



GUILDFORD  
CATHEDRAL

5.30pm  
Thursday 19 March 2026

# JOSEPH OF NAZARETH CHORAL EUCHARIST



# WELCOME

## JOSEPH OF NAZARETH

In Matthew's gospel Joseph, a carpenter from Nazareth, who was a descendant of King David, is described as a 'righteous man' who, when visited by an angel with a message from God to explain God's will for Mary and Joseph, responded in obedience. From Luke's gospel, we learn that Joseph was with Mary when they presented Jesus in the Temple, forty days after his birth. Joseph was also with the twelve-year-old Jesus in Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. On this occasion Jesus stayed behind, sitting among the teachers in the Temple - causing much anxiety for his parents, as they searched high and low for him for days. Joseph's adoption of Jesus as his own accords with the prophesy that Israel's deliverer would be of the House and lineage of David.

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## MASS SETTING

Misa Breve *Fernando Moruja (1960-2004)*

## 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.

Stand **THE GATHERING**

**HYMN**



Lord, hear the praises of thy faithful people  
Gathered to honour, on this holy feast-day,  
Joseph thy servant, guardian of the Christchild,  
Husband of Mary.

Second in honour to the Virgin Mother,  
Gladly he yielded to his high vocation,  
When in a vision he was told the story  
Of her conceiving.

And when the Saviour, whom prophetic voices  
Long had predicted, lay within the manger,  
Mother and infant, by his strong protection,  
Rested securely.

May his example give to us thy servants  
Love of Christ Jesus, bringer of salvation,  
That with St. Joseph we at length may praise thee  
In life eternal.

A - - - men.

Almighty Father, unto thee be glory,  
 With Christ our Saviour and the Holy Spirit,  
 From all thy people, here and in thy heaven,  
 Now and for ever. Amen.

*Words: Editors, New English Hymnal 160*

*Tune: CP 213 Christe Sanctorum, melody from 'Paris Antiphoner' (1681) harmonised by David Evans (1874-1948)*

In the name of the Father,  
 and of the Son,  
 and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

### **THE GREETING**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

## PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Hear the words of the angel to Joseph:  
'You shall call his name Jesus,  
for he will save his people from their sins.'  
Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of God,  
through Jesus the Saviour of the world.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### *Choir* **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

Gloria in excelsis Deo,  
et in terra pax hominibus  
bonae voluntatis.

Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.  
Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.

*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,*

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  
nostram. 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.

*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.*

## **THE COLLECT**

Let us pray

*A moment of silence is held.*

God our Father,  
who from the family of your servant David  
raised up Joseph the carpenter  
to be the guardian of your incarnate Son  
and husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary:  
give us grace to follow him  
in faithful obedience to your commands;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## **FIRST READING** 2 Samuel 7.4-16

A reading from the Second Book of Samuel.

That same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. When he commits iniquity, I will punish him with a rod such as mortals use, with blows inflicted by human beings. But I will not take my steadfast love from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

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

*Stand* **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.*



Blessed are they who dwell in your house;  
they will always be praising you.

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

**GOSPEL READING** Matthew 1.18-end

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

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



The birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this

took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

‘Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel’,

which means, ‘God is with us.’ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise- to you, O Christ.



Praise to you, O Christ, King of e-ter-nal glo-ry.

Sit **SERMON** The Very Reverend Bob Cooper

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*The president invites everyone to pray, saying*

Let us pray for the Church and God's world  
and, inspired by the example of Joseph,  
for grace to grow in faith and holiness  
and to follow ever more closely in the way of Christ.  
Joseph was the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born,  
who is called the Messiah:  
may we value our family life at home  
and in the wider family of the Church.  
We pray for ...

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Joseph was not afraid to take Mary as his wife  
when he learned that the child conceived in her  
was from the Holy Spirit:  
may we have no fear when we hear God's call to his service.  
We pray for ...

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Joseph was a righteous man and unwilling to expose  
Mary to public disgrace:  
may we lead lives of integrity and be concerned for  
the reputation of others.  
We pray for ...

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Joseph named the child Jesus,  
the One who will save his people from their sins:  
may we make known to others the salvation he came to bring.  
We pray for those who have not heard the gospel of Christ.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Joseph protected the infant Jesus and his mother  
from the wrath of Herod:  
may we always seek to shield those who are weak and vulnerable.  
We pray for ...

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Joseph took his family and returned to his native land:  
we remember those who have died recently ...  
May we, with them and all the faithful departed,  
be welcomed to the banquet of eternal life.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Almighty God,  
we give you thanks for Joseph  
and for the whole company of your saints in glory,  
with whom in fellowship we join our prayers and praises;  
by your grace may we, like them, be made perfect in your love.

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

Stand **THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

**THE PEACE**

Jesus said, 'Blessed are the peacemakers;  
they shall be called the children of God.'  
We meet in his name and share his peace.

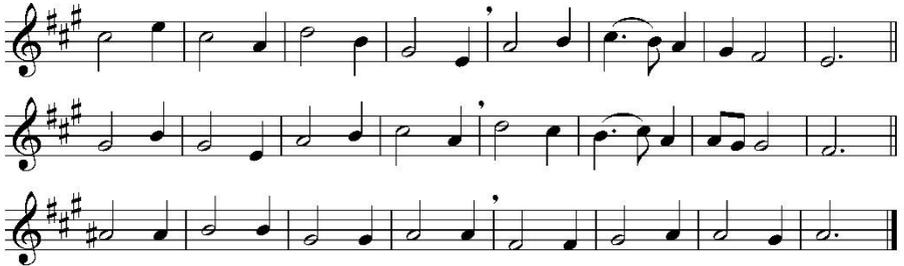
The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

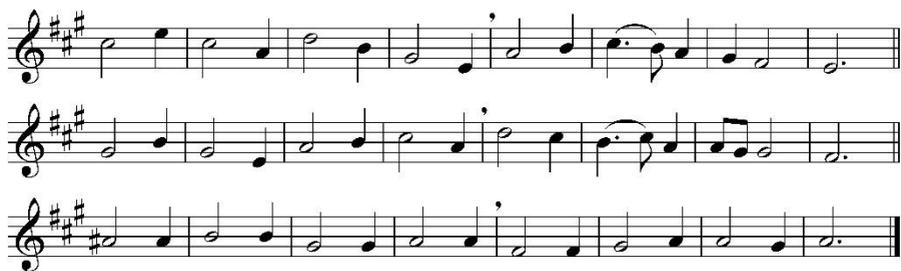
*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

**PREPARATION OF THE TABLE**

**HYMN**



God, whose city's sure foundation  
stands upon his holy hill,  
by his mighty inspiration  
chose of old and chooseth still  
people chosen from each nation  
his good pleasure to fulfil.



Here before us through the ages,  
while the Christian years went by,  
saints, confessors, martyrs, sages,  
strong to live and strong to die,  
wrote their names upon the pages  
of God's blessed company.

Some there were like lamps of learning  
shining in a faithless night,  
some on fire with love, and burning  
with a flaming zeal for right,  
some by simple goodness turning  
souls from darkness unto light.

As we now with high thanksgiving  
their triumphant names record,  
grant that we, like them, believing  
in the promise of thy word,  
may, like them, in all good living  
praise and magnify the Lord!

*Words: CP 219, Cyril Argentine Alington (1872-1955)*

*Music: CP 207 Westminster Abbey, adapted from an anthem by Henry Purcell  
(1659-1695)*

## THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Lord our God,  
grant that as Joseph faithfully cared for your only Son,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
so we may serve you with pure and loyal hearts;  
through Jesus Christ our 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,  
it is our duty and our joy,  
at all times and in all places  
to give you thanks and praise,  
holy Father, heavenly King,  
almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

And now we give you thanks  
because in his earthly childhood  
you entrusted him to the care of a human family.  
In Mary and Joseph you give us an example  
of love and devotion to him  
and also a pattern of family life.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and singing:

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



Great is the mys - te ry of faith:

*All:*



Christ has died, Christ is ri - sen, Christ will come — a - gain.

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:



Bless - ing and hon - our and glo - ry and pow'r be  
 yours for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Sit

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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.**

## **GIVING OF COMMUNION**

The gifts of God  
for the people of God.  
**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*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 dip your wafer in the wine. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please keep your hands at your sides. Gluten-free bread is available.*

## **AGNUS DEI**

Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

*Lamb of God,  
who takes away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.*

Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

*Lamb of God,  
who takes away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.*

Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God,  
who takes away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.*

## **MOTET**

Joseph was an old man,  
And an old man was he,  
When he wedded Mary  
In the land of Galilee.

Joseph and Mary  
Walked through an orchard good,  
Where was cherries and berries  
So red as any blood.

O then bespoke Mary,  
So meek and O so mild,  
'Pluck me one cherry, Joseph;  
For I am with child'.

O then bespoke Joseph,  
With words most unkind,  
'Let him pluck thee a cherry  
That brought thee with child'.

O then bespoke the baby  
Within his mother's womb:  
'Bow down then the tallest tree  
For my mother to have some'.

Then bowed down the highest tree  
Unto his mother's hand;  
Then she cried, 'See Joseph,  
I have cherries at command'.

O then bespoke Joseph,  
'I have done Mary wrong;  
But cheer up, my dearest,  
And be ye not cast down'.

Then Mary plucked a cherry,  
As red as any blood,  
Then Mary went she homewards  
All with her heavy load.

*Words: Traditional English Carol*

*Music: arranged Stephen Cleobury (1948-2019)*

*Stand*    **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Heavenly Father,  
whose Son grew in wisdom and stature  
in the home of Joseph the carpenter of Nazareth,  
and on the wood of the cross  
perfected the work of the world's salvation:  
help us, strengthened by this sacrament of his passion,  
to count the wisdom of the world as foolishness,  
and to walk with him in simplicity and trust;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## THE SENDING OUT

May the love of the holy family surround you.  
May the joy that was Mary's refresh you.  
May the faithfulness that was Joseph's encourage you.  
May the peace of the Christ-child fill your lives.  
And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ.**

### **ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

*Allein Gott in der Höh' sei Ehr' Georg Böhm (1661-1733)*

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