



GUILDFORD
CATHEDRAL

8pm
Saturday 4 April 2026

EASTER EVE

VIGIL, SERVICE OF LIGHT AND FIRST EUCHARIST OF EASTER



WELCOME

EASTER EVE

From earliest times Christians have gathered through the night of Easter to recall the story of God's saving work, from creation through to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. However, the Easter Liturgy is not merely a presentation of God's work. It is meant to be a real experience of new life for the worshipper, a passing from darkness to light which offers hope to all the faithful. It is therefore important that the preparation is prayerful and thorough.

The Easter Vigil marks the end of the emptiness of Holy Saturday, and leads into the celebration of Christ's resurrection. The singing of the Exsultet, the ancient hymn of triumph and rejoicing, links this night of our Christian redemption to the Passover night of Israel's redemption out of Egypt. Christian baptism is a participation in the death and resurrection of Christ, a dying to sin in order to be reborn in him, and the Easter Vigil was from early Christian times a preferred occasion for baptism. It is fittingly a time when those who are already Christians may repeat with renewed commitment the promises of their own baptism, and strengthen their sense of incorporation into the royal and priestly ministry of the whole people of God. The Easter Gospel is proclaimed with all the joy and splendour that the church can find.

The Easter Eucharist follows immediately on from the Service of Light. All the resources of the church – music, flowers, bells, colours – are used to celebrate Christ's resurrection. The 'Alleluia', which has been silent throughout Lent, returns.

PRESIDENT AND PREACHER

The president this evening is The Very Reverend Bob Cooper, Dean of Guildford, and the preacher is The Reverend Jo Winn-Smith, Priest Vicar and Minor Canon.

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

All who are baptized or confirmed are welcome to receive the bread and wine. There is no obligation to drink from the common cup. However, please do not intinct your wafer. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please keep your

hands at your sides. Gluten-free bread is available from the station near the prayer stand at the back of the Cathedral.

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 or sing 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.

MASS SETTING

Missa Brevis Jonathan Dove (b. 1959)

The service begins in silence and near darkness.

Please remain seated as the choir and clergy enter the quire from the presbytery.

THE VIGIL

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light.

Genesis 1.1

Lighten our darkness,
Lord, we pray,
and in your great mercy
defend us from all perils and dangers of this night,
for the love of your only Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

As we await the risen Christ, let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, recalling how he saved his people in ages past and in the fullness of time sent his Son to be our Redeemer. Let us pray that through this Easter celebration God may bring to perfection in each of us the saving work he has begun.

READING

Genesis 2.4b-9, 15-25 read by Charles Martin

A reading from the book Genesis.

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up - for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground - then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils

the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

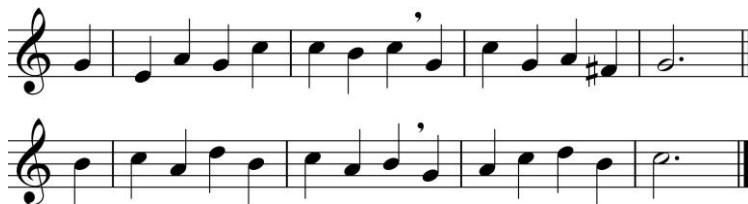
The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.' Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

'This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken.'

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

For the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

HYMN



O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home;

Under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,

and our eternal home.

Words: based on Psalm 90, Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Music: CP 537, St Anne, Melody and bass from A Supplement to the New Version 1708 probably by William Croft (1678-1727)

Silence is kept.

PRAYER

Let us pray that we may see God's image restored.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of our salvation.

Your love cannot be contained

and overflows in the wonder of creation.

You formed the universe out of nothing

and moulded us from the clay of the earth.

All you have made sings of your marvellous deeds.

O Lord, our maker and redeemer.

Amen.

READING

Exodus 14.10, 15-31 read by Lis Martin

A reading from the book of the Exodus.

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the

sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.’ The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh’s horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, ‘Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.’

Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.’ So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them:
'Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.'

For the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

RESPONSORY

The antiphon is sung by the choir and repeated by the congregation.



I will sing to the Lord who has tri-umphed glo - rious - ly.

The Lord is my strength and my song
and has become my salvation.
This is my God whom I will praise,
the God of my forebears whom I will exult.
In your unfailing love, O Lord, you lead
the people whom you have redeemed.
And by your invincible strength
you will guide them to your holy dwelling.



I will sing to the Lord who has tri-umphed glo - rious - ly.

Words: Exodus 15.1, 2, 13

Music: Katherine Dienes-Williams (b.1970)

Silence is kept.

PRAYER

Let us pray that God will give freedom to his enslaved people.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of our salvation.
You heard the agony of your people
as they cried out from their slavery,
and you gave them Moses
to lead them to a land flowing with milk and honey.
Hear the cry of the enslaved and the homeless today
and lead us through the turbulent sea of life
to our true home with you,
O Lord, our maker and redeemer.

Amen.

READING

Isaiah 55.1-11 read by Shirley-Margaret Lloyd

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
 come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
 come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
 without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
 and your labour for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
 and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
 listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
 my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.
Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

RESPONSORY

The antiphon is sung by the choir and repeated by the congregation.



As the deer longs for the waterbrooks,
so longs my soul for you, O God.

My soul is a thirst for God,
even for the living God;
when shall I come before the presence of God?
Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul,
and why are you so disquieted within me?
O put your trust in God;
who is the help of my countenance and my God.



Words: Psalm 42.1, 2, 5

Music: Katherine Dienes-Williams (b.1970)

Silence is kept.

PRAYER

Let us pray for peace and justice throughout our world.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of our salvation.
You quench the thirst of those who yearn for righteousness
and satisfy the hunger of those who crave for justice.
Lead your longing people back to peace,
that with the mountains and hills
we may burst into songs of joy,
O Lord, our maker and redeemer.

Amen.

THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

The clergy, choir and congregation move out of the west doors to the south steps outside. A small fire is lit.

Eternal God,
who made this most holy night
to shine with the brightness of your one true light:

set us aflame with the fire of your love,
and bring us to the radiance of your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The deacon presents the Paschal Candle to the Dean who blesses it and marks it with the sign of the cross, Alpha and Omega, and the year 2026, saying

Christ yesterday and today,
the beginning and the end,
Alpha and Omega,
all time belongs to him,
and all ages;
to him be glory and power,
through every age and for ever.

Amen.

The Dean inserts incense nails into the Candle to mark the points of the cross, saying

By his holy and glorious wounds
may Christ our Lord guard and keep us.

Amen.

Standing before the Candle, the president says

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the paschal mystery we have died and been buried with him in baptism. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

The president lights the Paschal Candle, saying

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.
Therefore I ask:

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

I come to Christ.

May almighty God who has given you the desire to follow Christ
give you the strength to continue in the way.

The procession enters the Cathedral and moves down the nave, stopping three times to sing the following response

The light of Christ.



The clergy, choir and congregation candles are lit from the Paschal Candle. The Paschal Candle is placed on a stand.

THE EXSULTET

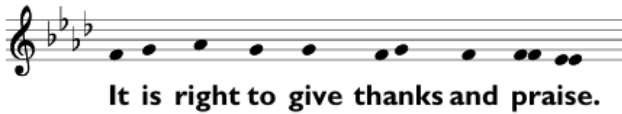
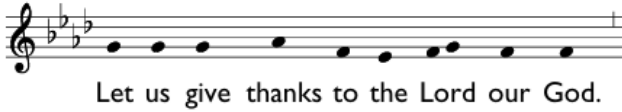
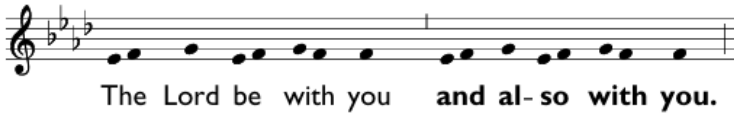
During the singing of the traditional Easter Song of Praise, the altar candles are lit and the lectern light is turned on.

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing choirs of angels!
Exult, all creation around God's throne!
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!

Sound the trumpet of salvation!
Rejoice O earth in shining splendour,
radiant in the brightness of your King!

Christ has conquered! Glory fills you!
Darkness vanishes for ever!
Rejoice, O Mother Church, Exult in glory!

The risen Saviour shines upon you!
Let this place resound with joy,
echoing the mighty song of all God's people!



It is indeed right
that with full hearts and minds and voices
we should praise you, the unseen God, the Father almighty,
and your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who has ransomed us by his death,
and paid for us the price of Adam's sin.
For this is the Passover of that true Lamb of God,
by whose blood the homes of all the faithful
are hallowed and protected.

This is the night when of old you saved our fathers,
delivering the people of Israel from their slavery,
and leading them dry-shod through the sea.

This is the night when Jesus Christ vanquished hell
and rose triumphant from the grave.

This is the night when all who believe in him are freed from sin
and restored to grace and holiness.

Most blessed of all nights,
when wickedness is put to flight and sin is washed away,
lost innocence regained, and mourning turned to joy.

Night truly blessed, when heaven is wedded to earth
and all creation reconciled to God!

Therefore, heavenly Father, in the joy of this night,
accept our sacrifice of praise,
your Church's solemn offering;

and grant that this Easter candle make make our darkness light;
for Christ the morning star has risen, never again to set,
and is alive and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Cathedral lights are turned on.

THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia!

A joyful fanfare is played on the organ, and bells are rung for joy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Choir Gloria in excelsis Deo
et in terra pax hominibus
bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi propter
magnam gloriam tuam.
Domine Deus, Rex coelestis.
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu
Christe. Domine Deus, Agnus
Dei, Filius Patris: qui tollis
peccata mundi, miserere
nobis; qui tollis peccata
mundi, suscipe deprecationem
nostrum; qui sedes ad
dexteram Patris:
miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus sanctus;
tu solus Dominus;
tu solus Altissimus,
Jesu Christe,
cum Sancto Spiritu,
in Gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*Glory to God in the highest
and on earth peace to people
of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we worship you, we glorify you.
We give thanks to you for your
great glory.
Lord God, heavenly King.
God the Father almighty.
Only Son of the Father, Jesus
Christ. Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father: who takes
away the sin of the world, have
mercy upon us; who takes away
the sin of the world, receive our
prayer; who sits at
the right hand of the Father:
have mercy upon us.
For you alone are holy;
you alone are the Lord;
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

COLLECT

Let us pray that we may reign with the risen Christ in glory.

Silence is kept.

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 6.3-11
read by Carl McGray

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

For the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Stand **HYMN**



The day of resurrection!

Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God;
from death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our God hath brought us over
with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection-light;
and, listening to his accents,
may hear so calm and plain
his own 'All hail', and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.



Now let the heavens be joyful,
 and earth her song begin,
 the round world keep high triumph,
 and all that is therein;
 let all things seen and unseen
 their notes of gladness blend,
 for Christ the Lord is risen,
 our joy that hath no end.

Words: St John of Damascus (d. c.754), tr John Mason Neale (1818-1866)
Music: CP 157 Ellacombe, 18th century German melody as included in Mainz
Gesangbuch 1833

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The Gospel Acclamation is played by the organist, sung by the choir, and then sung by everybody. As the procession passes, please turn to face the proclamation of the Gospel.



Choir Today the Saviour triumphs over death, bursts the grave,
 and opens for us the gate of eternal life.

All Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 28.1-10

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise- to you, O Christ.



Al-le-lu ia, Al - le-lu-ia, Al-le - lu - ia.

Stand **THE LITURGY OF INITIATION**

The president pours water into the font and stands before it.

We praise you, loving Father,
for the gift of your Son Jesus.
He was baptized in the River Jordan,
where your Spirit came upon him
and revealed him as the Son you love.
He sent his followers
to baptize all who turn to him.
Now, Father, we ask you to bless this water,
that those who receive it
may be cleansed in the water of life,
and, filled with your Spirit,
may know that they are loved as your children,
safe in Christ for ever.

Fellow members of the body of Christ,
I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

The president sprinkles the congregation with the water whilst the choir sings. You are invited to make the sign of the cross.

I saw water flowing from the right side of the temple, Alleluia.
It brought God's life, and his salvation,
and the people sang in joyful praise: Alleluia. Alleluia.
O give thanks to the Lord for he is good:
His mercy endures 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.

*Words: from Ezekiel 47
Music: Mode VII (adapted)*

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE PEACE

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,
'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you. Alleluia, alleluia!

The deacon says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

HYMN



Jesus Christ is risen to-day, *Alleluia*,
our triumphant holy day, *Alleluia*,
who did once, upon the cross, *Alleluia*,
suffer to redeem our loss. *Alleluia*.

Hymns of praise then let us sing, *Alleluia*,
 unto Christ, our heavenly King, *Alleluia*,
 who endured the cross and grave, *Alleluia*,
 sinners to redeem and save. *Alleluia*.

But the pains which he endured *Alleluia*,
 our salvation have procured; *Alleluia*,
 now above the sky he's King, *Alleluia*,
 where the angels ever sing. *Alleluia*.

Words: *Lyra Davidica 1708 and others*


Music: CP 147, Easter Hymn, Melody from *Lyra Davidica London 1708 as altered in the 18th century*

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Lord of life, with unbounded joy we offer you our sacrifice of praise.
 As we are fed with the bread of heaven
 may we know your resurrection power;
 through Christ our risen Lord.
Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

President:



The__ Lord__ be with you.

All:




And__ al - so with you.

President:




Lift up your__ hearts__

All:



We lift them to__ the Lord__

President:



Let us give thanks__ to__ the Lord__ our God.

All:



It is right to give thanks__ and praise__

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and in these days of Easter
to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.
For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.
He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.
And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

<i>Choir</i>	Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.</i>
	Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.</i>

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Deacon: Praise to you, Lord Je - sus: *All:* Dy - ing you de-stroyed our death,
ris - ing you re-stored our life, Lord Je - sus come in glo - ry.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:



Sit **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

or kneel

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

**Lord, our hearts hunger for you;
give us this bread always.**

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*All who are baptized or confirmed are welcome to receive the sacraments.
There is no obligation to drink from the common cup. However, please do not
instinct your wafer. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please bring this
booklet with you. Gluten-free bread is available at the station on the left
(north) side at the front of the nave.*

EASTER ANTHEMS

Choir Christ our passover is sacrificed for us :
therefore let us keep the feast;

Not with the old leaven,
nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness :
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more :
death hath no more dominion over him.

For in that he died, he died unto sin once :
but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin :
but alive unto God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ is risen from the dead :
and become the first fruits of them that slept.

For since by man came death :
by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die :
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

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.

Words: 1 Corinthians 5.7b, 8; Romans 6.9-11; 1 Corinthians 15.20-22
Music: Brian Runnett (1935-1970)

MOTET

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.

Words: Song of Solomon 2.3, 10
Music: Robert Walker (b. 1946)

Stand **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

A moment of silent prayer.

God of life,
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE SENDING OUT

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.

HYMN



Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:

Words: French, 19th century, Edmond Budry (1854-1932), tr Richard Hoyle (1875-1939)

Music: CP 160 Maccabaeus, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

THE DISMISSAL

The deacon says

We are raised to new life with Christ.

Go in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

We remain standing whilst the crucifer leads the choir along the south aisle into the south ambulatory. You are welcome to listen to the voluntary or quietly make your way to the back of the Cathedral. There will be a retiring collection.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Surrexit hodie Francis Pott (b. 1957)

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

SUNDAY 5 APRIL - EASTER DAY

7.30am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

8am BCP Eucharist *in the Lady Chapel*

9.45am Festal Choral Eucharist *preacher The Reverend Jo Winn-Smith, Bishop's Chaplain, Priest Vicar and Minor Canon*

6pm Festal Choral Evensong

SUNDAY 12 APRIL

7.30am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

8am BCP Eucharist *in the Lady Chapel*

9.45am Choral Eucharist

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, 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.

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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