



GUILDFORD  
CATHEDRAL

6pm  
7 April 2024

SECOND 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 box (by the West Doors of the Cathedral), or our QR code. 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.

## **GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL SINGERS**

We welcome Guildford Cathedral Singers, directed by John Bawden and thank them very much for providing the music for this service.

**PRECES AND RESPONSES** *Forbes L'Estrange (b. 1971)*

**CANTICLES** Evening Service in E minor *Stanley Vann (1910-2010)*

## **OFFICIANT AND PREACHER**

The officiant and preacher this evening is Canon Chris Hollingshurst.

*Please stand as the procession enters to organ music*

*Stand*

## **OPENING VERSICLES AND RESPONSES**

○ Lord, open thou our lips  
and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

○ God, make speed to save us.  
○ 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.

**WELCOME** Venerable Stuart Beake

## **HYMN**



Christ the Lord is risen again,  
Christ hath broken every chain.  
Hark, angelic voices cry,  
singing evermore on high,  
*Alleluia!*

He who gave for us his life,  
who for us endured the strife,  
is our Paschal Lamb to-day;  
we too sing for joy, and say:

*Alleluia!*

He who bore all pain and loss  
comfortless upon the cross,  
lives in glory now on high,  
pleads for us, and hears our cry:

*Alleluia!*

He who slumbered in the grave  
is exalted now to save;  
now through Christendom it rings  
that the Lamb is King of kings.

*Alleluia!*

Now he bids us tell abroad  
how the lost may be restored,  
how the penitent forgiven,  
how we too may enter heaven.

*Alleluia!*

Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed,  
Christ, thy ransomed people feed;  
take our sins and guilt away:  
let us sing by night and day

*Alleluia!*

*Words: Michael Weisse (c.1480-1534) tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)*

*Music: CP 141 (omit v.4) Orientis Partibus, French mediaeval melody, harmonised by  
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

Sit

**PSALM 85**

Lord, thou art become gracious unto thy land:

thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.

Thou hast forgiven the offence of thy people :

and covered all their sins.

Thou hast taken away all thy displeasure :

and turned thyself from thy wrathful indignation.

Turn us then, O God our Saviour :

and let thine anger cease from us.

Wilt thou be displeased at us for ever :

and wilt thou stretch out thy wrath from one generation to another?

Wilt thou not turn again, and quicken us :

that thy people may rejoice in thee?

Shew us thy mercy, O Lord :

and grant us thy salvation.

I will hearken what the Lord God will say concerning me :

for he shall speak peace unto his people, and to his saints, that they  
turn not again.

For his salvation is nigh them that fear him :

that glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth are met together :

righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall flourish out of the earth :

and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.

Yea, the Lord shall shew loving-kindness :

and our land shall give her increase.

Righteousness shall go before him :

and he shall direct his going in the way.

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: William Gustin Cooper (1861-1938)*

Sit

**OLD TESTAMENT** Genesis 3.8-15

The woman and the man heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate."

The Lord God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,  
cursed are you among all animals  
and among all wild creatures;  
upon your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.

I will put enmity between you and the woman  
and between your offspring and hers;  
he will strike your head,  
and you will strike his heel."

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** Galatians 4.1-5

My point is this: heirs, as long as they are minors, are no better than those who are enslaved, though they are the owners of all the property, but they remain under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; while we were minors, we were enslaved to the elemental principles of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children.



*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**

Almighty Father,  
who hast given thine only Son to die for our sins  
and to rise again for our justification:  
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness  
that we may always serve thee  
in pureness of living and truth;  
through the merits of 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**

Verleih uns frieden gnädiglich, *Graciously grant us peace*  
Herr Gott! zu unsern zeiten *Lord God, in our time;*  
Es ist doch ja kein ander nicht, *there is no one else*  
Der für uns könnte streiten, *who could fight for us*  
Denn du unser Gott alleine. *except you, our God, alone.*

*Words: Martin Luther (1483-1546)*

*Music: Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)*

**HOMILY** Canon Chris Hollingshurst

Sit or kneel **THE PRAYERS**

*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**



The day of resurrection!  
Earth, tell it out abroad;  
the Passover of gladness,  
the Passover of God;  
from death to life eternal,  
from earth unto the sky,  
our God hath brought us over  
with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,  
that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal  
of resurrection-light;  
and, listening to his accents,  
may hear so calm and plain  
his own 'All hail', and, hearing,  
may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful,  
and earth her song begin,  
the round world keep high triumph,  
and all that is therein;  
let all things seen and unseen  
their notes in gladness blend,  
for Christ the Lord is risen,  
our joy that hath no end.

*Words: St John of Damascus (d. c. 754) tr John Mason Neale (1818-1866)*  
*Music: CP 157, Ellacombe, 18<sup>th</sup> century German melody as included in Mainz*  
*Gesambuch 1833*

## **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**

*Adagio Frank Bridge (1879-1941)*

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING?

## **SERVICES TODAY SUNDAY 7 APRIL**

**7.30am** Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

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

**9.45am** Cathedral Eucharist *sung by Guildford Cathedral Singers*

**6pm** Choral Evensong *sung by Guildford Cathedral Singers*

## **SERVICES THIS WEEK**

**Morning Prayer** *in the Lady Chapel*

**8am** Tuesday

**8.30am** Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

**9am** Saturday

**Holy Communion** *in the Lady Chapel*

**8.30am** Tuesday

**9am** Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

**9.30am** Saturday

**Evening Prayer** *in the Lady Chapel*

**5.30pm** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

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**6pm** Choral Evensong *sung by The Whyte Effect*

## **GUILDFORD FOOD BANK**

The next collection for the foodbank is TODAY, Sunday 7 April.

They have particularly asked for washing-up liquid, baked beans, tinned soup, drinking chocolate and custard. Thank you very much for your donations.

## **TENORS AND BASSES NEEDED!**

If you have enjoyed the music in the Cathedral today and are an experienced singer, then you may be interested to learn that Guildford Cathedral Singers (who sing these services about once a month) are looking for a few more tenors and basses to join them. You will need good musicality and sight reading skills – find out more at <https://www.guildford-cathedral.org/music/singers>.

## **POST BOX TOPPER EXHIBITION 16 APRIL TO 2 JUNE**

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

## **COFFEE CONCERT THURSDAY 18 APRIL**

Given by Jeanne and Theo Kalorkoti (xylophone and piano). The Cathedral is proud to host a series of daytime coffee concerts, featuring a variety of musical performers from solo instrumentalists to large choirs and catering for a wide range of musical tastes. Coffee is served from 10.30 am, with the concert starting at 11.15am and finishing at 12.00 noon. Entry is free.

## **VOLUNTEERS TO ADMINISTER THE CHALICE**

We are in need of some more volunteers to help administer the chalice at Holy Communion services. This can be a particularly meaningful role for someone looking for a way to be more involved in worship. Canon Rachel will be running a training session on Sunday 21 April after the morning service, 11.15am-12.30pm, starting in the library. If you are interested or would like to discuss what it involves, please contact her by email ([rachel.young@guildford-cathedral.org](mailto:rachel.young@guildford-cathedral.org)).

## **TRADITIONAL LANGUAGE EUCHARIST**

The next Choral Eucharist in traditional language (Common Worship Order Two) will be at 11.30am on Sunday 28 April.