



GUILDFORD
CATHEDRAL

6pm
21 April 2024

FOURTH 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.

MUSIC TODAY

We are very grateful to the Stag Consort, under its director Peter Hicks, for leading our sung worship today.

PRECES AND RESPONSES

Richard James Shephard (1949-2021)

CANTICLES

Gloucester Service Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

OFFICIANT AND PREACHER

The officiant and preacher this evening is the Reverend Canon Rachel Young.

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.

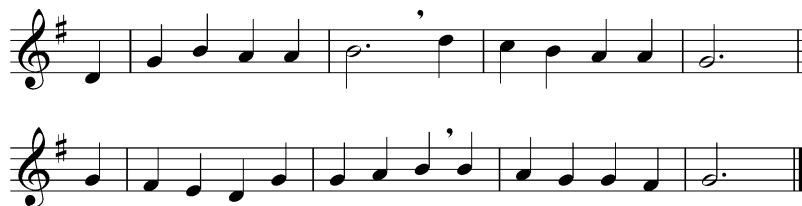
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

WELCOME Canon Rachel Young

HYMN



The Lord is risen indeed:
now is his work performed;
now is the mighty captive freed,
and death's strong castle stormed.

The Lord is risen indeed:
then hell has lost its prey;
with him is risen the ransomed seed
to reign in endless day.

The Lord is risen indeed:
he lives, to die no more;
he lives, the sinner's cause to plead,
whose curse and shame he bore.

The Lord is risen indeed:
attending angels, hear!
Up to the courts of heaven with speed
the joyful tidings bear.

Then take your golden lyres,
and strike each cheerful chord;
join, all the bright celestial choirs,
to sing our risen Lord.

Words: Thomas Kelly (1769-1855)

Music: CP 158, St Michael, Adapted from melody to 'Psalm 101' in the Genevan Psalter (1551) by William Crotch (1775-1847)

Sit **PSALM 81.8-16**

Hear, O my people, and I will assure thee, O Israel :
if thou wilt hearken unto me,
There shall no strange god be in thee :
neither shalt thou worship any other god.
I am the Lord thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt :
open thy mouth wide, and I shall fill it.
But my people would not hear my voice :
and Israel would not obey me.
So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lusts:
and let them follow their own imaginations.
O that my people would have hearkened unto me :
for if Israel had walked in my ways,
I should soon have put down their enemies :
and turned my hand against their adversaries.

The haters of the Lord should have been found liars :
but their time should have endured for ever.
He should have fed them also with the finest wheat-flour:
and with honey out of the stony rock should I have satisfied thee.

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: Edward John Hopkins (1818-1901)

Sit **OLD TESTAMENT** Exodus 16.4-15

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.' So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, 'In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?' And Moses said, 'When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him - what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.'

Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining."' And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God."' '

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.'

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 2.12-17

‘And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: These are the words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword:

‘I know where you are living, where Satan’s throne is. Yet you are holding fast to my name, and you did not deny your faith in me even in the days of Antipas my witness, my faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan lives. But I have a few things against you: you have some there who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling-block before the people of Israel, so that they would eat food sacrificed to idols and practise fornication. So you also have some who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans. Repent then. If not, I will come to you soon and make war against them with the sword of my mouth. Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. To everyone who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give a white stone, and on the white stone is written a new name that no one knows except the one who receives it.

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 God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he 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

Faire is the heaven where happy soules have place
in full enjoyment of felicitie;
whence they do still behold the glorious face
of the Divine, Eternall Majestie;

Yet farre more faire be those bright Cherubins
which all with golden wings are overdight
and those eternall burning Seraphins
which from their faces dart out fiery light;

Yet fairer than they both and much more bright
be the Angels and Archangels
which attend on God's owne person without rest or end.
These then in faire each other farre excelling,
as to the Highest they approach more neare;
yet is that Highest farre beyond all telling

Fairer than all the rest which there appeare,
though all their beauties joynd together were;
how then can mortal tongue hope to expresse
the image of such endlesse perfectnesse?

Words: Edmund Spenser (1552/3–1599)

Music: William Henry Harris (1883-1973)

HOMILY Canon Rachel Young

*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



Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode.
On the Rock of ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,
 springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters,
 and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
 ever flows their thirst to assuage:
grace which, like the Lord the giver,
 never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hovering,
 see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering,
 showing that the Lord is near.
Thus they march, the pillar leading,
 light by night and shade by day;
daily on the manna feeding
 which he gives them when they pray.

Saviour, if of Zion's city
 I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
 I will glory in thy name.
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
 all his boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure,
 none but Zion's children know.

Words: from Isaiah 33.20-21, John Newton (1725-1807)

Music: CP 435 (tune ii) Austria, Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

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

Exultemus Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

SERVICES TODAY SUNDAY 21 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 the Stag Consort*

6pm Choral Evensong *sung by the Stag Consort*

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

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 28 APRIL

7.30am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

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

9.45am Cathedral Eucharist

11.30am Choral Eucharist in Traditional Language (Common Worship Order Two)

6pm Choral Evensong

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.

RUNNING THE MARATHON

Our own amazing Nicola Goff is running the TSC London Marathon MyWay today! She is running the 26.2 miles around Guildford, hills and all, in support of Guildford Cathedral. Can you show her your support and donate to her chosen cause? Donations

at <https://guildfordcathedral.enthuse.com/cf/nicola-goff-runs-the-tsc-london-marathon-my-way> or to the Cathedral office. Thank you!

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 TODAY 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 join us!

VOLUNTEERS TO LEAD INTERCESSIONS OR TO READ LESSONS

We are also looking for more volunteers to help lead the intercessions during Sunday morning's Choral Eucharist or read Bible lessons. If you're interested please contact Canon Rachel (rachel.young@guildford-cathedral.org). Training for these will be 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.

GUILDFORD THEOLOGY HUB THURSDAY 2 MAY

with the Revd Professor Maggi Dawn of Durham University
7.15 for 7.30pm at Guildford Cathedral (in the Lady Chapel) on the
subject "More than words can say: reading theology through literature
and the arts". Tickets and further information at

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/871654902277?aff=oddtcreator>

Join us in the Lady Chapel at Guildford Cathedral for an evening of
exploring how we can dive deeper into theology through the world of
literature and the arts. We are delighted to be welcoming Reverend
Professor Maggi Dawn to speak to us on this occasion. Reverend
Professor Dawn is a hymn writer, theologian and priest who has taught
in Cambridge, Yale and Durham. Until recently she was Principal of St
Mary's College, Durham. She has written numerous books and articles
and has contributed to the Guardian as well as other media outlets. We
are thrilled to welcome her to the Theology Hub!

CHORAL EVENSONG SATURDAY 11 MAY, 5pm

You are invited to celebrate the 90th birthday of Barry Rose, the first
Master of the Choristers of Guildford Cathedral, at Evensong on
Saturday 11 May at 5pm. Please see 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

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'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

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. I am very pleased that 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.

