



GUILDFORD
CATHEDRAL

THIRTEENTH
SUNDAY
AFTER TRINITY
CATHEDRAL
EUCHARIST

9.45am
30 August 2026



WELCOME

YOUR RULE OF LIFE?

Various groups in the Church have what they call a Rule of Life. In fact, one of the things that crops up regularly when people talk about church growth is the introduction of a common Rule of Life—though such a thing needs to be observed by all in order to have any real effect.

There is no Rule of Life better than the one Paul offers to the Romans in today's Epistle. It's the clearest possible illustration of what life among Christians should be like, starting with the request *Let love be sincere*.

Take it with you, cut it out, put it on the wall or in your Bible or Prayer Book, and go back to it again and again, for you may be certain that those who live like this will be recognised as God's people not only by the world around us but also by God when the time comes for us to give an account of our lives.

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 intinct (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 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.

MUSIC TODAY

Services are sung today by the Guildford Cathedral Singers. We thank them all for their constant dedication to supporting the Cathedral's worship with music when the Cathedral Choir is absent.

MASS SETTING

Communion Service in F – Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

PRESIDENT AND PREACHER

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

Please stand

THE GATHERING

HYMN



**We love the place, O God,
wherein thine honour dwells;
the joy of thine abode
all earthly joy excels.**

**We love the house of prayer,
wherein thy servants meet;
and thou, O Lord, art there
thy chosen flock to greet.**

**We love thine altar, Lord;
O what on earth so dear?
for there, in faith adored,
we find thy presence near.**

**We love the word of life,
the word that tells of peace,
of comfort in the strife,
and joys that never cease.**

**We love to sing below
for mercies freely given;
but O we long to know
the triumph-song of heaven.**

**Lord Jesus, give us grace
on earth to love thee more,
in heaven to see thy face,
and with thy saints adore.**

Words: William Bullock (1798-1874), Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877)

Music: CP 211 Quam Dilecta, Henry Lascelles Jenner (1820-1898)

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

Deacon God the Father forgives us in Christ
and heals us by the Holy Spirit.

Let us therefore put away all anger and bitterness,
all slander and malice,
and confess our sins to God our redeemer.
cf Ephesians 4.30,32

**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.

Choir

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give
thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the
Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy
upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon
us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon
us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with
the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

A moment of silent prayer.

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit **FIRST READING** Jeremiah 15.15-21 read by Rachel Impey

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

O Lord, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.

Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart;

for I am called by your name,

O Lord, God of hosts.

I did not sit in the company of merry-makers,
nor did I rejoice;

under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.

Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.

Therefore, thus says the Lord:

If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.

And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;

they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,

for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,

says the Lord.

I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 26.1-8

The choir sings the response through once, which the congregation then repeats. All join in the response during the psalm, as indicated.



Lord, I love the place where your glo-ry a-bides.

Give judgement for me O Lord for I have walked with integrity :
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

Test me O Lord and try me :
examine my heart and my mind.

For your love is before my eyes :
I have walked in your truth.

I have not joined the company of the false :
nor consorted with the deceitful. *Response.*

I hate the gathering of evil-doers :
and I will not sit down with the wicked.

I will wash my hands in innocence O Lord :
that I may go about your altar.

To make heard the voice of thanksgiving :
and tell of all your wonderful deeds.

Lord I love the house of your habitation :
and the place where your glory abides. *Response.*

Chant: Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876)

SECOND READING Romans 12.9-21 read by Ann Bourne

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the

Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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.



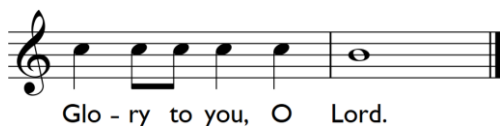
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.

Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 16.21-28

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

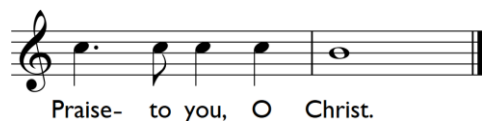


From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.





Please sit **SERMON** Reverend Canon Roy Woodhams

Please stand **THE CREED**

Let us declare the faith in which we were baptised:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**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.**

**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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION led by Shirley-Margaret Lloyd

The president invites everyone to pray, saying

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father.

Please sit or kneel

The bidding and response are

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In conclusion, the leader says

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

God is love
and those who live in love live in God
and God lives in them.

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



**Christ bids us break the bread
and share the cup he gave,
in token of the blood he shed
for those he died to save.**

**It was for us he came,
to bear, by human birth,
a crown of thorn, a cross of shame,
for every child of earth.**

**The Saviour crucified
in glory rose again:
we here remember him who died,
ascended now to reign.**

**Our hearts his word obey,
in thankfulness and love:
we feed on Christ by faith today
and feast with him above.**

**O Christ, once lifted up
that we might be forgiven,
we take the bread and drink the cup
and share the life of heaven.**

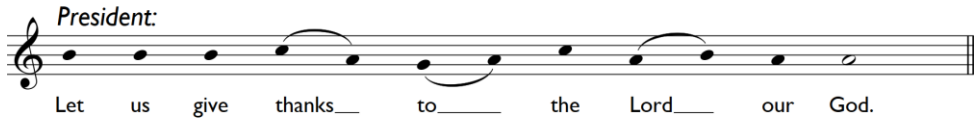
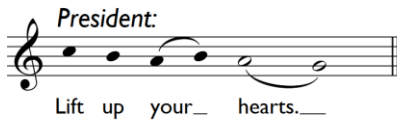
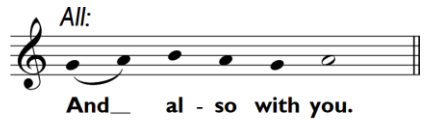
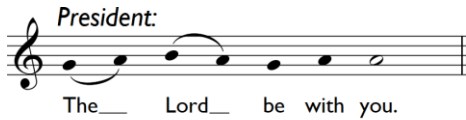
*Words: Sing Praise 216, Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024)
Music: CP 391 Franconia, 'Harmonischer Liederschatz' (1738)
adapted by William Henry Havergal (1793-1870)*

TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement;
draw us from hatred to love;
make the frailty of our praise
a dwelling place for your glory.

Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER



You are worthy of our thanks and praise,
Lord God of truth,
for by the breath of your mouth
you have spoken your word,
and all things have come into being.

You fashioned us in your image
and placed us in the garden of your delight.

Though we chose the path of rebellion
you would not abandon your own.

Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace.
You gave your people the law and taught us by your prophets
to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace.

As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth,
we echo the song of the angels in heaven,
evermore praising you and singing:

Choir Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Lord God, you are the most holy one,
enthroned in splendour and light,
yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ
you reveal the power of your love
made perfect in our human weakness.

Embracing our humanity,
Jesus showed us the way of salvation;
loving us to the end,
he gave himself to death for us;
dying for his own,
he set us free from the bonds of sin,
that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

On the night he gave up himself for us all
he 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 we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross,
we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb,
we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high
and we long for his coming in glory.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption,
Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation
be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
form us into the likeness of Christ
and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Look with favour on your people
and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.
Bless the earth,
heal the sick,
let the oppressed go free
and fill your Church with power from on high.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth
to feast with all your saints
at the table in your kingdom,
where the new creation is brought to perfection
in 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.



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

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink
in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

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intinct (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

Choir O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

COMMUNION MOTET

Cantate Domino canticum novum,
laus ejus in Ecclesia sanctorum.
Laetetur Israel in eo qui fecit eum,
et filii Sion, exultent in rege suo.

*Sing to the Lord a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the blessed.
Let Israel rejoice in his Maker,
and the children of Sion exult in their King.*

Psalms 149.1-2

set to music by Giuseppe Pitoni (1657-1743)

Let us pray.

A moment of silent prayer.

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place
where hunger and thirst are no more;
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 SENDING OUT

THE BLESSING

Hear the teaching of Jesus:

‘Blessed are those who hear the word of God and obey it.’

Go now to do God’s will;

and the blessing of God Almighty,

the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

go with 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.



**Take up thy cross, the Saviour said,
if thou wouldst my disciple be;
deny thyself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me.**

**Take up thy cross: let not its weight
fill thy weak spirit with alarm;
his strength shall bear thy spirit up,
and brace thy heart, and nerve thine arm.**

**Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame,
nor let thy foolish pride rebel:
thy Lord for thee the cross endured,
to save thy soul from death and hell.**

**Take up thy cross then in his strength,
and calmly every danger brave;
'twill guide thee to a better home,
and lead to victory o'er the grave.**

**Take up thy cross and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.**

**To thee, great Lord, the One in Three,
all praise for evermore ascend:**

**O grant us in our home to see
the heavenly life that knows no end.**

Words: Charles William Everest (1814-1877)

*Music: CP 582 Breslau, German traditional melody harmony
probably by William Henry Monk (1823-1889)*

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

Toccata from Partita *Nun freut euch, lieben Christen g'mein*
– Lionel Rogg

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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 *sung by GCS*

6pm Evensong *sung by GCS*

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 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

7.30am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

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

9.45am Cathedral Eucharist

6pm Choral Evensong

GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL SINGERS

Today marks Peter Wright's first Sunday as musical director of Guildford Cathedral Singers. Peter was Organist and Director of Music at Southwark Cathedral from 1989 – 2019, having previously been here at Guildford as sub organist. We are delighted to welcome Peter back to Guildford Cathedral.

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.

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.

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

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.

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