



GUILDFORD
CATHEDRAL

9.45am
16 August 2026

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CATHEDRAL EUCCHARIST



WELCOME

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Mary was a young Jewish girl living in Nazareth when a messenger from the Lord announced that she was to be the bearer of the Son of God to the world. Her response, 'Let it be to me according to your word', revealed her natural sense of obedience to God and her reverence for his guidance, showing her worthy to be the bearer of the Word made flesh.

She is honoured in all parts of the Church on this day which by tradition is when she was taken from this life to share fully in the life of her Son – a calling and a future which is ours too, through the sacrament of baptism.

PARTICIPATION IN THE SERVICE

Please sing the hymns and the response to the Psalm and say together the words in **bold** type. Although posture is suggested please do whatever is most comfortable for you. **A large print copy of this order of service is available from the stewards.**

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

All who are baptized or confirmed are welcome to receive the sacrament. There is no obligation to drink from the common cup. However, please do not instinct (dip) 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 at the front.

DO-IT-YOURSELF CRÈCHE 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. If you need any help please ask one of the stewards on duty. 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.

OFFERING

Your support makes a real difference to the ministry and mission of Guildford Cathedral. If you would like to support this work on a



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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.

MUSIC TODAY

The singing today will be led by Oliver Turner.

MASS SETTING

Missa Rosa Mystica – Peter Griesbacher (1864-1933)

PRESIDENT AND PREACHER

The president this morning is The Reverend Canon Roy Woodhams and the preacher is The Reverend Patrick Coleman.

THE GATHERING

Please stand

HYMN



**The God whom earth and sea and sky
adore and laud and magnify,
whose might they own, whose praise they tell,
in Mary's body deigned to dwell.**

**O Mother blest, the chosen shrine
wherein the Architect divine,
whose hand contains the earth and sky,
vouchsafed in hidden guise to lie:**

**Blest in the message Gabriel brought;
blest in the work the Spirit wrought;
most blest, to bring to human birth
the long-desired of all the earth.**

**O Lord, the Virgin-born, to thee
eternal praise and glory be,
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Ghost for evermore. Amen.**

Words: Venantius Fortunatus (530-600),

tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

Music: CP 243 Puer nobis nascitur, melody adapted by Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

harmonised by G.R. Woodward (1848-1934)

THE GREETING

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

Amen

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Deacon As a mother comforts her child,
 so shall the Lord himself comfort us.

Let us come to the one who knows our every deed and thought,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION

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.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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.*

THE COLLECT

Almighty God,
who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary
and chose her to be the mother of your only Son:
grant that we who are redeemed by his blood
may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom;
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.

Please sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 61.10-11 read by Charles Martin

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me
with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a
garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth
brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to
spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring
up before all the nations.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 45.10-17



Be-hold our de-fen-der, O God; and look up-on the face of your a-noin-ted.

Hear O daughter consider and incline your ear :
Forget your own people and your father's house.
So shall the King have pleasure in your beauty :
For he is your Lord so do him honour.

The people of Tyre shall bring you gifts :
The richest of the people shall seek your favour.
The King's daughter is all glorious within :
Her clothing is embroidered cloth of gold.

She shall be brought to the King in raiment of needle-work :
After her the virgins that are her companions.
With joy and gladness shall | they be brought :
And enter into the palace of the King.

'Instead of your fathers you shall have sons :
Whom you shall make princes over all the | land.
I will make your Name to be remembered through all generations :
Therefore shall the peoples praise you for ever and ever. *Response*

Chant: Walter Galpin Alcock (1861-1947)

NEW TESTAMENT Galatians 4.4-7 read by Trish Lambert

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please 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.



The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son,
and they will name him Emmanuel,
a name which means 'God is with us'.

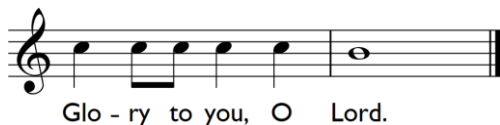
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL READING Luke 1.46-55

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke



Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.

The first staff of music is in treble clef and contains the following notes: a dotted quarter note on G4, an eighth note on A4, a quarter note on B4, a quarter note on C5, and a half note on B4.

SERMON The Reverend Patrick Coleman

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**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

*Please sit
or kneel*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION led by Clare Chardin.

The following bidding and response is used

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In conclusion

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Please stand

THE PEACE

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

HYMN



Sing we of the blessed Mother
 who received the angel's word,
and obedient to his summons
 bore in love the infant Lord;
sing we of the joys of Mary
 at whose breast that child was fed
who is Son of God eternal
 and the everlasting Bread

**Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,
of the sword that pierced her through,
when beneath the cross of Jesus
she his weight of suffering knew,
looked upon her Son and Saviour
reigning high on Calvary's tree,
saw the price of man's redemption
paid to set the sinner free.**

**Sing again the joys of Mary
when she saw the risen Lord,
and in prayer with Christ's apostles,
waited on his promised word:
from on high the blazing glory
of the Spirit's presence came,
heavenly breath of God's own being,
manifest through wind and flame.**

**Sing the chiefest joy of Mary
when on earth her work was done,
and the Lord of all creation
brought her to his heavenly home:
Virgin Mother, Mary blessèd,
raised on high and crowned with grace,
may your Son, the world's redeemer,
grant us all to see his face.**

Words: CP 241 George Bourne Timms (1910-1997)

Music: CP 418 Abbot's Leigh, Cyril Taylor (1907-1991)

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

God our Father,
your handmaid Mary fed your Son at her virgin breast.
Nourish us at this table with the bread of heaven
and the cup of salvation.
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 and good,
our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now we give you thanks
because in choosing the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son
you have exalted the humble and meek.
Your angel hailed her as most highly favoured;
with all generations we call her blessed
and with her we rejoice and magnify your holy name:

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.*

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.

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:



*Please sit
or kneel*

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

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 sacrament. There is no obligation to drink from the common cup. However, please do not instinct (dip) 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 at the front.

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

Ave Maria, gratia plena!
Dominus tecum.
Benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus
ventris tui Jesus.

*Hail Mary, full of grace!
The Lord is with you.
You are blessed among women,
and blessed is the fruit
of your womb, Jesus.*

Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,
ora pro nobis peccatoribus
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae.
Amen.

*Holy Mary Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now
and at the hour of our death.
Amen.*

*Traditional prayer, drawn from the words of Lk 1.28,
and set to music by Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)*

Please stand

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God most high,
whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh:
we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption
you visit us with your Holy Spirit
and overshadow us by your power;
strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience
and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.

Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.

Amen.

THE BLESSING

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary
fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will;
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.



**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:
unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name:
make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might:
powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:
firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore.**

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b 1926)

Music: CP 362, Woodlands, Walter Greated (1877-1949)

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Please remain standing whilst the crucifer leads the choir along the south aisle into the south ambulatory, after which there are refreshments at the west end. You are welcome to listen to the voluntary or quietly make your way to the back of the Cathedral.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Ave Maris Stella – plein jeu à 5; fugue à 5 – Nicolas de Grigny (1672-1703)

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

SERVICES TODAY

7.30am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

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

9.45am Cathedral Eucharist

6pm Evensong *sung by Godalming Minster*

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

8am Tuesday

8.30am Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

9am Saturday

Holy Communion *in the Lady Chapel*

8.30am Tuesday

9am Monday, Wednesday, Friday

9.30am Saturday

12.30pm Thursday

Evening Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

4.00pm Saturday

5.30pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 23 AUGUST

7.30am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

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

9.45am Cathedral Eucharist *sung by Godalming Minster*

6pm Evensong

PASTORAL NEWS

Linsay Martin, daughter of Sheila Kirkland, has contacted us with the news that her mother has died. Sheila had a very long history with the Cathedral, being a resident of Guildford her whole life, and attending services since 1959. She went on to serve as secretary to two Deans between 1981 and 2001 (Tony Bridge and Alex Wedderspoon) and her husband, Colin Kirkland, was chief steward until his death. Sheila has been a faithful member of the congregation throughout and, until about a month ago, could be found doing a Guide duty meeting and greeting most Tuesday mornings. Sheila's funeral will take place at the Cathedral at 10:30am on Tuesday 25 August.

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.

REVIEW AND REFRESHING OF THE PRAYER LISTS

Both our long-term and short-term lists of people requesting prayer will be reviewed and refreshed at the beginning of September (this does not include the confidential list that Canon Mavis holds). If you have placed a name that you know is currently on either list and would still like it to be included in our prayers, please contact the virgers to let them know by Friday 21 August, 5pm (virger@guildford-cathedral.org). If we don't hear from you, the name will be removed.

VISION AND STRATEGY UPDATES

As you are all aware, the Vision and Strategy process has been running throughout this year. Please use this QR code to access all of the documents on the Cathedral website.



NEW CANON MISSIONER

Our new Residentiary Canon Missioner will be the Reverend Dr. Mike Branscombe, who is currently vicar of St. Andrew's Church, Cobham and will be joining us at his Installation service at Evensong on Sunday 20 September.

MESSAGE FROM DEAN BOB

Kate and I will be on holiday from Monday 3rd August until Monday 17th August inclusive. We both hope you have a lovely summer too and will see you when we get back.

FOREIGN CURRENCY FOR THE CATHEDRAL

Our grand total has increased to £33,300 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

MONTHLY SUNDAY LUNCH WITH THE FRIENDS OF GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL

A table has been booked for 12 people on Sunday 6 September at 12 noon at the Seahorse, 52-54 The St., Shalford. GU4 8BU. The restaurant has asked us to pre-order our food preferences and confirm number in group by Monday 31 August. Please let me know if you would like to join us for lunch. Friends and non-Friends are welcome. Please contact Yvette Wright Secretary to the Friends. email: friends@guildford-cathedral.org or phone 07851 371590 to confirm you would like to join us with your food choice. If you need a menu, let me know and I will email one to you.

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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