



GUILDFORD
CATHEDRAL

6pm
5 April 2026

EASTER DAY FESTAL 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

Humphrey Clucas (b.1941)

CANTICLES

St. Paul's service *Herbert Howells (1892-1983)*

OFFICIANT AND PREACHER

The officiant for this evening is The Reverend Canon Rachel Young and the preacher is the Very Reverend Bob Cooper, Dean of Guildford.

WELCOME The Reverend Canon Rachel Young

After the welcome, all stand and turn to face the font, as the procession makes its way to the West end.

Stand **EASTER ACCLAMATIONS**

During the Acclamations the Font is censed.

Christ is risen from the dead, the first-fruits of those who sleep.
Alleluia!

This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
Alleluia!

'I am the first and the last, and the living one',
says the Lord.
Alleluia!

Text: 1 Corinthians 15.20; Psalm 118.24; Revelation 1.18

Music: Katherine Dienes-Williams (b.1970)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN



Jesus lives! thy terrors now
can, O death, no more appal us;
Jesus lives! by this we know
thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us.
Alleluia.

Jesus lives! henceforth is death
but the gate of life immortal:
this shall calm our trembling breath,
when we pass its gloomy portal.
Alleluia.

Jesus lives! for us he died;
then, alone to Jesus living,
pure in heart may we abide,
glory to our Saviour giving.
Alleluia.

Jesus lives! our hearts know well
naught from us his love shall sever;
life nor death nor powers of hell
tear us from his keeping ever.
Alleluia.

Jesus lives! to him the throne
over all the world is given:
may we go where he has gone,
rest and reign with him in heaven.
Alleluia.

*Words: Christian Fürchtegott Gellert (1715-1769)
tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897)
Music: CP 148 St. Albinus Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876)*

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.

Sit **PSALM 66.1-11**

During the psalm the Bible is censed.

○ be joyful in God, all ye lands :
 sing praises unto the honour of his Name,
 make his praise to be glorious.
Say unto God, ○ how wonderful art thou in thy works :
 through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies
 be found liars unto thee.
For all the world shall worship thee :
 sing of thee, and praise thy Name.
○ come hither, and behold the works of God :
 how wonderful he is in his doing toward the children of men.
He turned the sea into dry land :
 so that they went through the water on foot;
 there did we rejoice thereof.

He ruleth with his power for ever; his eyes behold the people :
and such as will not believe shall not be able to exalt themselves.
O praise our God, ye people :
and make the voice of his praise to be heard;
Who holdeth our soul in life :
and suffereth not our feet to slip.
For thou, O God, hast proved us :
thou also hast tried us, like as silver is tried.
Thou broughtest us into the snare :
and laidest trouble upon our loins.
Thou sufferedst men to ride over our heads :
we went through fire and water,
and thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.

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 Cutler (1831-1916)

Sit **OLD TESTAMENT** Song of Solomon 3.2-5; 8.6,7

The first lesson is written in the third chapter of the Song of Solomon,
beginning at the second verse.

‘I will rise now and go about the city,
in the streets and in the squares;
I will seek him whom my soul loves.’
I sought him, but found him not.
The sentinels found me,
as they went about in the city.
‘Have you seen him whom my soul loves?’
Scarcely had I passed them,
when I found him whom my soul loves.
I held him, and would not let him go

until I brought him into my mother's house,
and into the chamber of her that conceived me.
I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem,
by the gazelles or the wild does:
do not stir up or awaken love
until it is ready!

Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm;
for love is strong as death,
passion fierce as the grave.
Its flashes are flashes of fire,
a raging flame.
Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can floods drown it.
If one offered for love
all the wealth of one's house,
it would be utterly scorned.

Here ends the first lesson.

Stand

MAGNIFICAT

During the Magnificat the High Altar is censed.

Antiphon

*And when they looked they saw that the stone was rolled back,
for it was very great, alleluia.*

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.

*And when they looked they saw that the stone was rolled back,
for it was very great, alleluia.*

Words: Luke 1. 46-55 and Antiphon at the Magnificat on Easter Day

Sit **NEW TESTAMENT** John 20.11-18 read by Harriet Foges

The second lesson is written in the twentieth chapter of the Gospel of John, beginning at the eleventh verse.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be

the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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 EASTER DAY

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of thy Son
hast overcome the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to thee in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.
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

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)*

HOMILY The Very Reverend Bob Cooper

VALIDICATION OF LAY CLERK AND LEAD CHAPERONE

We say farewell to Peter Hicks, alto lay clerk and lead chaperone, who is moving on to pastures new.

*Sit or
kneel*

THE PRAYERS

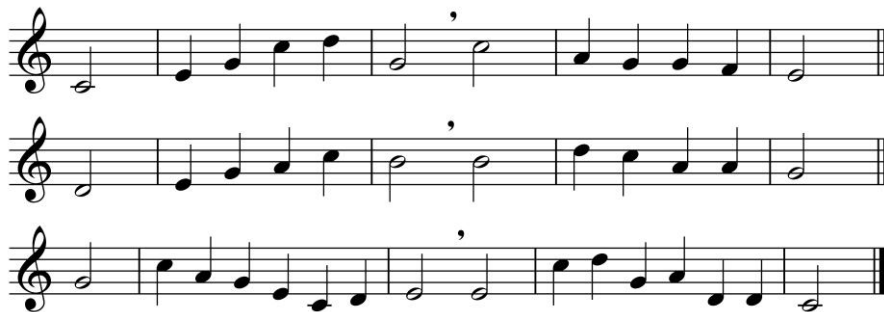
The prayers conclude with

**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

During the hymn the clergy process to the Sanctuary.



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: George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959)

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

TE DEUM

We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.
To thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers therein.
To thee cherubin and seraphin continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.
The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.
The noble army of martyrs praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee:
the Father of an infinite majesty;
thine honourable, true and only Son;
also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.
Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,
thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting.
O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage.
Govern them and lift them up for ever.
Day by day we magnify thee;
and we worship thy name, ever world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

Words: An ancient Song of the Church

Music: Collegium Regale, Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

BLESSING

God the Father,
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

Amen.

God the Son,
who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory,
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

Amen.

God the Holy Spirit,
who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

Amen.

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

Variations on an Easter Theme *John Rutter (b. 1945)*

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

SERVICES TODAY EASTER SUNDAY

7.30am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

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

9.45am Cathedral Festal Eucharist

6pm Festal Choral Evensong

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

8am Tuesday

8.30am Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

9am Monday, Saturday

Holy Communion *in the Lady Chapel*

8.30am Tuesday

9am Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

9.30am Monday, Saturday

Evening Prayer

4pm Monday, Saturday

5.30pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 12 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 Guildford Cathedral singers*

6pm Choral Evensong *sung by Guildford Cathedral singers*

ASKING FOR PRAYER AND INTERCESSION

Please now 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, 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).

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). Dean Bob

FRIENDS LUNCH CLUB – SUNDAY 12 APRIL

You are welcome to join the Friends for their monthly Sunday Lunch. We usually have lunch on the first Sunday in the month, but as April's first Sunday is Easter Sunday, we are meeting on the following Sunday 12 April 2026. A table has been booked at 12 noon at The Olive Tree, Sutton Green Road, Sutton Green, Guildford GU4 7QD. As we could be a large group of people, the restaurant has asked that we pre-order food in advance, so they can serve us quickly and efficiently. Please select your choice of starter and main course, with any allergies you may have, and let me know on or before Saturday 4 April 2026. A menu can be emailed to you by contacting Yvette Wright, Secretary to The

Friends of Guildford Cathedral (Tel: 07851 371590, Email friends@guildford-cathedral.org.uk)

GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL SINGERS – SUNDAY 19 APRIL

This year the GC Singers are celebrating 40 years since their foundation in 1986. Following Eucharist and coffee on Sunday 19th April the Singers will be giving a short recital in the nave before enjoying a celebration lunch in Seasons, to which former members of the Singers (originally known as the Occasional Singers) will be very welcome. To book your lunch please email: seasons cathedral@thetipsypigs.co.uk (or phone 01483 563841)

DIOCESAN CONFIRMATION SERVICE

The Cathedral will be holding the annual Diocesan Confirmation Service here on Saturday 23 May at 7pm. Confirmation is an opportunity for you to confirm the baptism vows made for you by your parents, if you were baptized as a young child. If you are an adult who has not been baptized, you can be baptized and confirmed together in this service. If you are interested in confirming your Christian faith in this way and committing yourself to follow Jesus Christ, please speak to a member of the clergy team who will be able to give you more details.

FROM DARKNESS INTO LIGHT – ART EXHIBITION

In March and April St. Mary's Church in Quarry Street is hosting an exhibition of twenty-five pieces of art from the Methodist Modern Art Collection - one of the most significant collections of 20th and 21st century religious art in Europe. This is an extraordinary opportunity to view and gain spiritually from these amazing paintings.

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:



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).

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 currently still have 4 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

