 4 **I am counted as one gone down to the Pit; ♦
I am like one that has no strength,**
- 5 Lost among the dead, ♦
like the slain who lie in the grave,
- 6 **Whom you remember no more, ♦
for they are cut off from your hand.**
- 7 You have laid me in the lowest pit, ♦
in a place of darkness in the abyss.
- 8 **Your anger lies heavy upon me, ♦
and you have afflicted me with all your waves.**

- 9 You have put my friends far from me ♦
and made me to be abhorred by them.
- 10 **I am so fast in prison that I cannot get free; ♦
my eyes fail from all my trouble.**
- 11 Lord, I have called daily upon you; ♦
I have stretched out my hands to you.

- 12 **Do you work wonders for the dead? ♦
Will the shades stand up and praise you?**
- 13 Shall your loving-kindness be declared in the grave, ♦
your faithfulness in the land of destruction?
- 14 **Shall your wonders be known in the dark ♦
or your righteous deeds in the land where all is forgotten?**

15 But as for me, O Lord, I will cry to you; ♦
early in the morning my prayer shall come before you.

16 Lord, why have you rejected my soul? ♦
Why have you hidden your face from me?

17 I have been wretched and at the point of death from my youth; ♦
I suffer your terrors and am no more seen.

18 Your wrath sweeps over me; ♦
your horrors are come to destroy me;

19 All day long they come about me like water; ♦
they close me in on every side.

20 Lover and friend have you put far from me ♦
and hid my companions out of my sight.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Monday 25 March Colossians 1.18-20

He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Tuesday 26 March Lamentations 3.40-42, 49-50

Let us test and examine our ways,
and return to the Lord.

Let us lift up our hearts as well as our hands
to God in heaven.

We have transgressed and rebelled,
and you have not forgiven.

My eyes will flow without ceasing,
without respite,
until the Lord from heaven
looks down and sees.

Wednesday 27 March Zechariah 12.10

I will pour out a spirit of compassion and supplication on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that, when they look on the one whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn.

Silence is kept.

RESPONSORY

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.

I commend my spirit.

Glory to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit.

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Keep me as the apple of your eye.

Hide me under the shadow of your wings.

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Please stand.

We say the Nunc Dimittis and refrain together, pausing at the diamonds.

Refrain:

**Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree,
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.**

- 1 **Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: ♦
 your word has been fulfilled.**
- 2 **My own eyes have seen the salvation ♦
 which you have prepared in the sight of every people;**
- 3 **A light to reveal you to the nations ♦
 and the glory of your people Israel.**

Luke 2.29-32

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree,
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.**

PRAYERS

Please sit or kneel to pray.

Prayers of intercession follow, ending with

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,
to you be glory and praise forever.
As we behold your Son, enthroned on the cross,
stir up in us the fire of your love,
that we may be cleaned from all our sins,
and walk with you in newness of life
singing the praise of him who died
for us and for our salvation.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
as we stand at the foot of the cross of your Son,
help us to see and know your love for us,
so that in humility, love and joy
we may place at his feet
all that we have and all that we are;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray

**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.**

CONCLUSION

In peace we will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.
Abide with us, Lord Jesus,
for the night is at hand and the day is now past.
As the night watch looks for the morning,
so do we look for you, O Christ.

May God bless us,
that in us may be found love and humility,
obedience and thanksgiving,
discipline, gentleness and peace.
Amen.

After a moment's stillness the officiant and preacher leave.

You are welcome to remain for a few minutes of silent prayer before leaving.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK 25 MARCH

8.30am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

9am Holy Communion *in the Lady Chapel*

5.30pm Choral Evensong *in the Quire*

8.30pm Sermon *from our Holy Week Preacher, Fr Charlie Annis CR, in the Lady Chapel followed by*

9pm Said Compline

TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK 26 MARCH

8.00am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

8.30am Holy Communion *in the Lady Chapel*

5.30pm Choral Evensong *in the Quire*

8.30pm Sermon *from our Holy Week Preacher, Fr Charlie Annis CR, in the Lady Chapel followed by*

9pm Said Compline

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK 27 MARCH

8.30am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

9am Holy Communion *in the Lady Chapel*

5.30pm Evening Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

8.30pm Sermon *from our Holy Week Preacher, Fr Charlie Annis CR, in the Lady Chapel followed by*

9pm Said Compline

MAUNDY THURSDAY 28 MARCH

8.30am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

11am Diocesan Chrism Eucharist

5.30pm Said Evening Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

7pm Eucharist of the Last Supper with Footwashing *with sermon given by Fr Charlie Annis, followed by The Watch until 9pm*

GOOD FRIDAY 29 MARCH

8.30am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

10am The Way of the Cross *an All Age service for Good Friday*

12noon The Three Hours *with Addresses given by Fr Charlie Annis*

1.30pm Liturgy of Good Friday (Choral Eucharist)

5.30pm Evensong *around the Cross*

EASTER EVE SATURDAY 30 MARCH

7pm Diocesan Easter Eve Service *with Baptism and Confirmation*

Don't forget to put your clocks forward this evening!

EASTER DAY SUNDAY 31 MARCH

7.30am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

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

9.45am Cathedral Festival Eucharist

6pm Choral Festival Evensong

GOOD FRIDAY 29 MARCH

10am The Way of the Cross *an All Age service for Good Friday*

This service is taking place at 10am in the Cathedral. It will begin with refreshments and an activity at the back of the nave before proceeding to a short act of worship in the Crossing.

CURRENT VACANCIES

We are currently looking to recruit for the following positions:

Events Officer

To provide administrative and operation support to the Events team within Guildford Cathedral Enterprises, including responsibility for finance procedures and ensuring that bookings are processed efficiently.

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Administrator with the smooth running of the Cathedral administration. The post holder will work enthusiastically as part of the Cathedral's team of Staff and Volunteers to help deliver our vision.

For more information on either vacancy please visit www.guildford-cathedral.org/about/current-vacancies

FAMILY FUN DAY WEDNESDAY 3 APRIL

Entry times 10am and 11am, finish 12.30pm

Spring is full of surprises! Come and discover some of them through a range of craft activities. Free event, but must be booked in advance – please see our website <https://www.guildford-cathedral.org/events/families-whats-on-copy-2024>

TRADITIONAL LANGUAGE CHORAL EUCHARIST

The next Choral Eucharist in traditional language (Common Worship Order Two) will be on Sunday 28 April at 11.30am. This service is currently held once a term.

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