

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY 11 JANUARY BAPTISM OF CHRIST

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 Vanessa Baron, Treasurer

ENTRANCE HYMN

Hail to the Lord's Anointed!
great David's greater Son;
hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free;
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

He comes with succour speedy
to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth:
before him on the mountains
shall peace the herald go;
and righteousness in fountains
from hill to valley flow.

Kings shall fall down before him,
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him,
his praise all people sing;
to him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.

O'er every foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest,
from age to age more glorious,
all-blessing and all-blest:

the tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his name shall stand for ever;
that name to us is Love.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854), based on Psalm 72

Music: CRÜGER, adapted by W. H. Monk (1823-1889)

from a chorale by J. Crüger (1598-1662)

COLLECT

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted
children;
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 Isaiah 42: 1-9

Thus says the Lord: Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

PSALM 29

Bring unto the Lord, O ye mighty, bring young rams unto the Lord : ascribe unto the Lord worship and strength. Give the Lord the honour due unto his Name : worship the Lord with holy worship.

It is the Lord that commandeth the waters : it is the glorious God that maketh the thunder.

It is the Lord that ruleth the sea; the voice of the Lord is mighty in operation : the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.

The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedar-trees : yea, the Lord breaketh the cedars of Libanus.

He maketh them also to skip like a calf : Libanus also, and Sirion, like a young unicorn.

The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness: yea, the Lord shaketh the wilderness of Cades.

The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to bring forth young, and discovereth the thick bushes : in his temple doth every man speak of his honour.

The Lord sitteth above the water-flood : and the Lord remaineth a King for ever.

The Lord shall give strength unto his people : the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

SECOND READING Acts 10: 34-43

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

From the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, listen to him!'

GOSPEL READING Matthew 3: 13-end

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

ADMISSION OF CHORISTERS

After the Intercessions we will admit two new choristers to the choir.

OFFERTORY HYMN

When Jesus came to Jordan
to be baptized by John,
he did not come for pardon,
but as his Father's Son.
He came to share repentance
with all who mourn their sins,
to speak the vital sentence
with which good news begins.

He came to share temptation,
our utmost woe and loss;
for us and our salvation
to die upon the cross.
So when the Dove descended
on him, the Son of Man,
the hidden years had ended,
the age of grace began.

Come, Holy Spirit, aid us
to keep the vows we make,
this very day invade us,
and every bondage break.
Come, give our lives direction,
the gift we covet most:
to share the resurrection
that leads to Pentecost.

Words: *F. Pratt Green (1903-2000)*

Music: OFFERTORIUM,

adapted from Michael Haydn (1737-1806)

COMMUNION HYMN—*please remain seated*

O love, how deep, how broad, how high!
How passing thought and fantasy
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake.

He sent no angel to our race
of higher or of lower place,
but wore the robe of human frame,
and he himself to this world came.

For us baptized, for us he bore
his holy fast, and hungered sore;
for us temptations sharp he knew;
for us the tempter overthrew.

For us to wicked men betrayed,
scourged, mocked, in crown of thorns arrayed;
for us he bore the cross's death;
for us at length gave up his breath.

For us he rose from death again,
for us he went on high to reign,
for us he sent his Spirit here
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

All honour, laud, and glory be,
O Jesu, Virgin-born, to thee,

all glory, as is ever meet,
to Father and to Paraclete. Amen.

Words: 15th-century Latin, tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885)
Music: EISENACH, Melody by J. H. Schein (1586-1630)
in his revised Cantional (1645);
Harmony by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
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)

TODAY'S MUSIC

Mass setting: Mass for Five Voices
William Byrd (1540-1623)
Motet: The Three Kings
Peter Cornelius (1824-1874)
Closing Music: Fugue in C, BWV 545ii
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Honorary Canons of the Cathedral

During Evensong this afternoon (3.00pm) The Revd Anne Dunlop, The Revd Chris Sutton, The Revd Marc Lloyd, and The Revd John Wall will be installed as Honorary Canons of the Cathedral. All are welcome in the Cathedral or via the livestream.

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** (Wednesday—said Evening Prayer)

Sunday 18 January—Second Sunday of Epiphany

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

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

Confirmation Preparation

We will be starting a course for preparation for Confirmation later this month, with the intention of presenting candidates at Easter. The course will be run by the Canon Chancellor, Canon Earl Collins.

If you would be interested in being prepared for Confirmation, or if think you might be, and would like to learn more about the Christian faith, please speak to one of the clergy.

NOTICES

Volunteers Needed for the 2026 Festival of Flowers

- The Bottlebola team is seeking volunteers to assist on our stall at the upcoming Festival of Flowers in 2026. If you are able to spare some time and would like to get involved, please contact Bruce Ruddock on 0791 9092504/rbruddock@outlook.com. Donations of wine for the stall would also be greatly appreciated.

- During the Festival of Flowers, a large jigsaw-style image of the Chagall window will be displayed to help raise funds for the Platinum Endowment Trust for Music. We're looking for volunteers who can spare an hour or more to encourage visitors to sponsor a piece of the jigsaw. If you can help, please contact Trevor James at trevore-james@yahoo.co.uk or 01243 780334.

- Thank you for your support—we look forward to a wonderful Festival ahead! The Festival takes place from Wednesday 3 to Saturday 6 June.

Tuesday Lunchtime Concerts resume on 13 January at 1.10pm with The Cygnus Trio (stepping in at short notice for the indisposed Neil Crossland). Entry is free, donations are welcome.

Why Legacies Matter: New Year, Lasting Impact

Vicars' Hall, Thursday 15 January 2026, 2.00–3.30pm.
Legacies play an essential role in the life of Chichester Cathedral. They help care for its music, heritage and the

life of faith it nurtures, ensuring it can continue to inspire and serve future generations. Join us for an informal afternoon hosted by Alison George, Director of Fundraising, reflecting on the impact of gifts in wills. The event will include updates from the Dean, the premiere of a new music video from the Cathedral Choir, and guidance on legacy planning from experts at Irwin Mitchell Solicitors, and will conclude with tea, cake and conversation. Tickets are free and can be booked through the website or from the Trust on 01243 812991.

Friends' Epiphany Lunch

Wednesday 21 January at 12.30pm, The Assembly Rooms, North Street, Chichester.

Wrap up the Festive Season with the Cathedral Friends at our Epiphany Lunch. The Friends are delighted to welcome the new Canon Chancellor, The Revd. Dr. Earl Collins as our Guest Speaker. Tickets £35 include a welcome drink and a delicious two course lunch. You can book online, via the Cathedral's website (chichestercathedral.org.uk/friends), or you can call the Friends' desk on 01243 812980 on Tuesday or Friday mornings. (Everyone is welcome to events organised by The Friends unless otherwise stated).

Worthing Theological Society Lecture

Monday 26 January, 7.45pm, West Worthing Baptist Church. *Clergy in Crisis! The Church and Cinema in a Secular Age*, Dr Tommy Lynch, Reader in Political Theology, University of Chichester. Separated by over 50 years, the films *Winter Light* (1963) and *First Reformed* (2017) both tell the story of a priest confronting an existential crisis. Both use this figure to explore questions of doubt and hope in ways that bring together the spiritual and the political. This talk examines the similarities and differences between the films to consider why clergy remain symbolically powerful even in secular societies. Admission is free and there is a retiring collection to defray expenses; further information from honsecwts1@outlook.com

Job Opportunity at St Pancras Church, Chichester

We are looking for an enthusiastic and competent administrator to join our team and support the operations, mission and ministry at St Pancras Church, Chichester. The Administrator has an important role in ensuring the smooth running of all our activities, events, services and buildings as they support the Rector, staff and volunteers at the church.

For more details of the role please contact us or download a job description from the website.

<https://www.stpancraschichester.org.uk/vacancy>

We prefer applications by email; please send your completed application to admin@stpancs.org by midnight on Sunday 17 January 2026. Any enquiries contact the rector on 01243 767124 or nick@stpancs.org or the church wardens on wardens@stpancs.org

Help us reach our Match Funding for Music goal

2025 was a landmark year for Chichester Cathedral as we celebrated our 950th anniversary with inspiring music, community events and moments of deep reflection. At the heart of these celebrations was our shared commitment to the Cathedral's music, which continues to enrich worship, draw people through our doors and witness to the beauty of faith. At the end of the second quarter of our Match Funding for Music campaign we had reached an extraordinary £825,000 of our £950,000 target, thanks to the generosity of so many supporters. With the campaign running until the end of March and every donation matched pound for pound by four anonymous donors, every penny truly counts. Reaching the full £950,000 would be an amazing achievement and a fitting culmination of our anniversary year.

We invite you to consider whether you might help us make this final push. Achieving the match funding target will significantly strengthen our music endowment, helping to sustain the Cathedral's choral tradition and musical life for generations to come. Whether your support comes through a donation, attending services and concerts, volunteering or sharing our mission with others, it all makes a difference.

Thank you for all you have already given and for holding this work in your prayers as we seek to cross the finish line together.

How to donate

Send a cheque/charity voucher made payable to 'Chichester Cathedral Restoration and Development Trust CIO' to Chichester Cathedral Trust, The Royal Chantry, Cathedral Cloisters, Canon Lane, Chichester, PO19 1PX; **Via BACs (Bank Transfer)** to Chichester Cathedral Restoration & Development Trust CIO bank account: Barclays Bank, Account number: 53716384, Sort code: 20-20-62. Please provide your name as the reference so that we can thank you. Alternatively please call 01243 812991 to donate using a credit or debit card.

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 monthly, quarterly or annual basis. If eligible, you can opt to add Gift Aid and PGS claims this on our behalf, passing it directly back to the Cathedral.

- **Online** Visit www.parishgiving.org.uk and search for 'Chichester Cathedral'; **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.

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].