



GUILDFORD  
CATHEDRAL

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# THIRD 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.

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see the notice at the back of this booklet. 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 welcome the Choir of Godalming Minster under their Director, Matthew Greenfield, who are leading our sung worship this evening.

## **PRECES AND RESPONSES**

*John Sanders (1933-2003)*

## **CANTICLES**

Gloucester Service *Herbert Howells (1892-1983)*

## **OFFICIANT AND PREACHER**

The officiant this evening is The Reverend Canon Rachel Young and The Reverend Jo Winn-Smith, Priest Vicar and Minor Canon, is the preacher.

*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** The Reverend Canon Rachel Young

## **HYMN**



Blessèd city, heavenly Salem,  
vision dear of peace and love,  
who of living stones art builded  
in the height of heaven above,  
and with angel hosts encircled,  
as a bride dost earthward move.

Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the Head and corner-stone,  
chosen of the Lord, and precious,  
binding all the church in one,  
Holy Sion's help for ever,  
and her confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call thee,  
come, O Lord of Hosts, to-day;  
with thy wonted loving-kindness  
hear thy servants as they pray,  
and thy fullest benediction  
shed within its walls away.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants  
what they ask of thee to gain,  
what they gain from thee for ever  
with the blessed to retain,  
and hereafter in thy glory  
evermore with thee to reign.

*Words: Latin, before 9<sup>th</sup> century tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866)*  
*Music: CP 207 Westminster Abbey,*  
*adapted from an anthem by Henry Purcell (1659-1695)*

Sit **PSALM 48**

Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised :  
in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill.  
The hill of Sion is a fair place, and the joy of the whole earth :  
upon the north-side lieth the city of the great King;  
God is well known in her palaces as a sure refuge.  
For lo, the kings of the earth :  
are gathered, and gone by together.  
They marvelled to see such things :  
they were astonished, and suddenly cast down.

Fear came there upon them, and sorrow :  
as upon a woman in her travail.  
Thou shalt break the ships of the sea :  
through the east-wind.  
Like as we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts,  
in the city of our God :  
God upholdeth the same for ever.  
We wait for thy loving-kindness, O God :  
in the midst of thy temple.  
O God, according to thy Name, so is thy praise unto the world's end :  
thy right hand is full of righteousness.  
Let the mount Zion rejoice, and the daughters of Judah be glad :  
because of thy judgements.  
Walk about Zion, and go round about her :  
and tell the towers thereof.  
Mark well her bulwarks, set up her houses :  
that ye may tell them that come after.  
For this God is our God for ever and ever :  
he shall be our guide unto death.

*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: George Mursell Garrett (1834–1897)*

*Sit* **OLD TESTAMENT** Haggai 1.13-2.9

The first lesson is written in the first chapter of the book Haggai, beginning at the thirteenth verse.

Haggai, the messenger of the Lord, spoke to the people with the Lord's message, saying, I am with you, says the Lord. And the Lord stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the

remnant of the people; and they came and worked on the house of the Lord of hosts, their God, on the twenty-fourth day of the month, in the sixth month. In the second year of King Darius, in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the prophet Haggai, saying: Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the Lord; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the Lord; work, for I am with you, says the Lord of hosts, according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. For thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendour, says the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts. The latter splendour of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts.

Here ends the first lesson.

*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** | Corinthians 3.10-17

The second lesson is written in the third chapter of Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, beginning at the tenth verse.

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. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

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 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 in thy great mercy gladdened the disciples  
with the sight of the risen Lord:  
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,  
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life  
and serve thee continually in righteousness and truth;  
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**

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth;  
for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away,  
and there was no more sea.

And I John saw the holy city new Jerusalem,  
coming down from God out of heaven,  
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying:  
'Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men,  
and he will dwell with them and they shall be his people,  
and God himself shall be with them and be their God.  
And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;  
and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying,  
neither shall there be any more pain,  
for the former things are passed away.'

*Words: Revelation 21.1-4*

*Music: Edward Bainton (1880-1956)*

**SERMON** The Reverend Jo Winn-Smith

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.**



## **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**

Rhapsody No. 1 in D flat *Herbert Howells (1892-1983)*

# 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 *sung by Guildford Cathedral Singers*

**6pm** Choral Evensong *sung by Godalming Minster Choir*

## 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**

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

**Holy Communion** *for George, Martyr and Patron of England*

**5.30pm** Thursday *at the High Altar*

## SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 26 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 Godalming Minster Choir*

**6pm** Choral Evensong *sung by a cantor*

## **ASKING FOR PRAYER AND INTERCESSION**

Please contact the Dean's Virger and his team on 01483 547877 or via [virger@guildford-cathedral.org](mailto:virger@guildford-cathedral.org) if you would like to add a name to the list of people prayed for in services. Please ensure that you have appropriate permission to do so. Canon Mavis continues to operate a confidential prayer group, and you can contact her to request confidential prayer on 01483 808097 or via [mavis.wilson@guildford-cathedral.org](mailto:mavis.wilson@guildford-cathedral.org).

## **SERVE AT THE HEART OF OUR WORSHIP**

Have you ever considered playing a more active part in our cathedral services? We are looking for people willing to serve as servers, Eucharistic Ministers, intercessors or lesson readers. You certainly don't need to take on all of these - even offering for just one would be a tremendous blessing to our worshipping community. No experience is necessary; full training will be given, and you will find yourself supported every step of the way. Please don't be shy about coming forward - speak to Canon Rachel Young or email her ([Rachel.young@guildford-cathedral.org](mailto:Rachel.young@guildford-cathedral.org)).

## **LIVESTREAMING**

Our livestreamed services are a vital part of our Cathedral's mission, enabling people across the world to share in worship and stay connected with our community. Whether through illness, distance, or other circumstances, many rely on these broadcasts to participate in the life of the Cathedral. **We are in real need of new volunteers to join our livestreaming team.** No previous experience is necessary - full training will be provided. If you might be able to help with this important ministry, please do consider joining us. To find out more, please contact Canon Rachel Young ([Rachel.young@guildford-cathedral.org](mailto:Rachel.young@guildford-cathedral.org)).

## **VACANCY FOR TRUSTEE MEMBER FOR THE FRIENDS OF GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL (FOGC)**

Mary Morris recently stepped down as a Trustee on the FOGC Board. We thank Mary for all the work she has contributed over the years. The Friends of Guildford Cathedral need new Trustees. Could this be for you? The Trustees administer the funds on behalf of the Charity and distribute them to the Cathedral in accordance with purposes of the Charity set out in its governing document which are to 'advance the Christian religion for the benefit of the public, to provide furnishings, embellishments and equipment for the Cathedral and to advance the education of the public in religious fabric and assisting in the maintenance of the Cathedral'. We meet 3 times a year to consider proposals from Chapter as well as our annual general meeting. No specialised knowledge is required, and all applications will be considered. Anyone who is a member of the Friends and interested in supporting the Cathedral is welcome to apply. Please feel free to contact me by email or telephone, or see me at the Cathedral, for a discussion. Joy Allen, Chair of the Friends of Guildford Cathedral (email [joy.allen@btinternet.com](mailto:joy.allen@btinternet.com) or phone 07768 476323).

## **GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM AUGUST 2026**

We will once again be going on pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in 2026. The pilgrimage will run from Friday 28 – Sunday 30 August, with the option of staying until after breakfast on Monday 31 August. We are very pleased that Dean Bob 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 Roman Catholic shrine, or quiet reflection in the grounds of the Shrine and walking in the lovely Norfolk countryside near the Shrine. Fellowship and deepening of faith is at the heart of the pilgrimage. The cost, full board including breakfast, lunch and dinner in the Shrine refectory will be approximately £290 or £200 per person, depending on whether you depart on the Monday or Sunday. We still have two places available. 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, [don230224@gmail.com](mailto:don230224@gmail.com)

### **VISIT TO CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL INCLUDING THE FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS ON THURSDAY 4 JUNE 2026**

We hope you would like to join The Friends of Guildford Cathedral on a coach trip to Chichester Cathedral, including The Festival of Flowers on Thursday 4 June. Itinerary: 9am meet at Guildford Cathedral; ETA time of arrival at Chichester Cathedral 10.15am; Depart Chichester Cathedral 5pm; Estimated time of coach arrival back at Guildford Cathedral 6pm. Price: £47.00 per person (Friends' discounted price £42). Booking Forms available at the information desk, or a Form can be emailed to you by contacting Yvette Wright Secretary to The Friends of Guildford Cathedral Tel: 07851 371590 [friends@guildford-cathedral.org.uk](mailto:friends@guildford-cathedral.org.uk) To join the Friends of Guildford Cathedral, pick up a form in the Cathedral or email Yvette Wright.

### **THE DIOCESAN SCHOOLS ECO DAY 30 APRIL 2026**

We need any unwanted newspapers or colourful magazines for their activities. Please leave at the guides desk in the box labelled Eco Day anytime before 28<sup>th</sup> April.

Nicola Cole, Head of Schools, Guildford Cathedral

### **FOREIGN CURRENCY FOR THE CATHEDRAL**

Our grand total has increased to £32,360 following recent donations. Many thanks to all who have contributed. The scheme welcomes gifts of foreign (and UK) banknotes and coins - anything from a few coins to large accumulations and collections. Some supporters are putting aside current UK coppers and small silver as well. The age, validity and country of origin of the currency is not important. Donations can be left with the sacristy or at the office, labelled for the Coins Scheme. If you cannot get to the Cathedral, contact me on [37petherwin@gmail.com](mailto:37petherwin@gmail.com) and I can collect from your home. Your support is greatly valued. John Mitchell

## **ENGLISH SACRED CHORAL MUSIC – LIVING HERITAGE**

Cathedral Music Trust is leading a national initiative to recognise English sacred choral music as part of the UK's submission to UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage list. Members of the congregation who wish to support this recognition are warmly invited to find out more and sign the petition by scanning this QR code:



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The Cathedral is committed to Safeguarding as an integral part of its ministry and mission, promoting a safer culture and the welfare of every child, young person and adult. As such, the Cathedral has robust policies, procedures and guidelines in place, to ensure good practice throughout the community. Chapter has overall responsibility for Safeguarding, and the Safeguarding Leadership Group reports to Chapter every month on the progress of our Safeguarding journey and any issues arising. The members of the Safeguarding Leadership Group are listed below and can be contacted at any time on any Safeguarding concern you may have about yourself or another member of the Cathedral Community.

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