



GUILDFORD
CATHEDRAL

10.30 am
29 March 2026

PALM SUNDAY
CATHEDRAL
EUCHARIST WITH
PROCESSION



WELCOME

HOLY WEEK AND PALM SUNDAY

Our service this morning begins, if the weather is fine, on the south side of the Cathedral, outside. There are ramps in place to assist those who would find them useful.

For centuries Christians have found that one of the most moving ways of encountering the depth of God's love for the world is to approach Holy Week as a journey, steps along which are taken each day in a devotional pattern that includes a liturgical act of worship.

Whether or not you have done this before, we would encourage you to come to the Cathedral for a service each day between Palm Sunday and Easter Day; not only joining the triumphal entry in Jerusalem today, but walking with Jesus through his final days, standing close by in his passion and death, and rejoicing with overwhelming amazement as the disciples make their discovery of the empty tomb, at Easter.

The procession of palms, accompanied by a reading or singing of the Passion Narrative, was being observed in Jerusalem as far back as the fourth century. We, too, will go on procession with our palms today, in a re-enactment of Jesus' journey towards, and triumphal entry into Jerusalem, and hear the Passion according to Matthew as the enthusiastic hosannas of the crowd on Palm Sunday in our opening reading, turn into cries from the crowd to crucify Jesus.

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

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 intinct your wafer. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please keep your hands at your sides. Gluten-free bread is available at the station on the left (north) side.

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. Large print copies of this order of service are available from the stewards.

MUSIC

Mass for five voices *William Byrd (c.1540-1623)*

Gospel Passion according to Matthew *Tomás Luis de Victoria (c.1548-1611)*

PRESIDENT

The president this morning is the Reverend Canon Rachel Young. Today we hear the Passion Gospel from Matthew sung by the choir in place of a sermon.

DO-IT-YOURSELF CRÛCHE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

There are toys available for under school-aged children in the baptistry during the morning Choral Eucharist. This can be found at the back of the Cathedral in the right hand side corner. Parents/carers are asked to remain with their children at all times and to keep the toys in the baptistry. A Sunday School for children aged 3-11 years will be held on the first Sunday of the month. We also

have activity bags available for children to use on weeks where there isn't Sunday School – please ask a steward to show you where they are.

HOLY WEEK PREACHER

The Reverend Jo Winn-Smith is Chaplain to the Bishops of Guildford and Dorking, an elected member of the Church of England's General Synod and a Priest Vicar and Minor Canon of the Cathedral. With a background in theology, pastoral ministry and church leadership, she brings deep insight into faith, vocation and the life of the Church as she leads us through Holy Week with the theme 'The Upside-down Kingdom'.

For more information about other services this Holy Week and Easter, please see the back of this order of service.

LITURGY OF THE PALMS

The servers, choir and clergy take their places around the south doors.

THE INTROIT

Choir Hosanna to the Son of David.
Blessèd be the King that cometh in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna, thou that sittest in the highest heavens.
Hosanna in excelsis Deo.

Words: after Matthew 21.9 and Luke 19.38

Music: Thomas Weelkes (1576-1623)

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

President Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you
and also with you.

Dear friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

All hold up their palm crosses.

Let us pray

A moment of silent prayer

God our Saviour,
whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem
as Messiah to suffer and to die;
let these palms be for us signs of his victory,
and grant that we who bear them in his name
may ever hail him as our King,
and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The palms are censed and sprinkled with holy water.

THE PALM GOSPEL Matthew 21.1-11 read by the deacon

The choir sings the acclamation which is then repeated by the congregation.



Choir

Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted him and given him the name that is above every name.



Deacon

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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



When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, ‘Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, “The Lord needs them.” And he will send them immediately.’ This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

‘Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

‘Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!’

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, ‘Who is this?’ The crowds were saying, ‘This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise- to you, O Christ.



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

THE PROCESSION

President

Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.

PROCESSIONAL HYMNS

Members of the congregation are invited to join the procession behind the clergy (taking their palms with them) under the direction of the stewards.



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - our, to thee, Re - dee - mer, King,
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and blessed one:

All glory, laud, and honour ...

The company of angels
are praising thee on high,
and mortal men and all things
created make reply:

The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went:
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we present:

To thee before thy passion
they sang their hymns of praise:
to thee now high exalted
our melody we raise:

Thou didst accept their praises,
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King:

Thy sorrow and thy triumph
grant us, O Christ, to share,
that to the holy city
together we may fare:

For homage may we bring thee
our victory o'er the foe,
that in the Conqueror's triumph
this strain may ever flow:

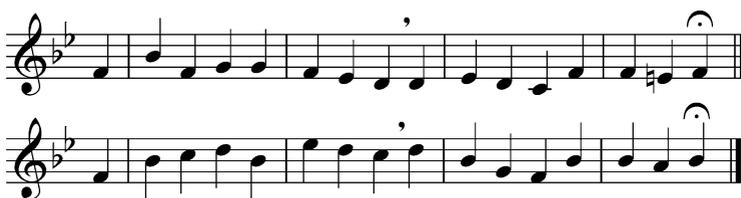
All glory, laud, and honour ...

Words: Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821),

translated by John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

Music: CP 128 St Theodulph, melody by Melchior Teschner (c.1613),

adapted and harmonised by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)



Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry:
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road
With palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die:
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The wingèd squadrons of the sky
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes
To see th'approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Go forth to lay thy glory by;
Take up thy cross, endure the pain,
Our world to save, our life to gain.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The last and fiercest strife is nigh:
The Father on his sapphire throne
Awaits his own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
Bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
To thee we lift hosannas high;
For thou the immortal Father's Son
The crown hast gained: thy work is done!

*Words: Henry Hart Milman (1791-1868); verses 4&7 Michael Sadgrove (b.1950)
Music: CP 129 (i) Winchester New, adapted from
a chorale in Musicalisches Hand-buch, Hamburg 1690*

*Once the procession comes up the central aisle from the west end,
members of the congregation fill up the seating in the nave. The altar is
censed and we all remain standing for the Collect.*

THE COLLECT

President Let us pray

A moment of silent prayer

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example
of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sit

FIRST READING Isaiah 50.4-9a read by Trish Lambert

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The servant of the Lord said:

The Lord God has given me

the tongue of a teacher,

that I may know how to sustain

the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens -

wakens my ear

to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord God has opened my ear,

and I was not rebellious,

I did not turn backwards.

I gave my back to those who struck me,

and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face

from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me;

therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like flint,

and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

It is the Lord God who helps me;

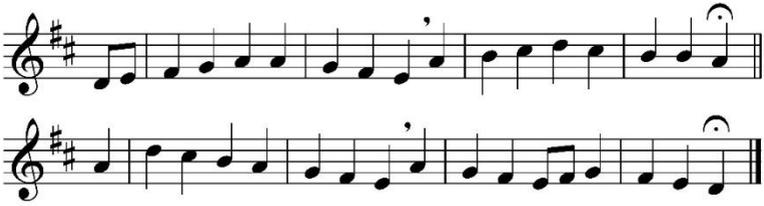
who will declare me guilty?

This is the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God.

Stand

HYMN



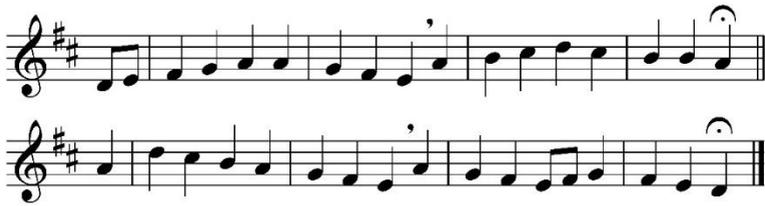
O love, how deep, how broad, how high!
It fills the heart with ecstasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake.

He sent no angel to our race
of higher or of lower place,
but wore the robe of human frame
himself, and to this lost world came.

For us he was baptized, and bore
his holy fast, and hungered sore;
for us temptations sharp he knew;
for us the tempter overthrew.

For us to wicked men betrayed,
scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and death;
for us at length gave up his breath.

For us he rose from death again,
for us he went on high to reign,
for us he sent his Spirit here
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.



To him whose boundless love has won
salvation for us through his Son,
to God the Father, glory be
both now and through eternity.

*Words: ascribed to Thomas à Kempis (c.1380-1471),
translated Benjamin Webb (1819-1885)*

*Music: CP 118, Eisenbach, Melody by Johann Hermann Schein (1586-1630)
in his revised Cantional 1645, harmonised by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

Sit

THE PASSION GOSPEL

Matthew 27.11-54

*The congregation sits before the announcement of the Passion Gospel,
which is made by the Deacon. The Passion Gospel is sung by the choir.*

Deacon

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus said, 'You say so.' But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, 'Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?' But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?' For he

realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgement seat, his wife sent word to him, 'Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.' Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' And they said, 'Barabbas.' Pilate said to them, 'Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?' All of them said, 'Let him be crucified!' Then he asked, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Let him be crucified!' So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, 'I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.' Then the people as a whole answered, 'His blood be on us and on our children!' So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

Stand

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided

his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.' Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.' In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, "I am God's Son.'" The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'This man is calling for Elijah.' At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.' Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

Silence is kept.

The president says

This is the Passion of the Lord.

No response is made.

President

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy
but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we,
walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*Sit or
kneel*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION led by Carl McGray

Let us pray.

A short period of silence is observed.

For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus:

Lord, have mercy.

For grace to seek out those habits of sin which bring spiritual death,
and by prayer and self-discipline to overcome them:

Lord, have mercy.

For Christian people, that through the suffering of disunity there
may grow a rich union in Christ:

Lord, have mercy.

For those who make laws, interpret them, and administer them,
that our common life may be ordered in justice and mercy:

Lord, have mercy.

For those who still make Jerusalem a battle ground, and all who
today suffer through war:

Lord, have mercy.

For those who have the courage and honesty to work openly for
justice and peace:

Lord, have mercy.

For those in the darkness and agony of isolation, that they may find
support and encouragement:

Lord, have mercy.

For those who, weighed down with hardship, failure, or sorrow, feel
that God is far from them:

Lord, have mercy.

For those who are tempted to give up the way of the cross:

Lord, have mercy.

That we, with those who have died in faith, may find mercy in the
day of Christ:

Lord, have mercy.

**Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**



He came from his blest throne,
salvation to bestow;
but men made strange, and none
the longed-for Christ would know.
But O, my Friend,
my Friend indeed,
who at my need
his life did spend!

Sometimes they strew his way,
and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day
hosannas to their King.
Then 'Crucify!'
is all their breath,
and for his death
they thirst and cry.

Why, what hath my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
he gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries!
yet they at these
themselves displease,
and 'gainst him rise.

They rise and needs will have
my dear Lord made away;
a murderer they save,
the Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful he
to suffering goes,
that he his foes
from thence might free.

Here might I stay and sing:
no story so divine;
never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine!
This is my Friend,
in whose sweet praise
I all my days
could gladly spend.

Words: Samuel Crossman (1624-1683)

Music: CP 112 (omit v.6) Love Unknown, John Ireland (1879-1962)

The president takes the bread and wine, saying

Jesus, true vine and bread of life,
ever giving yourself that the world might live,
let us share your death and passion:
make us perfect in your love.

Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

President:



The Lord be with you.

All:



And also 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 and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near
the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty.
The power of the life-giving cross
reveals the judgement that has come upon the world
and the triumph of Christ crucified.

He is the victim who dies no more,
the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever,
our advocate in heaven to plead our cause,
exalting us there to join with angels and archangels,
for ever praising you and singing:

Choir

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli
et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are
full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis

*Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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.

Deacon

Je - sus Christ is Lord: Lord, by your cross_ and
re - sur - rec - tion you have set us free.
You are the Sa - viour of the world.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary
and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.



Sit or
kneel

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,
**we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

The president invites the people to communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

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 intinct your wafer. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please keep your hands at your sides. Gluten-free bread is available at the station on the left (north) side.

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.*

COMMUNION MOTET

*Crucifixus etiam pro nobis;
sub Pontio Pilato passus et
sepultus est.*

*For our sake, he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and
was buried.*

*Music: Humphrey Clucas (b. 1941)
Text: Credo from the Mass Ordinary*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Sit or
kneel*

Let us pray

Silence is kept

Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:
give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Faithful God,
may we who share this banquet
glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
our salvation, life and hope,
who reigns as Lord, now and for ever.
Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

THE NOTICES

Stand

THE BLESSING

May the Father,
who so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
bring you by faith to his eternal life.
Amen.

May Christ,
who accepted the cup of sacrifice
in obedience to the Father's will,
keep you steadfast as you walk with him in the way of his cross.
Amen.

May the Spirit,
who strengthens us to suffer with Christ
that we may share his glory,
set your minds on life and 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

During the hymn the procession moves to the west end of the Cathedral. As the procession passes you, please turn and face west. This movement signals the turn of our attention to Christ in the world as the offering of our lives continues there.



When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the cross of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown!

His dying crimson, like a robe
spreads o'er his body on the tree;
then am I dead to all the globe,
and all the globe is dead to me.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Words: from Galatians 6.14; Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

*Music: CP 127(i), Rockingham, Melody Tunbridge from A Second Supplement to
Psalmody in Miniature c.1780, adapted by Edward Miller (1731-1807)*

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fantasia super 'Valet will ich dir geben' (BWV 735)
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

A retiring collection will be taken after the service.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

SERVICES TODAY PALM SUNDAY

7.30 am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

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

10.30am Palm Sunday Choral Eucharist *with procession*

6pm A Service of Music, Readings and a Sermon *by our Holy Week Preacher, The Reverend Jo Winn-Smith, Priest Vicar and Minor Canon*

MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK 30 MARCH

8.30am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

9am Holy Communion *in the Lady Chapel*

5.30pm Choral Evensong *in the Quire*

8.30pm Sermon *from our Holy Week Preacher, The Reverend Jo Winn-Smith, in the Lady Chapel followed by*

9pm Sung Compline

TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK 31 MARCH

8.00am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

8.30am Holy Communion *in the Lady Chapel*

5.30pm Choral Evensong *in the Quire*

8.30pm Sermon *from our Holy Week Preacher, The Reverend Jo Winn-Smith, in the Lady Chapel followed by*

9pm Sung Compline

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK 1 APRIL

8.30am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

9am Holy Communion *in the Lady Chapel*

5.30pm Evening Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

7pm Tenebrae Service

MAUNDY THURSDAY 2 APRIL

8.30am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

11am Diocesan Chrism Eucharist

5.30pm Evening Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

7pm Eucharist of the Last Supper with Footwashing *followed by The Watch until 10.30pm*

GOOD FRIDAY 3 APRIL

9am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

10am The Way of the Cross *an All Age service for Good Friday*

12noon The Three Hours *with Devotional Addresses given by The Reverend Jo Winn-Smith*

1.30pm Liturgy of Good Friday (Choral Eucharist)

5.30pm Choral Evensong *around the Cross*

EASTER EVE SATURDAY 4 APRIL

9am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

4pm Evening Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

8pm Easter Vigil *including the lighting of the Pascal Candle, preacher The Reverend Jo Winn-Smith*

EASTER DAY SUNDAY 5 APRIL

7.30am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

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

9.45am Cathedral Festival Eucharist *Preacher The Reverend Jo Winn-Smith*

6pm Choral Festival Evensong

EASTER IS COMING...

...but we cannot arrive at the empty tomb without first making the journey through the Cross. Holy Week is not a prelude to Easter; it is the heart of our faith. The betrayal, the trial, the darkness of Good Friday, the silence of Holy Saturday - these are not things to be skipped over in our eagerness to reach the Alleluias. They are the very ground from which resurrection springs.

This year, we are delighted to offer two beautiful ancient services new to the Cathedral's Holy Week programme: Tenebrae, with its gradual extinguishing of lights and haunting choral music, and the Easter Vigil, that most dramatic of all liturgies, in which we wait together in darkness for the first light of resurrection. Both services carry centuries of devotion within them, and both will be accompanied by the Cathedral's outstanding musicians.

Please make every effort to journey with us through Holy Week. Come to as many services as you can. Let the liturgy do its work on you. You will not reach Easter in the same way if you have not first stood at the foot of the Cross. A leaflet listing all our Holy Week and Easter services is available at the back of the Cathedral - please do take one. Dean Bob

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: seasonscathedral@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

ACCOMMODATION FOR TENOR

Eden Devaney is a tenor who will be down in the Guildford area in the months of June-July on a contract with Grange Park Opera in West Horsley. He is asking if there might be any accommodation available possibly from a member of our congregation. Please contact the music dept if you would like to help him, email liturgymusic@guildford-cathedral.org phone 01483 547868 in the first instance.

FOREIGN CURRENCY FOR THE CATHEDRAL

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

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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