



GUILDFORD
CATHEDRAL

6pm
28 April 2024

FIFTH 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.

PRECES AND RESPONSES

Cecilia McDowall (b.1951)

CANTICLES

Chichester Service Lennox Berkeley (1903-1989)

OFFICIANT AND PREACHER

The officiant and preacher this evening is the Interim Dean, the Venerable Stuart Beake.

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



Now is eternal life,
if ris'n with Christ we stand,
in him to life reborn,
and held within his hand;
no more we fear death's ancient dread,
in Christ arisen from the dead.

Man long in bondage lay,
brooding o'er life's brief span;
was it, O God, for naught,
for naught, thou madest man?
Thou art our hope, our vital breath;
shall hope undying end in death?

And God, the living God,
stooped down to man's estate;
by death destroying death,
Christ opened wide life's gate.
He lives, who died; he reigns on high;
who lives in him shall never die.

Unfathomed love divine,
reign thou within my heart;
from thee nor depth nor height,
nor life nor death can part;
my life is hid in God with thee,
now and through all eternity.

Text: G. W. Briggs (1875-1959)

Music: CP 152 Christchurch, Charles Steggal (1826-1905)

Sit **PSALM 96**

O sing unto the Lord a new song :
sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.
Sing unto the Lord, and praise his Name :
be telling of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his honour unto the heathen :
and his wonders unto all people.
For the Lord is great, and cannot worthily be praised :
he is more to be feared than all gods.
As for all the gods of the heathen, they are but idols :
but it is the Lord that made the heavens.

Glory and worship are before him :
power and honour are in his sanctuary.
Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people :
ascribe unto the Lord worship and power.
Ascribe unto the Lord the honour due unto his Name :
bring presents, and come into his courts.
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness :
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
Tell it out among the heathen that the Lord is King :
and that it is he who hath made the round world so fast that it cannot
be moved; and how that he shall judge the people righteously.
Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad :
let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is.
Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it :
then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord.
For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth :
and with righteousness to judge the world, and the people
with his truth.

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: Jonathan Batisthill (1738-1801)

Sit **OLD TESTAMENT** Isaiah 60.1-14

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.
All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered to you,
the rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you;
they shall be acceptable on my altar,
and I will glorify my glorious house.

Who are these that fly like a cloud,
and like doves to their windows?
For the coastlands shall wait for me,
the ships of Tarshish first,
to bring your children from far away,
their silver and gold with them,
for the name of the Lord your God,
and for the Holy One of Israel,
because he has glorified you.
Foreigners shall build up your walls,
and their kings shall minister to you;
for in my wrath I struck you down,
but in my favour I have had mercy on you.
Your gates shall always be open;
day and night they shall not be shut,
so that nations shall bring you their wealth,
with their kings led in procession.

For the nation and kingdom
that will not serve you shall perish;
those nations shall be utterly laid waste.

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

‘And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: These are the words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars:

‘I know your works; you have a name for being alive, but you are dead. Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is at the point of death, for I have not found your works perfect in the sight of my God. Remember then what you received and heard; obey it, and repent. If you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come to you. Yet you have still a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes; they will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy. If you conquer, you will be clothed like them in white robes, and I will not blot your name out of the book of life; I will confess your name before my Father and before his angels. Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

‘And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:

These are the words of the holy one, the true one,
who has the key of David,
who opens and no one will shut,
who shuts and no one opens:

‘I know your works. Look, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but are lying - I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will learn that I have loved you. Because you have kept my word of patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth. I am coming soon; hold fast to what you have, so that no one may seize your crown. If you conquer, I will make you a pillar in the temple of my God; you will never go out of it. I will write on you the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem that comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name. 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 catholic 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.
O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation.

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

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

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

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

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God,
who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
hast overcome death and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life:
we humbly beseech thee that,
as by thy grace preceding us
thou dost put into our minds good desires,
so by thy continual help
we may bring the same to good effect;
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

Ecce vicit Leo
de tribu Iuda,
radix David,
aperire librum,
et solvere septem
signacula eius.

Alleluia.

Dignus est Agnus,
qui occisus es,
accipere virtutem,
et divinitatem,
et sapientiam, et fortitudinem,
et honorem, et gloriam,
et benedictionem.

Alleluia.

*Behold, the Lion
of the tribe of Judah,
the root of David,
has prevailed to open the book,
and to loose the
seven seals thereof*

Alleluia.

*Worthy is the Lamb
that was slain,
to receive virtue,
and godhead,
and wisdom, and strength
and honour, and glory,
and blessing.*

Alleluia.

Words: The Book of Revelation

Music: Peter Philips (c. 1560-1628)

HOMILY Venerable Stuart Beake

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**



Sing choirs of heaven! Let saints and angels sing!
Around God's throne exult in harmony.
Now Jesus Christ is risen from the grave.
Salute your King in glorious symphony.

Sing choirs of earth! Behold, your light has come!
The glory of the Lord shines radiantly.
Lift up your hearts, for Christ has conquered death.
The night is past; the day of life is here.

Sing church of God! Exult with joy outpoured!
The gospel trumpets tell of victory won.
Your Saviour lives: he's with you evermore.
Let all God's people shout the long Amen.

Words: CP 156 The Easter Proclamation

Music: CP 362 Woodlands, Walter Greatorex (1877-1949)

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

Praeludium in C (BuxWV 137) *Dieterich Buxtehude*

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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

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

6pm Choral Evensong

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

Evening Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

5.30pm Wednesday

Choral Evensong

5.30pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 5 MAY

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

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). Training for this 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!

FOOD BANK COLLECTION SUNDAY 5 MAY

The next collection of food for the North Guildford Foodbank will be on 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!”

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 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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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.

'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.