

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER LAST 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 Dean, The Very Revd Dr Edward Dowler

Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Earl Collins, Chancellor

TODAY'S MUSIC

sung by Lea Singers

Mass Setting: Piccolomini Mass
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)
Motet: Ubi caritas
Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)
Closing Music: Praeludium in C
Georg Böhm (1661-1733)

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

ENTRANCE HYMN

Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

Words: *Bianco da Siena (d. 1434)*
tr. *R. F. Littledale (1833-1890)*
Music: DOWN AMPNEY,
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

COLLECT

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Leviticus 19: 1-2, 15-18

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the Lord. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord.

PSALM 1

Blessed is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners : and hath not sat in the seat of the scornful.
But his delight is in the law of the Lord : and in his law will he exercise himself day and night.
And he shall be like a tree planted by the water-side : that will bring forth his fruit in due season.
His leaf also shall not wither : and look, whatsoever he doeth, it shall prosper.
As for the ungodly, it is not so with them : but they are like the chaff, which the wind scattereth away from the face of the earth.
Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in the judgement : neither the sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
But the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous : and the way of the ungodly shall perish.

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring

for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL READING Matthew 22: 34-end

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him, ' "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.' Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: 'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.' He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet' " ? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?' No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

OFFERTORY HYMN

All for Jesus! all for Jesus!
this our song shall ever be;
for we have no hope nor Saviour
if we have not hope in thee.

All for Jesus! thou wilt give us
strength to serve thee hour by hour:
none can move us from thy presence
while we trust thy love and power.

All for Jesus! at thine altar
thou dost give us sweet content;
there, dear Saviour, we receive thee
in thy holy sacrament.

All for Jesus! thou hast loved us,
all for Jesus! thou hast died,
all for Jesus! thou art with us,
all for Jesus, glorified!

All for Jesus! all for Jesus!
this the Church's song shall be,
till at last the flock is gathered
one in love, and one in thee.

Words: *W. J. Sparrow-Simpson (1859-1952)*

Music: *ALL FOR JESUS, John Stainer (1840-1901)*

COMMUNION HYMN – *please remain seated*

Once, only once, and once for all,
his precious life he gave;
before the Cross in faith we fall,
and own it strong to save.

'One offering, single and complete,'
with lips and hearts we say;
but what he never can repeat
he shows forth day by day.

For as the priest of Aaron's line
within the holiest stood,
and sprinkled all the mercy-shrine
with sacrificial blood;

So he, who once atonement wrought,
our Priest of endless power,
presents himself for those he bought
in that dark noontide hour.

His Manhood pleads where now it lives
on heaven's eternal throne,
and where in mystic rite he gives
its presence to his own.

And so we show thy death, O Lord,
till thou again appear,
and feel, when we approach thy board,
we have an altar here.

Words: *William Bright (1824-1901)*

Music: *ALBANO, Vincent Novello (1781-1861)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all
our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN

King of glory, King of peace,
I will love thee;
and that love may never cease,
I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
thou hast heard me;
thou didst note my working breast,
thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing thee,
and the cream of all my heart
I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
thou didst clear me;
and alone, when they replied,
thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise thee;
in my heart, though not in heaven,
I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
to enrol thee:
e'en eternity's too short
to extol thee.

Words: George Herbert (1593-1632)
Music: GWALCHMAI, John David Jones (1827-1870)

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)
4.30pm **Evening Prayer** Monday-Friday (said)
Choral Evensong (Saturday)

Thursday

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

Sunday 1 November—All Saints

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

Please note the earlier time of Evening Prayer/Evensong Monday-Saturday.

NOTICES

This weekend we welcome Lea Singers as our visiting choir to sing our services.

Stewardship

To all members of our congregations:

Please may I invite you to consider prayerfully your financial giving to the Cathedral.

Whatever you do give will go towards maintaining worship and mission here. The Cathedral has an improved financial position but we still face challenging times.

The easiest and most effective way to give is to use the Parish Giving Scheme. If you are already on this, there's no need to do anything – although of course any increase that you can afford is most welcome. If you are not on the scheme, forms are available. They are simple and easy to complete.

Thank you for your attention.

The Very Revd Dr Edward Dowler, Dean of Chichester

Illuminating Art

Friday 23 – Saturday 31 October.

Chichester's annual Light Experience returns this half term week, transforming the Cathedral into a new breathtaking canvas of light, sound and digital art by the internationally acclaimed artistic collaboration Luxmuralis. Making its Sussex debut, *Illuminating Art* will take visitors of all ages on a mesmerising journey through four centuries of artistic imagination. From the drama of the Baroque and the vibrant colour of the Impressionists to early photography, the age of steam and the dawn of animation, *Illuminating Art* brings familiar creative movements to life through bold contemporary projections - creating an unforgettable experience whether you're an art lover or simply looking for a magical evening out. The experience unfolds through a series of atmospheric immersive scenes, building towards

a striking finale in the nave. Tickets for timed entry slots are available through the Cathedral website.

Tuesday Lunchtime Concerts Our series continues on Tuesday 27 October, at 1.10pm, with Chichester Symphony Orchestra with pianist Tim Rumsey. This event is always extremely popular so arrive early to find a seat. Entry is free, donations are encouraged. Coffee is available, please bring your own mug.

Requiem Eucharist for All Souls Monday 2 November, 5.30pm. All are welcome to this Requiem Eucharist, in which we remember and pray for the faithful departed, with movements from Maurice Duruflé's *Requiem* sung by the Cathedral Choir. You are invited to send the names of anyone you wish to be remembered at this service in good time to chris.george@chichestercathedral.org.uk or leave the names with the Cathedral Vergers.

Chorister Open Day Saturday 7 November, 1.30-4.30pm. Find out more about the Choristers of Chichester Cathedral at our annual open day. This event is suitable for girls and boys in Years 2, 3 and 4, as well as their parent/guardians. We do not expect candidates to have any musical experience when they join the choir – we look for energy, enthusiasm and good reading skills. To book your space, or ask further questions, email chris.george@chichestercathedral.org.uk

Black History in Church Spaces The exhibition is running at St Luke's Prestonville and aims to celebrate the stories, witness and legacy of Black individuals linked to the diocese and the wider Anglican community. The exhibition concludes on Sunday, October 25 2026, with a commemorative service at St Mary's Slindon at 11.00 am, followed by a dedication of the plaque of Roque Ferdinand at St Mary Magdalene Church, Madehurst. For more details please see www.chichester.anglican.org/racial-justice/black-history-in-church-spaces/

Cathedral Study Day *Breathe on Me Breath of God!*

Wednesday 28 October, George Bell House, 10.00am-3.00pm. Join the Cathedral's Canon Chancellor, the Reverend Dr Earl Collins, for a reflective and engaging study day exploring who the Holy Spirit is, what the Spirit does when he/she comes, and how the Spirit continues to shape prayer, worship, and the life of the Church. Designed for anyone who is curious, thoughtful, or simply wanting to deepen their understanding of Christian faith. No prior knowledge is needed, and there is no expectation to arrive with ready-made answers. Instead, participants are invited to listen, reflect, ask questions, and discover more about the presence and work of the Holy Spirit in the world today.

Tickets at £5 each from the Cathedral website.

Chancellor's Autumn Lectures 2026 *Smashing Images*

– **The case against artwork in the church** Tuesday 3 November, 7.00pm (refreshments from 6.30pm), Vicars' Hall. Visual art can be challenging, threatening, and

revolutionary. When people no longer have (or never had) faith in a work of art or art's value in Christian life, this shows us how radical and powerful art has always been. Iconoclasm reveals why art matters. By reflecting on controversies in Christian art, this talk led by the Revd Dr Ayla Lepine will explore how destroying, defacing, and even hating art is a story Christians share. Tickets at £10 each (including a drink) via the website.

Autumn Retreat 'Stop looking and start seeing' – a contemplative journey with Thomas Merton in word and image

Sunday 15-Tuesday 17 November, George Bell House. On this retreat, spent partly in silence, we invite participants to step out of the intensity of their life and to come on a contemplative journey with Thomas Merton using the bible, his writings and his photography as our guide. The retreat will be guided by Earl Collins, the Canon Chancellor and John Workman, an art history postgraduate researcher and member of the Cathedral congregation. There are opportunities for individual spiritual conversation with Earl Collins alongside the sessions. Day attendance and residential options are available, with booking information and the full itinerary to be found on the website.

Richard Hooker Rediscovered: A vision of the Church of England for today

Thursday 19 November, 2.30pm, Vicars' Hall. Angela Tilby is a broadcaster, writer, theological educator and priest of the Church of England. After a career of 22 years in the BBC as a radio and television producer, she was ordained in 1997 and became a tutor and subsequently Vice-Principal of Westcott House in Cambridge where she taught Early Church History and Spirituality for the Cambridge Theological Federation. This lecture is given as part of our annual gathering of the College of Canons, with a limited number of places available to the Cathedral community. To reserve a place please call 01243 812488 or email chris.george@chichestercathedral.org.uk

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.

Rachel will share stories from her celebrated career writing music for films including *Emma*, *Chocolat* and *The Cider House Rules*, exploring the inspiration and creative process behind some of her best-known scores. In conversation with Julian Biggs and accompanied by film clips, Rachel will also play the piano, offering a glimpse into how she creates music for the screen.

The evening continues with the Chichester Cathedral Choir performing a selection of Rachel's choral works alongside complementary repertoire.

By joining us, you are also helping support the future of music at Chichester Cathedral. Funds raised will contribute to the Chichester Cathedral Platinum Endowment Trust for Music.

For tickets please see the Cathedral website, contact TicketSource on 0333 666 4466 (option 1), or use the QR code.



A service of thanksgiving will be held for the Revd Canon Russell Bowman-Eadie in Wells Cathedral on Wednesday 18 November at 2.00pm. If you wish to attend could you RSVP to John Reynolds at j.reynolds2000@btinternet.com

Worthing Theological Society Leadership in the life of Saint Hildegard of Bingen Monday 26 October, 7.45pm, West Worthing Baptist Church. The speaker is The Rev'd Canon Dr Vaughan S Roberts, a priest in the Church of England with research interests in church leadership, organisational storytelling/story-sharing and how Christianity relates to popular culture (especially film, theatre and music). Admission is free and there is a retiring collection to defray expenses. Further information from the Hon Secretary at honsecwts1@outlook.com

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].

If you are able to make a donation to the Cathedral...

The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is a secure and simple way of giving to the Cathedral by Direct Debit on a regular basis. If eligible, you can opt to add Gift Aid and PGS claims this on our behalf.

Online Visit www.parishgiving.org.uk and search for 'Chichester Cathedral' or scan the QR code;

By phone 0333 002 1271, Monday to Friday, 9.00 to 5.00;

By post Using the PGS application form. A copy is available to collect from the Visitors' Desk or the Vergers' Office.

