

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

This sheet contains the hymns, readings and prayers of the day for this service; you can follow all other parts of the service in the green 'Sung Eucharist' booklet.

11.00am Sung Eucharist

Celebrant: The Revd Canon Dr Earl Collins, Chancellor

Preacher: The Revd Jacob Wigley, Curate

TODAY'S MUSIC

Mass Setting:	Missa Brevis <i>G. P. da Palestrina (1525-1594)</i>
Motet:	Ego sum panis vivus <i>G. P. da Palestrina</i>
Closing Music:	Toccata from Symphony No. 5 <i>Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)</i>

From 10.55am, please maintain a prayerful silence in preparation for the service.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Come, let us join our cheerful songs
with angels round the throne;
ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
but all their joys are one.

'Worthy the Lamb that died,' they cry,
'to be exalted thus;'

'Worthy the Lamb,' our lips reply,
'for he was slain for us.'

Jesus is worthy to receive
honour and power divine;
and blessings more than we can give
be, Lord, for ever thine.

Let all creation join in one
to bless the sacred name
of him that sits upon the throne,
and to adore the Lamb.

Words: *Isaac Watts (1674-1748)*

Music: *NATIVITY, Henry Lahee (1826-1912)*

COLLECT

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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.**

FIRST READING Jonah 3: 10-4: 11

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, 'O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' And the Lord said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.'

But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' Then the Lord said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

PSALM 145: 1-8

I will magnify thee, O God, my King : and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever.

Every day will I give thanks unto thee : and praise thy Name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and marvellous worthy to be praised : there is no end of his greatness.

One generation shall praise thy works unto another : and declare thy power.

As for me, I will be talking of thy worship : thy glory, thy praise, and wondrous works;

So that men shall speak of the might of thy marvellous acts : and I will also tell of thy greatness.

The memorial of thine abundant kindness shall be shewed : and men shall sing of thy righteousness.

The Lord is gracious and merciful : long-suffering and of great goodness.

SECOND READING Philippians 1: 21-end

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two:

my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well – since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 20: 1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

OFFERTORY HYMN

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
first-begotten from the dead,
thou alone, our strong defender,
liftest up thy people's head.
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Jesu, true and living Bread!

Here our humblest homage pay we;
here in loving reverence bow;
here for Faith's discernment pray we,
lest we fail to know thee now.
Alleluia, Alleluia,
thou art here, we ask not how.

Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
as of old in Bethlehem,
here as there thine angels hail thee,
Branch and Flower of Jesse's stem.
Alleluia, Alleluia,
we in worship join with them.

Paschal Lamb, thine Offering, finished
once for all when thou wast slain,
in its fullness undiminished
shall for evermore remain,
Alleluia, Alleluia,
cleansing souls from every stain.

Life-imparting heavenly Manna,
stricken Rock with streaming side,
heaven and earth with loud hosanna
worship thee, the Lamb who died,
Alleluia, Alleluia,
risen, ascended, glorified!

Words: G. H. Bourne (1840-1925)

Music: ST HELEN, George Martin (1844-1916)

COMMUNION HYMN – *please remain seated*

According to thy gracious word,
in meek humility,
this will I do, my dying Lord,
I will remember thee.

Thy body, broken for my sake,
my bread from heaven shall be;
thy testamental cup I take,
and thus remember thee.

Gethsemane can I forget?
Or there thy conflict see,
thine agony and bloody sweat,
and not remember thee?

When to the cross I turn mine eyes
and rest on Calvary
O Lamb of God, my sacrifice,
I must remember thee:

Remember thee, and all thy pains,
and all thy love to me;
yea, while a breath, a pulse remains,
will I remember thee.

And when these failing lips grow dumb,
and mind and memory flee,
when thou shalt in thy kingdom come,
Jesu, remember me.

Words: *James Montgomery (1771-1854)*

Music: BANGOR, *Ps.xii in Harmony of Syon (1734)* by
William Tans'ur

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing,
if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us,
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy:
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

Words: *James Edmeston (1791-1867)*

Music: MANNHEIM, *melody in F. Filitz's Choralbuch (1847)*, *harmony by Lowell Mason (1792-1872)*

NOTICES

Choral Evensong this afternoon celebrates the 60th anniversary of the Piper Tapestry, dedicated on 20 September 1966. All are welcome at 3.00pm either in person or on the livestream.

Chancellor's Autumn Lectures 2026 - Last chance for tickets Building on Chichester Cathedral's long tradition of engaging with sacred art, these lectures will reflect on how artists across the centuries have sought to express the divine through colour, form, and imagination. Starting on Tuesday 22 September (6.30pm, Vicars' Hall), *The Theology of the Icon – Symbols and Images in Christian Art*. This illustrated lecture from Canon Chancellor Revd Dr Earl Collins will explore the origins of Christian art, the emergence of the icon in Byzantium, and the theology behind it, as well as the violent opposition images

sometimes aroused. It will consider how art can both express theology and foster contemplation and prayer. Tickets at £10 each (including a glass of wine or soft drink) are available through the website. Subsequent dates are 6 October, 20 October, 3 November.

George Bell House Bible Fellowship will not meet in September. Details of future sessions will be announced shortly.

Confirmation We will soon be starting to prepare candidates for Confirmation in November. This will be run by Canon Vanessa Baron. We are intending to present candidates in the younger age group at this time and a course for adults who would like to be confirmed will take place in the new year – looking towards Confirmation at Easter. If you are interested in being confirmed, please speak to one of the clergy.

Cathedral Fellowship *The Women in the Life of W. B. Yeats*. Monday 21 September, 2.00pm, Vicars' Hall. John Robert Smith, manager of Chichester Oxfam Book Shop. No tickets or membership required for Fellowship events, although donations are encouraged to cover expenses. *Canon Vanessa's talk on the Deans of Chichester has moved to 19 October.*

Tuesday Lunchtime Concerts Our series resumes on Tuesday 22 September, at 1.10pm, with pianist Ben Socrates. Entry is free, donations are encouraged. Coffee is available, please bring your own mug.

Electoral & Community Rolls The revised Roll has now been published and can be inspected on request at the West Doors.

Annual Meeting All those interested in Cathedral life are welcome to join our Annual Meeting. On Wednesday 23 September, the event will begin with a service of Choral Evensong (commencing at 5.30pm and sung by the Choir of St Paul's Church, Chichester) before the formal start of the Annual Meeting around 6.30pm. The Meeting will be followed by light hospitality in the Cathedral kindly provided by Cloisters Kitchen & Garden. If you are planning to attend, please register via the website (What's On section and navigate to 23 September).

GCSE Study Day On Friday 25 September, in partnership with Revelation Church, we host two local schools for our first GCSE study day. Tailored specifically to the current Religious Studies syllabus, students will be able to compare liturgical and non-liturgical worship practices, looking at baptism, prayer and the Eucharist. We hope this will be the first of many such days – please be aware of groups moving around the Cathedral between sessions on Friday, and keep the students, teachers and facilitators in your prayers.

SERVICES THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

Monday-Saturday

- 7.30am **Quiet prayer** (St Clement Chapel)
7.45am **Morning Prayer** (St Clement Chapel)
8.00am **Holy Communion** (Lady Chapel)
5.30pm **Choral Evensong** (Saturday at 3.00pm – see note below)

Thursday

10.30am **Holy Communion** according to the Book of Common Prayer.

Sunday 27 September—Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00am **Holy Communion** (BCP)
9.00am **Eucharist** for children, families & caregivers
10.00am **Choral Mattins**
11.00am **Choral Eucharist**
3.00pm **Choral Evensong**

Tuesday 22 September, 5.30pm – Choral Evensong attended by Chichester Diocese Mothers' Union on the occasion of the organisation's 150th anniversary.

Wednesday 23 September, 5.30pm – Choral Evensong sung by the Choir of St Paul's Church, Chichester, followed by the Cathedral AGM.

Saturday 26 September, 3.00pm – Choral Evensong with Investiture into The Order of St Richard. *Please note the earlier time.*

Clothes Swap Saturday 3 October, 10-11.30am, Vicars' Hall - see website for details. So that our rails are generously filled and ready to go we are accepting good quality clothes before the event. You can drop them off at the Estates Office, Cathedral Cloisters, for the attention of Victoria Sutton.

Volunteers needed at the Chichester Half Marathon

This year Chichester Cathedral is proud to be an official charity partner of the Chichester Half Marathon on Sunday 4 October, and we are especially keen to recruit volunteers to help steward the event route in the city centre, particularly around the Cathedral and Market Cross. To find out more or to register your interest in volunteering, please email oliver.tubb@chichestercathedral.org.uk

A number of runners are taking part (including members of our own staff team) to raise vital funds for the Cathedral. If you would like to support the team please see www.justgiving.com/campaign/team-cathedral to donate.

An Evening with Rachel Portman: From film scores to choral music

Saturday 21 November, 7.00pm. Join Oscar-winning composer Rachel Portman at Chichester Cathedral for an evening of conversation and performance exploring the stories behind some of her most loved music. The evening begins with Rachel sharing stories from her career in film, accompanied by clips from some of the films she has scored. In the second half the Cathedral Choir will perform a selection of Rachel's

choral works. This evening supports the Chichester Cathedral Platinum Endowment Trust for Music, helping secure the future of music at the Cathedral. Tickets are now available via the website or on 0333 666 4466 (option 1).

Worthing Theological Society Monday 28 September, 7.45pm, West Worthing Baptist Church (BN14 7LU). *The Wartime Quartet (Anscombe, Foot, Midgley and Murdoch) and the role of theology.* Dr Elizabeth Mackintosh of the University of Winchester explores the quartet's encounters with theology and considers the ways in which theological questions, concepts, and modes of thought informed their philosophical development. Admission is free with a retiring collection to defray expenses; further information from honsecwts1@outlook.com

Chichester Walsingham Festival Saturday 17 October, 11.00am-4.00pm. Everyone is warmly invited to this day of Christian celebration. The Our Lady of Walsingham Festival has become a much-loved annual event in the Diocese of Chichester. This year, the festival takes place in the heart of Brighton at St Paul's Church. For more details and to book please see www.trybooking.com/uk/GVGB

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have a **notice relevant to the ministry and mission of the Cathedral** that you would like to submit for this notice sheet, please contact:
chris.george@chichestercathedral.org.uk by 5pm on Tuesday.

If you have any **safeguarding concerns** in relation to the Cathedral, please contact
safeguarding@chichestercathedral.org.uk or speak to a member of our Safeguarding team [please see the website or our Safeguarding posters for more details].

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