

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER
CHRIST THE KING

11.00am Sung Eucharist

Celebrant: The Dean, The Very Revd Dr Edward Dowler

Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Earl Collins, Chancellor

ENTRANCE HYMN

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Virgin's Son,
the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won
which now his brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic Rose,
as of that Rose the Stem;
the Root whence mercy ever flows,
the Babe of Bethlehem.

Crown him the Lord of love!
Behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of Paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
Glassed in a sea of light,
where everlasting waves
reflect his throne – the Infinite!
who lives – and loves – and saves.

Words: *Matthew Bridges (1800-1894)*

Music: *DIADEMATA, George Elvey (1816-1893)*

COLLECT

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep
of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord,
the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who
shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my
flock, and have driven them away, and you have not
attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil
doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the
remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have
driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and
they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds
over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear
any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says
the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when
I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall
reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and
righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved
and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which
he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

PSALM 46

God is our hope and strength : a very present help in
trouble.

Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved :
and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;
Though the waters thereof rage and swell : and though the
mountains shake at the tempest of the same.

The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the city of
God : the holy place of the tabernacle of the most
Highest.

God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be
removed : God shall help her, and that right early.

The heathen make much ado, and the kingdoms are
moved : but God hath shewed his voice, and the earth
shall melt away.

The Lord of hosts is with us : the God of Jacob is our
refuge.

O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord : what
destruction he hath brought upon the earth.

He maketh wars to cease in all the world : he breaketh the
bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the
chariots in the fire.

Be still then, and know that I am God : I will be exalted among the heathen, and I will be exalted in the earth. The Lord of hosts is with us : the God of Jacob is our refuge.

SECOND READING Colossians 1: 11-20

Brothers and sisters: May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David.

GOSPEL READING Luke 23: 33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' Jesus replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

OFFERTORY HYMN

Alleluia, sing to Jesus,
his the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia, his the triumph,
his the victory alone:

hark the songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus, out of every nation,
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia, not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia, he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how;
though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?

Alleluia, Bread of Angels,
thou on earth our food, our stay;
alleluia, here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day;
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia, King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own;
alleluia, born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
thou on earth both Priest and Victim
in the Eucharistic Feast.

Words: W. Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

Music: HYFRYDOL,

melody by Rowland Huw Pritchard (1811-1887)

COMMUNION HYMN—*please remain seated*

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)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good
works, may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN

Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:
*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name!*

Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth: *Yours the glory...*

Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,
victim crucified!
death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified: *Yours the glory...*

Priestly king, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love: *Yours the glory...*

So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:
*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name!*

Words: Michael Seward (1932-2015)
Music: GUITING POWER, John Barnard (b. 1948)

TODAY'S MUSIC

Mass setting: Missa Brevis
Lennox Berkeley (1903-1989)
Closing Music: Toccata in F, BuxWV 157
Dietrich Buxtehude (c. 1637-1707)

SERVICES THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

Monday-Saturday

7.45am **Morning Prayer**
8.00am **Holy Communion**
5.30pm **Choral Evensong** (Wednesday—said Evening Prayer)

Sunday 30 November

8.00am **Holy Communion** (BCP)
9.00am **Eucharist** for children, families and caregivers
10.00am **Choral Mattins** & Rededication of Bellringers
11.00am **Choral Eucharist**
4.30pm **Advent Procession**

Tuesday 25 November, 12.00 Funeral of Philippa Grey-Edwards in the Lady Chapel

Wednesday 26 November, 7.00pm Diocesan Confirmation Service

Thursday 27 November The Cathedral will be closed apart from services for Chichester College Group Graduations

Thursday 27 November, 5.30pm Choral Evensong in celebration of American Thanksgiving (also livestreamed)

Saturday 29 November, 5.30pm Choral Evensong including the Installation of the Venerable Russell Dewhurst as Archdeacon of Hastings (also livestreamed)

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

NOTICES

Yearning for the Light Our Advent course explores the rich themes of yearning for joy and light. Each session, led by Cathedral clergy, offers thoughtful reflection and teaching, followed by open discussion.

Thursday 27 November—*Advent: What's it all about?*

Thursday 4 December—*Praying in Advent*

Thursday 11 December—*The Music of Advent*

Wednesday 17 December—*Light in the Darkness*

George Bell House, arrive by 2.15pm for a 2.30pm start. There is no charge but booking is essential, via the website or 0333 666 3366.

American Thanksgiving Choral Evensong

Thursday 27 November, 5.30pm

The service will be followed by a drinks reception hosted by Chichester Cathedral's American Patrons. We're delighted to welcome The Revd Dr Mark W. Scarlata (St Mellitus College, London) as our guest preacher. Please RSVP to trustsvp@chichestercathedral.org.uk.

Winter Residential Retreat

Contemplating Art in a Sacred Space—An exploration of the art in Chichester Cathedral The retreat will be guided by John Workman, an art history postgraduate researcher and member of the Cathedral congregation and Canon Earl Collins, Chancellor. 7-9 December 2025 in George

Bell House. Further details and booking can be found on the website or via 01243 813586.

Calling all Holy Dusters We would like to make sure that the Cathedral is clean and sparkling for Advent and Christmas. If you are willing to dust, polish, vacuum dark corners and even scrape wax off floors, please join us on Saturday 29 November from 10.30am–12.30pm. Everyone is welcome, old and young. Coffee and cake will be provided. Canon Vanessa Baron

Friends Annual Advent Concert with The Otter Consort of the University of Chichester in Vicars' Hall. Monday 1 December, 7.00pm with drinks and canapés to follow at 8.00pm. Tickets: £20. Further information: www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/friends or on 01243 812980 (Tuesday and Friday mornings)

Worthing Theological Society *Julian of Norwich*—*Mystic and Anchoress* Congregation member Dr Abigail Penfold will give the next talk on Monday 24 November, 7.45pm, West Worthing Baptist Church. Some of the talk is based on Abigail's PhD research and forthcoming book, *Julian Norwich and the Kingdom of God*; Abigail introduces Julian in her 14th-century, Norwich context and addresses her role as anchoress as well as her mysticism and theology. honsecwts1@outlook.com

St Pancras Church, Chichester are seeking an enthusiastic & competent Church Administrator to join their team to ensure the smooth running of their activities, events, services and buildings. For more details please see www.stpancraschichester.org.uk and apply by midnight on Sunday 7 December.

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

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- **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.

Advent and Christmas Please note the following dates for your diary:

Sunday 30 November, 4.30pm—Advent Procession
Thursday 18, Friday 19, Saturday 20, Sunday 21 December—Carol Services (6.00pm Thursday/Friday, 3.00pm Saturday/Sunday)

Christmas Eve—Crib Services at 11.00am/2.00pm; Evensong at 6.00pm; Midnight Mass at 11.00pm

Christmas Day—BCP Eucharist at 8.00am; Family Eucharist at 9.00am; Choral Mattins at 10.00am; Eucharist at 11.00am

Sunday 4 January, 6.00pm—Epiphany Procession
Please see the website for full details.

You'll also find details of our Christmas family trail, featuring **Wilfrid the Seal** as he journeys through the Cathedral discovering the story at the heart of Christmas.

Chichester's Match Funding for Music appeal

Six months into our special 950th anniversary appeal, the Chichester Cathedral Restoration and Development Trust are delighted to share that £825,000 has been donated towards our goal of raising an additional £950,000 within the year.

With £4.54 million secured for the Chichester Cathedral Platinum Endowment Trust for Music since our launch in February 2024, we are now even closer to reaching our initial £5 million target by March 2026. This permanent fund will generate annual income to support chorister scholarships, the choir, organ scholars and our programme of free lunchtime concerts, ensuring that music remains at the heart of Cathedral life for generations to come.

With six months left, your gift can still go twice as far – and help us reach the finish line!

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