



GUILDFORD
CATHEDRAL

5.30pm
Monday 9 March
for Wednesday 15 April 2026

BBC RECORDING FOR BROADCAST CHORAL EVENSONG



WELCOME

EASTERTIDE

Although the recording of this Evensong is being made on Monday 9 March which is during Lent, it will be broadcast on Wednesday 15 April which falls in Eastertide. Therefore, the liturgy reflects the season of Easter and we will be singing 'Alleluia!'... !

BBC LIVE BROADCAST

This evening's service begins at 5.30pm and will be recorded for broadcast on BBC Radio 3 on Wednesday 15 April. Please be seated by 5pm. At the end of the service, please sit after the blessing for the organ voluntary for the recording to finish; then you will be asked to stand and leave as swiftly as possible, to make time for any re-recordings that have to take place.

MUSICIANS

Guildford Cathedral girl and boy choristers and lay clerks are singing the service, under the direction of The Organist and Choir Master, Katherine Dienes-Williams. The organ is played by the Sub Organist, Asher Oliver.

PARTICIPATION IN THE SERVICE

We sing the hymn and say together the words in **bold** type. Although posture is suggested please do whatever is most comfortable for you.

PRECES AND RESPONSES *Humphrey Clucas (b.1941)*

CANTICLES Evening Service in D *George Dyson (1883-1964)*

Stand *The choir and clergy enter to organ music, after which all are seated.*

*Remain
seated* **INTROIT**

As the apple tree among the trees of the wood,
So is my beloved among the sons.
I sat down under his shadow with great delight,
And his fruit was sweet to my taste.
My beloved spake and said unto me:
Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.
As the apple tree among the trees of the wood,
So is my beloved among the sons.

Text: Song of Solomon 2: 3,10

Music: Robert Walker (b. 1946)

WELCOME The Reverend Canon Rachel Young

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.

The psalm is announced by Canon Rachel Young

PSALM 78

Hear my law, O my people :
 incline your ears unto the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable :
 I will declare hard sentences of old;
Which we have heard and known :
 and such as our fathers have told us;
That we should not hide them from the children
of the generations to come :
 but to shew the honour of the Lord,
 his mighty and wonderful works that he hath done.
He made a covenant with Jacob, and gave Israel a law :
 which he commanded our forefathers to teach their children;
That their posterity might know it :
 and the children which were yet unborn;
To the intent that when they came up :
 they might shew their children the same;
That they might put their trust in God :
 and not to forget the works of God,
 but to keep his commandments;
And not to be as their forefathers,
a faithless and stubborn generation :
 a generation that set not their heart aright,
 and whose spirit cleaveth not stedfastly unto God;
Like as the children of Ephraim :
 who being harnessed, and carrying bows,
 turned themselves back in the day of battle.
They kept not the covenant of God :
 and would not walk in his law;
But forgat what he had done :
 and the wonderful works that he had shewed for them.
Marvellous things did he in the sight of our forefathers,
in the land of Egypt :
 even in the field of Zoan.

He divided the sea, and let them go through :
 he made the waters to stand on an heap.
In the day-time also he led them with a cloud :
 and all the night through with a light of fire.
He clave the hard rocks in the wilderness :
 and gave them drink thereof, as it had been out of the great depth.
He brought waters out of the stony rock :
 so that it gushed out like the rivers.
Yet for all this they sinned more against him :
 and provoked the most Highest in the wilderness.
They tempted God in their hearts :
 and required meat for their lust.
They spake against God also, saying :
 Shall God prepare a table in the wilderness?
He smote the stony rock indeed, that the waters gushed out,
and the streams flowed withal :
 but can he give bread also, or provide flesh for his people?
When the Lord heard this, he was wroth :
 so the fire was kindled in Jacob,
 and there came up heavy displeasure against Israel;
Because they believed not in God :
 and put not their trust in his help.
So he commanded the clouds above :
 and opened the doors of heaven.
He rained down manna also upon them for to eat :
 and gave them food from heaven.
So man did eat angels' food :
 for he sent them meat enough.
He caused the east-wind to blow under heaven :
 and through his power he brought in the south-west-wind.
He rained flesh upon them as thick as dust :
 and feathered fowls like as the sand of the sea.
He let it fall among their tents :
 even round about their habitation.

So they did eat and were well filled,
for he gave them their own desire :
they were not disappointed of their lust.
But while the meat was yet in their mouths, the heavy wrath of God
came upon them, and slew the wealthiest of them :
yea, and smote down the chosen men that were in Israel.
But for all this they sinned yet more :
and believed not his wondrous works.
Therefore their days did he consume in vanity:
and their years in trouble.
When he slew them, they sought him :
and turned them early, and inquired after God.
And they remembered that God was their strength :
and that the high God was their redeemer.
Nevertheless, they did but flatter him with their mouth :
and dissembled with him in their tongue.
For their heart was not whole with him :
neither continued they stedfast in his covenant.
But he was so merciful, that he forgave their misdeeds :
and destroyed them not.
Yea, many a time turned he his wrath away :
and would not suffer his whole displeasure to arise.
For he considered that they were but flesh :
and that they were even a wind that passeth away,
and cometh not again.
Many a time did they provoke him in the wilderness :
and grieved him in the desert.
They turned back, and tempted God :
and moved the Holy One in Israel.
They thought not of his hand :
and of the day when he delivered them from the hand of the enemy;
How he had wrought his miracles in Egypt :
and his wonders in the field of Zoan.
He turned their waters into blood :
so that they might not drink of the rivers.

He sent lice among them, and devoured them up :
and frogs to destroy them.
He gave their fruit unto the caterpillar :
and their labour unto the grasshopper.
He destroyed their vines with hail-stones :
and their mulberry trees with the frost.
He smote their cattle also with hail-stones :
and their flocks with hot thunderbolts.
He cast upon them the furiousness of his wrath,
anger, displeasure, and trouble :
and sent evil angels among them.
He made a way to his indignation, and spared not their soul from death :
but gave their life over to the pestilence;
And smote all the first-born in Egypt :
the most principal and mightiest in the dwellings of Ham.
But as for his own people, he led them forth like sheep :
and carried them in the wilderness like a flock.
He brought them out safely, that they should not fear :
and overwhelmed their enemies with the sea.
And brought them within the borders of his sanctuary :
even to his mountain which he purchased with his right hand.
He cast out the heathen also before them :
caused their land to be divided among them for an heritage,
and made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.
So they tempted and displeased the most high God :
and kept not his testimonies;
But turned their backs, and fell away like their forefathers :
starting aside like a broken bow.
For they grieved him with their hill-altars :
and provoked him to displeasure with their images.
When God heard this, he was wroth :
and took sore displeasure at Israel.
So that he forsook the tabernacle in Silo :
even the tent that he had pitched among men.
He delivered their power into captivity :

and their beauty into the enemy's hand.
He gave his people over also unto the sword :
and was wroth with his inheritance.
The fire consumed their young men :
and their maidens were not given to marriage.
Their priests were slain with the sword :
and there were no widows to make lamentation.
So the Lord awaked as one out of sleep :
and like a giant refreshed with wine.
He smote his enemies in the hinder parts :
and put them to a perpetual shame.
He refused the tabernacle of Joseph :
and chose not the tribe of Ephraim;
But chose the tribe of Judah :
even the hill of Sion which he loved.
And there he built his temple on high :
and laid the foundation of it like the ground
which he hath made continually.
He chose David also his servant :
and took him away from the sheep-folds.
As he was following the ewes great with young ones he took him :
that he might feed Jacob his people, and Israel his inheritance.
So he fed them with a faithful and true heart :
and ruled them prudently with all his power.

*Chants: Katherine Dienes-Williams (b. 1970), George Clement Martin (1844-1916),
Henry Heathcote Statham (1889-1973), Herbert Howells (1892-1983), from
J. Clarke, Robert Walker (b. 1946)*

Sit Canon Rachel Young introduces the First Lesson.

FIRST LESSON Hosea 5.15-6.6 read by Carolyn Howard-Jones

Here begins the fifteenth verse of the fifth chapter of the prophecy of Hosea.

I will return again to my place
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.
In their distress they will beg my favour:
'Come, let us return to the Lord;
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.
After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.
Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord;
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;
he will come to us like the showers,
like the spring rains that water the earth.'
What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?
Your love is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets,
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgement goes forth as the light.
For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt-offerings.

Here ends the First Lesson.

Canon Rachel Young introduces the Office hymn

OFFICE HYMN *sung by the choir*

O God, whose hand hath spread the sky,
and all its shining hosts on high,
and painting it with fiery light,
made it so beauteous and so bright.

Thou, when the fourth day was begun,
didst frame the circle of the sun,
and set the moon for ordered change,
and planets for their wider range.

To night and day, by certain line,
their varying bounds thou didst assign;
and gav'st a signal, known and meet,
for moths begun and months complete.

Enlighten thou the hearts of men:
polluted souls make pure again:
unloose the bands of guilt within:
remove the burden of our sin.

Grant this, O Father, ever One
with Christ thy sole-begotten Son,
whom, with the Spirit we adore,
one God, both now and evermore.
Amen.

Words: Traditional hymn sung at Vespers on Wednesday

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 Canon Rachel Young introduces the Second Lesson.

SECOND LESSON | Corinthians 15.1-11 read by Charles Martin

Here begins the first verse of the fifteenth chapter of the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

I should remind you, fellow Christians, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you - unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred believers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of

God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them - though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Here ends the Second Lesson.

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.

○ 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,
who hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin,
and also an ensample of godly life:
Give us grace that we may always most thankfully
receive that his inestimable benefit,
and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow
the blessed steps of his most holy life;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.
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 PROTECTION

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 Canon Rachel Young introduces the Anthem.

ANTHEM

The day of resurrection!
Alleluia! Let it shine!
The passover of gladness.
The passover of God.
For Christ has brought us
from death to life,
from earth to heaven.
Triumph! Sing triumph!
Let us purify our hearts
and behold
the radiant light
of resurrection
and hear: "Rejoice!"

Triumph! Sing triumph!
Let the heavens rejoice,
the earth be glad,
and all things seen and unseen
sing triumph! Alleluia!
For our eternal joy has risen!

*Words: Adapted from the Paschal Canon by John of Damascus
Music: Melissa Dunphy (b. 1980)*

THE PRAYERS The Reverend Canon Chris Hollingshurst

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 Canon Rachel Young introduces the hymn.

HYMN



Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hearts to heaven and voices raise;
sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise:
he who on the cross a victim
for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits
of the holy harvest field,
which will all its full abundance
at his second coming yield;
then the golden ears of harvest
will their heads before him wave,
ripened by his glorious sunshine,
from the furrows of the grave.



Christ is risen, we are risen;
shed upon us heavenly grace,
rain, and dew, and gleams of glory
from the brightness of thy face;
that we, with our hearts in heaven,
here on earth may fruitful be,
and by angel-hands be gathered,
and be ever, Lord, with thee.

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Saviour,
who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit,
fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
to the Triune Majesty.

Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)
Music: CP 137, Lux Eoi, Arthur Sullivan (1842-1900)
Descant in v.4 by Richard Marlow (1939-2013)

BLESSING The Reverend Canon Chris Hollingshurst

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.

Sit **ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

Surrexit Hodie Francis Pott (b. 1957)

*Please refrain from clapping when the voluntary has ended.
The broadcast recording ends when the red light goes off.*

Stand *Please stand and leave as swiftly as possible, to enable any re-recording to
take place. Thank you.*

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