



GUILDFORD  
CATHEDRAL

6pm  
12 May 2024

SEVENTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER  
CHORAL  
EVENSONG



# WELCOME

## EASTERTIDE

The Great Fifty Days of Eastertide form a single festival period in which the tone of joy created at the Easter Vigil is sustained through the following seven weeks, and the Church celebrates the gloriously risen Christ.

Early Christians gave the name Pentecost to this whole fifty-day span. In those places where the custom of lighting the Easter Candle at the beginning of Easter is followed, the lit Candle stands prominently in church for all the Eastertide services. The Alleluia appears frequently in liturgical speech and song and the gold and white vestments along with the decoration of churches and fresh flowers after the austerity of Lent emphasize the joy and brightness of the season.

On the fortieth day there has, from the late fourth century, been a particular celebration of Christ's ascension. He commissions his disciples to continue his work, he promises the gift of the Holy Spirit, and then he is no longer among them in the flesh. The ascension is therefore closely connected with the theme of mission. The arrival of the promised gift of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost completes and crowns the Easter Festival.

## 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. 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. A large print copy of this order of service is available from the stewards.

## **PRECES AND RESPONSES**

*Humphrey Clucas (b. 1941)*

## **CANTICLES**

Evening Service in **G** *Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)*

## **OFFICIANT AND PREACHER**

The officiant and preacher this evening is the Reverend Canon Duncan Myers.

*Please stand as the procession enters to organ music.*

*Stand*

## **OPENING VERSICLES AND RESPONSES**

○ Lord, open thou our lips  
and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

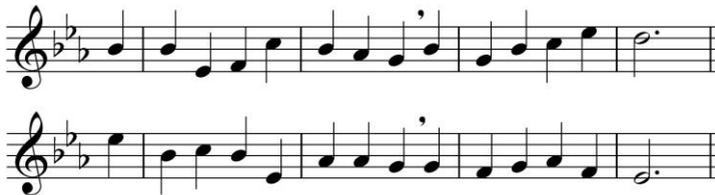
○ God, make speed to save us.  
○ Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.  
The Lord's name be praised.

**WELCOME** Canon Duncan Myers

## **HYMN**



Al-le-lu - ia! A - men.

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,  
your sweetest notes employ,  
the Paschal victory to hymn  
in strains of holy joy.

How Judah's Lion burst his chains,  
and crushed the serpent's head;  
and brought with him, from death's domains,  
the long-imprisoned dead.

From hell's devouring jaws the prey  
alone our Leader bore;  
his ransomed hosts pursue their way  
where he has gone before.

Triumphant in his glory now  
his sceptre ruleth all,  
earth, heaven and hell before him bow  
and at his footstool fall.

While joyful thus his praise we sing,  
his mercy we implore,  
into his palace bright to bring  
and keep us evermore.

All glory to the Father be,  
all glory to the Son,  
all glory, Holy Ghost to thee,  
while endless ages run.  
Alleluia! Amen.

*Words: St Fulbert of Chartres (d. 1028); tr. Robert Campbell (1814-1868)*

*Music: CP 162 St Fulbert, Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876)*

Sit **PSALM 147.1-12**

O praise the Lord, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God :  
yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.  
The Lord doth build up Jerusalem :  
and gather together the out-casts of Israel.

He healeth those that are broken in heart :  
and giveth medicine to heal their sickness.  
He telleth the number of the stars :  
and calleth them all by their names.  
Great is our Lord, and great is his power :  
yea, and his wisdom is infinite.  
The Lord setteth up the meek :  
and bringeth the ungodly down to the ground.  
O sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving :  
sing praises upon the harp unto our God;  
Who covereth the heaven with clouds, and prepareth rain for the earth :  
and maketh the grass to grow upon the mountains,  
and herb for the use of men;  
Who giveth fodder unto the cattle :  
and feedeth the young ravens that call upon him.  
He hath no pleasure in the strength of an horse :  
neither delighteth he in any man's legs.  
But the Lord's delight is in them that fear him:  
and put their trust in his mercy.  
Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem :  
praise thy God, O Sion.  
For he hath made fast the bars of thy gates :  
and hath blessed thy children within thee.  
He maketh peace in thy borders :  
and filleth thee with the flour of wheat.  
He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth :  
and his word runneth very swiftly.  
He giveth snow like wool :  
and scattereth the hoar-frost like ashes.  
He casteth forth his ice like morsels :  
who is able to abide his frost?  
He sendeth out his word, and melteth them :  
he bloweth with his wind, and the waters flow.  
He sheweth his word unto Jacob :  
his statutes and ordinances unto Israel.

He hath not dealt so with any nation :  
neither have the heathen knowledge of his laws.

*Stand* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be;  
world without end. Amen.

*Chant: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)*

*Sit* **OLD TESTAMENT** Isaiah 61

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,  
because the Lord has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
to bind up the broken-hearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and release to the prisoners;  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
to provide for those who mourn in Zion -  
to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.  
They shall build up the ancient ruins,  
they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities,  
the devastations of many generations.

Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks,  
foreigners shall till your land and dress your vines;  
but you shall be called priests of the Lord,  
you shall be named ministers of our God;  
you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations,

and in their riches you shall glory.  
Because their shame was double,  
and dishonour was proclaimed as their lot,  
therefore they shall possess a double portion;  
everlasting joy shall be theirs.

For I the Lord love justice,  
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;  
I will faithfully give them their recompense,  
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.  
Their descendants shall be known among the nations,  
and their offspring among the peoples;  
all who see them shall acknowledge  
that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.  
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.

*Stand*

## **MAGNIFICAT**

My soul doth magnify the Lord:  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.  
For he hath regarded:  
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.  
For behold, from henceforth:  
all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me:  
and holy is his Name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him:

throughout all generations.  
He hath shewed strength with his arm:  
    he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat:  
    and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things:  
    and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:  
    as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:  
    and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
    world without end. Amen.

*Text: Luke 1.46-55*

*Sit*     **NEW TESTAMENT** Luke 4.14-21

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
    because he has anointed me  
    to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
    and recovery of sight to the blind,  
    to let the oppressed go free,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’

*Stand* **NUNC DIMITTIS**

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:  
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation;  
which thou hast prepared:

before the face of all people;  
to be a light to lighten the Gentiles:  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen.

*Text: Luke 2. 29-32*

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth:  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from thence he shall come  
to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholick Church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

## THE LESSER LITANY, LORD'S PRAYER AND PRECES

The Lord be with you.  
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

*Sit or  
kneel*

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive them that trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

○ Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.  
And grant us thy salvation.

○ Lord, save the King.  
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.  
And make thy chosen people joyful.

○ Lord, save thy people.  
And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, ○ Lord.  
Because there is none other that fighteth for us,  
but only thou, ○ God.

○ God, make clean our hearts within us.  
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

## **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

O God the King of glory,  
who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven:  
we beseech thee, leave us not comfortless,  
but send to us thine Holy Spirit to comfort us  
and exalt us unto the same place  
whither our Saviour Christ is gone before;  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

## **THE COLLECT FOR PEACE**

O God, from whom all holy desires,  
all good counsels, and all just works do proceed;  
give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give;  
that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments,  
and also that, by thee,  
we being defended from the fear of our enemies  
may pass our time in rest and quietness;  
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
Amen.

## **THE COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS**

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord;  
and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers  
of this night; for the love of thy only Son,  
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

Sit **ANTHEM**

Haec dies quam fecit Dominus: *This is the day which the Lord hath made:*  
exultemus et laetemur in ea. *let us be glad and rejoice in it.*  
Alleluia. *Alleluia.*

*Words: Psalm 118:24*  
*Music: Matthew Martin (b. 1976)*

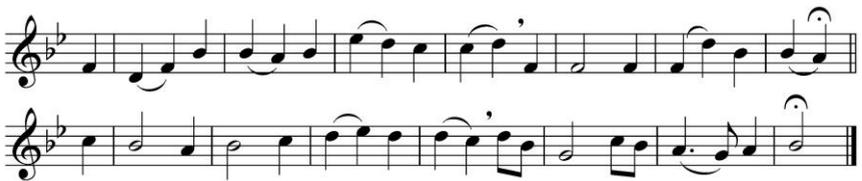
**HOMILY** Canon Duncan Myers

Sit or  
kneel **THE PRAYERS**

*The prayers conclude with*

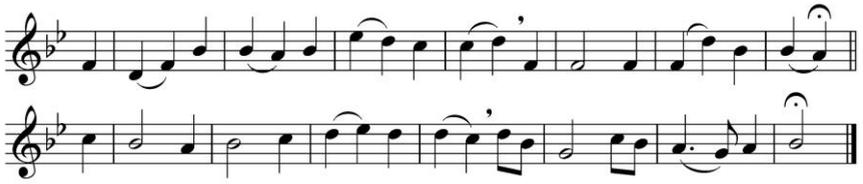
**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

Stand **HYMN**



We bring you, Lord, our prayer and praise  
that every child of earth  
should live and grow in freedom's ways,  
in dignity and worth.

We praise for such a task begun  
to serve each other's need,  
for every cause of justice won,  
for every fetter freed.



Our prayers are for a world in pain  
where force and fear prevail,  
the plough becomes the sword again,  
and hope and harvests fail.

Alike our prayer and praise express  
the wants of humankind,  
that those in bondage and distress  
their larger freedoms find.

So may we still maintain the fight  
till earth's oppressions cease  
before the universal right  
to liberty and peace.

In Christ we learn to love and care  
and spread his truth abroad;  
and in his Name we lift our prayer:  
'Your kingdom come, O Lord.'

*Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926)*

*Music: CP 611, Wiltshire, George Smart (1776-1867)*

## **BLESSING**

God the Father,  
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,  
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

## **ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

Prelude in E flat (BWV 552i) *Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

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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** Choral Evensong

## 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, Thursday, Friday

**9.30am** Saturday

**Evening Prayer** *in the Lady Chapel*

**5.30pm** Wednesday

**Choral Evensong**

**5.30pm** Monday, Thursday, Friday

*Thursday's Choral Evensong forms part of our Evensong Project and will be sung by the choir of George Abbot School and the Cathedral Choir*

**Choral Eucharist**

**5.30pm** Tuesday *for Matthias*

## SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 19 MAY PENTECOST

**7.30am** Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

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

**10.30 a.m.** Festal Cathedral Eucharist

**6pm** Festal Choral Evensong

## **POST BOX TOPPER EXHIBITION 16 APRIL TO 2 JUNE**

This unique exhibition brings together some wonderful examples of post box toppers from across the country.

## **VOLUNTEERS TO READ LESSONS**

We are looking for more volunteers to help read Bible lessons during Sunday morning's Choral Eucharist. If you are interested, please contact Canon Rachel ([rachel.young@guildford-cathedral.org](mailto:rachel.young@guildford-cathedral.org)) or just come along. Training for this will be in the library on Sunday 2 June, 11.15am-12.30pm

## **HOLY WEEK SPEAKER ADDRESSES**

If you enjoyed listening to the addresses given by Father Charlie Annis during Holy Week, or were not able to attend and would like to read them, you can download the texts from the Cathedral website (<https://www.guildford-cathedral.org/worship/services/holy-week-compline-addresses>). They will be available for a month.

## **HOPE IN DEPRESSION COURSE**

Feeling low, anxious or stressed? The Hope in Depression Course runs over six sessions and is for anyone suffering with depression and anxiety, or for loved ones who want to know how they can help. This donation-funded course has six group sessions, starting Monday 13 May, 7-9.30pm. For more information or to book a place go to [st-saviours.org.uk/hope](http://st-saviours.org.uk/hope).

## **'THY KINGDOM COME' DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENT SUNDAY 19 MAY**

The global prayer movement 'Thy Kingdom Come' (9-19 May) invites church congregations to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Christ. This annual initiative is for everyone, and for all age groups, but this year local youth groups and young people (11s-18s) throughout the diocese are particularly invited to worship together at 'The Prayer'. This Diocesan-wide event rounds off 'Thy Kingdom Come' taking place at Christ's College Guildford on Pentecost Sunday (19 May) 4.15-6.30pm. You can find further details at

[www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global) and [www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about-us/news/join-with-millions-to-pray-thy-kingdom-come.php](http://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about-us/news/join-with-millions-to-pray-thy-kingdom-come.php)

## **COMMUNITY MEETING SUNDAY 9 JUNE**

The Interim Dean, Stuart Beake, on behalf of the Chapter, would like to hold a community meeting following the expected decision about the land sale appeal at the end of May. The date for this is proposed as Sunday 9 June after the morning service, assuming the decision has been received by then.

## **GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL MUSIC PATRONS' SCHEME**

Many of you have supported our chorister sponsorship scheme over the years, and many also give to the Music Development Foundation, for which we have been very grateful. The Music Patrons' Scheme was launched in January and is for those who would like to support all of the music of Guildford Cathedral in its entirety, from sheet music to musicians, and everything in between. As a Patron you will be the first to hear about our choir and organists, their concerts and other events throughout the year, and there are other members' benefits in store, too. If you are interested and would like to know more about becoming a Patron, please contact the Development Team, Nicola Pratt ([headofdevelopment@guildford-cathedral.org](mailto:headofdevelopment@guildford-cathedral.org)) or Karen Taylor ([fundraising.officer@guildford-cathedral.org](mailto:fundraising.officer@guildford-cathedral.org)).

## **GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM 2024**

A group will once again be going on pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in 2024. The pilgrimage will run from Friday 16 to Sunday 18 August, with the option of staying until after breakfast on Monday 19 August. Canon Gilly Myers 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 Catholic Shrine, or quiet reflection in the grounds of the Shrine and walking in the lovely surrounding Norfolk countryside. Fellowship, and deepening of faith is at the core of the weekend. The

cost (full board including breakfast, lunch and dinner in the Shrine refectory) will be around £180-£258 per person depending on whether you wish to stay the Sunday night. 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, [d.thompson@rhul.ac.uk](mailto:d.thompson@rhul.ac.uk).

**RETREAT AT THE COMMUNITY OF THE RESURRECTION, MIRFIELD, WEDNESDAY 27 TO FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER**

Our Holy Week speaker, Father Charlie Annis CR, is a member of the Community of the Resurrection in Mirfield, West Yorkshire. This is also a place visited regularly by Canon Rachel Young, the Cathedral Liturgist, for retreats and quiet days. Canon Rachel is organising a mini-retreat to the CoR in November for any who would like to form a small party from the Cathedral. Information about the Community can be found at [mirfield.org.uk](http://mirfield.org.uk) and the retreat will cost between £153 and £171 (depending on numbers and the type of accommodation requested) plus travel. Please contact Canon Rachel for more information or to express your interest in joining the retreat ([rachel.young@guildford-cathedral.org](mailto:rachel.young@guildford-cathedral.org)).

