



GUILDFORD
CATHEDRAL

6pm
3 May 2026

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 collection plates on your way out, or the contactless box (by the west doors of the Cathedral) or our QR code. If you use the contactless plates or box and you are a taxpayer, please complete a green gift aid envelope and write 'contactless donation' on the front; please put the envelope in the plate or the cash box at the west end. We also welcome the donation of foreign coins and notes; please



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.**

PRECES AND RESPONSES

Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)

CANTICLES

Chichester service Lennox Berkeley (1903-1989)

OFFICIANT AND PREACHER

The officiant this evening is the Very Reverend Bob Cooper and the Reverend Canon Daniel Natnael 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 Very Reverend Bob Cooper

HYMN



Al - le - lu - - ia! A - men.

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,
your sweetest notes employ,
the Paschal victory to hymn
in strains of holy joy.

How Judah's Lion burst his chains,
and crushed the serpent's head;
and brought with him, from death's domains
the long-imprisoned dead.

Triumphant in his glory now
his sceptre ruleth all,
earth, heaven and hell before him bow
and at his footstool fall.

While joyful thus his praise we sing,
his mercy we implore,
into his palace bright to bring
and keep us evermore.

All glory to the Father be,
all glory to the Son,
all glory, Holy Ghost to thee,
while endless ages run.
Alleluia! Amen.

Words: St Fulbert of Chartres (d. 1028); tr. Robert Campbell (1814-1868)
Music: CP 162 St Fulbert, Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876)

Sit **PSALM 147.1-11**

O praise the Lord, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God :
yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.
The Lord doth build up Jerusalem :
and gather together the out-casts of Israel.
He healeth those that are broken in heart :
and giveth medicine to heal their sickness.
He telleth the number of the stars :
and calleth them all by their names.
Great is our Lord, and great is his power :

yea, and his wisdom is infinite.
The Lord setteth up the meek :
and bringeth the ungodly down to the ground.
O sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving :
sing praises upon the harp unto our God;
Who covereth the heaven with clouds, and prepareth rain for the earth :
and maketh the grass to grow upon the mountains,
and herb for the use of men;
Who giveth fodder unto the cattle :
and feedeth the young ravens that call upon him.
He hath no pleasure in the strength of an horse :
neither delighteth he in any man's legs.
But the Lord's delight is in them that fear him:
and put their trust in his mercy.

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: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Sit **OLD TESTAMENT** Zechariah 4.1-10 read by Claerwen Patterson

The first lesson is written in the fourth chapter of the book of the prophet Zechariah beginning at the first verse.

The angel who talked with me came again, and wakened me, as one is wakened from sleep. He said to me, 'What do you see?' And I said, 'I see a lampstand all of gold, with a bowl on the top of it; there are seven lamps on it, with seven lips on each of the lamps that are on the top of it. And by it there are two olive trees, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left.' I said to the angel who talked with me, 'What are these, my lord?' Then the angel who talked with me answered me, 'Do you not know what these are?' I said, 'No, my lord.' He said to me, 'This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but

by my spirit, says the Lord of hosts. What are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain; and he shall bring out the top stone amid shouts of "Grace, grace to it!" Moreover, the word of the Lord came to me, saying, 'The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also complete it. Then you will know that the Lord of hosts has sent me to you. For whoever has despised the day of small things shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel. 'These seven are the eyes of the Lord, which range through the whole earth.'

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** Revelation 21.1-14

The second lesson is written in the twenty first chapter of the Revelation to St John beginning at the first verse.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

‘See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.’

And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children. But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the polluted, the murderers, the fornicators, the sorcerers, the idolaters, and all liars, their place will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulphur, which is the second death.’ Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, ‘Come, I will show you the bride, the

wife of the Lamb.' And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. It has the glory of God and a radiance like a very rare jewel, like jasper, clear as crystal. It has a great, high wall with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates are inscribed the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites; on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city has twelve foundations, and on them are the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

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 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

Love bade me welcome; yet my soul drew back,
guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack
from my first entrance in,
drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning
if I lack'd anything.

'A guest,' I answer'd, 'worthy to be here:'
Love said, 'You shall be he.'
'I, the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear,
I cannot look on Thee.'
Love took my hand and smiling did reply,
'Who made the eyes but I?'

'Truth, Lord; but I have marr'd them: let my shame
go where it doth deserve.'
'And know you not,' says Love, 'Who bore the blame?'
'My dear, then I will serve.'
'You must sit down,' says Love, 'and taste my meat.'
So I did sit and eat.

Words: George Herbert (1593-1633)

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

SERMON The Reverend Canon Daniel Natnael

*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.**

There is the throne of David;
and there, from care released,
the song of them that triumph,
the shout of them that feast;
and they who with their leader
have conquered in the fight,
for ever and for ever
are clad in robes of white.

○ sweet and blessèd country,
the home of God's elect!
○ sweet and blessèd country
that eager hearts expect!
Jesus, in mercy bring us
to that dear land of rest;
who are, with God the Father
and Spirit, ever blest.

Words: Bernard of Cluny, 12th century, tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866)
Music: CP 482 Ewing, Alexander Ewing (1830-1895)

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

Prelude on 'Hyfrydol' *Ralph Vaughan Williams*

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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

6pm Choral Evensong

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

8am Tuesday

8.30am Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

9am Monday (Bank Holiday), Saturday

Holy Communion *in the Lady Chapel*

8.30am Tuesday

9am Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

9.30am Monday (Bank Holiday), Saturday

Evening Prayer

4.00pm Monday (Bank Holiday), Saturday

5.30pm Wednesday

Choral Evensong

5.30pm Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 10 MAY

7.30am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

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

9.45am Cathedral Eucharist *followed by an informal Instrumental Concert by boy choristers at the west end of the Cathedral*

6pm Choral Evensong

ASKING FOR PRAYER AND INTERCESSION

Please contact the Dean's Virger and his team on 01483 547877 or via 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.

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, lay chalice assistants, 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. Training will be held after the Sunday morning Eucharist, 11.15am-12.30pm, as follows:

TODAY Sunday 3 May – for intercessors

Sunday 10 May – for lay chalice assistants

Sunday 14 June – for lesson readers

For more information, speak to Canon Rachel Young or please email her (Rachel.young@guildford-cathedral.org).

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 To join the Friends of Guildford Cathedral, pick up a form in the Cathedral or email Yvette Wright.

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

FOREIGN CURRENCY FOR THE CATHEDRAL Foreign Coins and Notes needed!

The Cathedral raises vital funds from donations of foreign (and UK) coins and notes. Some of the currency is repatriated thanks to travellers on holiday or on business, as spending money or for exchange at banks abroad. Anything is welcome, from whole collections to the odd few coins. Age and obsolescence are not a problem. Increasingly we are receiving amounts of small current UK coinage - 1p, 2p and 5p which can accumulate at home and are a nuisance to take to the bank. Our total to date is £32,527. Please add your "penn'orth"! Donations can be left with the Sacristy of the Office, or I can collect. Many thanks to donors, new or old! John Mitchell (01483 715459).

CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY - STUDENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE - FREE TOWER TOUR SATURDAY 9 MAY

A reminder that students and young people in our community are invited to a free Tower Tour with a light lunch (sandwiches & cake!) on Saturday 9 May. Meet at 12 noon in the Chapter House and we should be finished by 2-2.30pm.

If you haven't already done, so please confirm if you would like to join this event by contacting Faith McCarthy BEFORE Friday 8 May. For safety reasons we do need to know numbers and names of those going up the tower. There may be room for you to bring a friend or two but check with Faith first. Please message or email Faith with your RSVP and details on 07962 063041
savage.mccarthy@btopenworld.com

ABBOT'S HOSPITAL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT VOLUNTEER

Abbot's Hospital, Guildford's historic High Street Almshouse, is seeking a volunteer to help develop contacts with the people of Guildford and the area, and organisations and bodies interested in charities such as ours; to publicise activities and news relating to the Hospital through a newsletter and social media; to keep social media up to date; and to facilitate events in the Hospital involving the public. This role is initially for a volunteer but could develop over time. The volunteer would work closely with the Master and Governors. If you might be interested in helping, please contact Ian Bowler, the Master, at master@abbotshospital.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 or phone 07768 476323).

CANON RACHEL'S RETIRING DATE

Canon Rachel Young will be retiring at the end of July, and her final Sunday here will be Sunday 26 July. She and her husband Nigel will be moving out in August to their house in East Yorkshire.

SAFEGUARDING AT GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL

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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