

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY 12 APRIL SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 gold 'Sung Eucharist' booklet.

11.00am Sung Eucharist

Celebrant: The Dean, The Very Revd Dr Edward Dowler

Preacher: The Revd Canon Vanessa Baron, Treasurer

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

ENTRANCE HYMN

The Day of Resurrection!
earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God!
From death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over
with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection-light;
and, listening to his accents,
may hear so calm and plain
his own 'All hail,' and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful,
and earth her song begin,
the round world keep high triumph,
and all that is therein;
let all things seen and unseen
their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord hath risen,
our joy that hath no end.

Words: *St John of Damascus (c. 750),
tr. J. M. Neale (1818-1866).*

Music: ELLACOMBE, *Mainz Gesangbuch (1833)*

COLLECT

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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 Acts 2: 14a, 22-32

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know – this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

"I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

'Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, "He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption." This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.'

PSALM 16

Preserve me, O God : for in thee have I put my trust.
O my soul, thou hast said unto the Lord : Thou art my God,
my goods are nothing unto thee.

All my delight is upon the saints, that are in the earth : and upon such as excel in virtue.

But they that run after another god : shall have great trouble.

Their drink-offerings of blood will I not offer : neither make mention of their names within my lips.

The Lord himself is the portion of mine inheritance, and of my cup : thou shalt maintain my lot.

The lot is fallen unto me in a fair ground : yea, I have a goodly heritage.

I will thank the Lord for giving me warning : my reins also chasten me in the night-season.

I have set God always before me : for he is on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.

Wherefore my heart was glad, and my glory rejoiced : my flesh also shall rest in hope.

For why? thou shalt not leave my soul in hell : neither shalt thou suffer thy Holy One to see corruption.

Thou shalt shew me the path of life; in thy presence is the fulness of joy : and at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

SECOND READING 1 Peter 1: 3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith – being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire – may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jesus said, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

GOSPEL READING John 20: 19-end

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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*

Jesus lives! thy terrors now
can, O Death, no more appal us;
Jesus lives! by this we know
thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us.
Alleluia!

Jesus lives! henceforth is death
but the gate of life immortal;
this shall calm our trembling breath,
when we pass its gloomy portal.
Alleluia!

Jesus lives! for us he died;
then, alone to Jesus living,
pure in heart may we abide,
glory to our Saviour giving.
Alleluia!

Jesus lives! our hearts know well
nought from us his love shall sever;
life, nor death, nor powers of hell
tear us from his keeping ever.
Alleluia!

Jesus lives! to him the throne
over all the world is given:
may we go where he is gone,
rest and reign with him in heaven.
Alleluia!

Words: *Christian Gellert (1715-1769)*
tr. Frances Cox (1812-1897)

Music: ST ALBINUS, *H. J. Gauntlett (1805-1876)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life and in
baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the
death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the
fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord
Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN

The strife is o'er, the battle done;
now is the Victor's triumph won;
O let the song of praise be sung.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,
and Jesus hath his foes dispersed;
let shouts of praise and joy outburst.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

On the third morn he rose again
glorious in majesty to reign;
O let us swell the joyful strain.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

He brake the age-bound chains of hell;
the bars from heaven's high portals fell;
let hymns of praise his triumph tell.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live, and sing to thee.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Words: *17th-century Latin, tr. Francis Pott (1832-1909)*
Music: VULPIUS, *Melody from Vulpius' Gesangbuch (1609)*

Thank you to all who volunteered, participated,
supported and worked so hard in contributing to
our services throughout Holy Week and Easter.

TODAY'S MUSIC

This weekend we are delighted to welcome the choir of
St Stephen's Church, Canterbury, to sing our services.

Mass setting: Johannesburg Service
John Bertalot (1931-2026)

Motet: Now the green blade riseth
trad. French, arr. Simon Lindley (1948-2025)

Closing Music: Toccata in A major
Johann Kuhnau (1660-1722)

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 **Evening Prayer** (said Monday-Friday; Satur-
day Choral Evensong)

Thursdays

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

Sunday 19 April—Third Sunday of Easter

8.00am **Holy Communion** (BCP)

9.00am **Eucharist** for children, families & caregivers

10.00am **Choral Mattins**

11.00am **Choral Eucharist**

1.15pm **Baptism**

3.00pm **Evening Prayer** (said)

We are delighted to welcome the New Gloriana Choir to
sing Evensong on Saturday.

Southern Cathedrals Festival 2026 will be held in
Chichester from 16-19 July, with the combined choirs of
Chichester, Salisbury & Winchester Cathedrals perform-
ing in a vibrant programme of events, performances and
services in Chichester Cathedral and other distinguished
settings around the historic city centre. Festival Patron
priority booking from 7 April, public booking from 5 May.
For full details, including how to sign up to the Patrons
scheme, please pick up a leaflet or see
www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/scf2026

NOTICES

FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS, 3 – 6 June 2026

- **Baskets!** The Flower Stall in the Cloisters sells flower
arrangements during the Festival. Most popular were the
arrangements in cups and saucers, baskets and jam
jars. These sold out quite quickly and were instrumental in
the stall's huge success raising funds for the Cathedral.
We have lots of cups and saucers and jam jars but are on
the lookout for more baskets—could you kindly help us
by bringing any surplus baskets to the Trust office in the
Cloisters? This frees up cupboard space for you whilst
helping us to make a success of the Flower Stall!

We really appreciate your support, thank you and please do come and visit our stall – entry to the Cloisters is free!
Chichester Cathedral Restoration and Development Trust

- Can you spare a bottle—or more—of wine for our **wine tombola (the “bottlebola”)** at the Festival of Flowers. Canon Bruce Ruddock is coordinating the stall this year and asks if anyone in the cathedral community can offer donations of bottles of wine (nothing too smart!) or a donation with which we can purchase wine for this purpose. Bottles can be left at the Trust Office for storage where the staff will be happy to supply bank details for donations. In recent years the “bottlebola” has contributed around £8000 to the overall funds raised, so we do hope, we can do as well this year! Many thanks indeed.

Chichester Cathedral Friends All are welcome at Friends events. Book via 01243 812980 (Tuesday/Friday mornings) or www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/friends.

- Book After Breakfast Wednesday 15 April, George Bell House, 4 Canon Lane, Chichester. Tea, coffee & biscuits will be served at 10.00am followed by an informal talk by Canon Bruce Ruddock on the book "Nesting" by Roisin O'Donnell.

- Visit to Bletchley Park Saturday 13 June. A 1940s themed day at the home of Britain's top secret World War II code breakers. £65pp, by coach, including entry to Bletchley Park. Depart from the Cathedral at 8.00am, return at 5.30pm.

Cathedral Fellowship *What has poetry ever done for us? For the Church, and in the Bible?* David Cooke wants us to have some fun as he helps us explore.... and maybe leave us wanting more! Monday 20 April, 2.00pm, Vicars' Hall. Free to attend and open to everyone; donations welcome & refreshments available. For more information contact Canon Stephen Hoy, fellowship@chichestercathedral.org.uk

Tales from the Cathedral Library The next session will be held on 21 April exploring When, how and by whom was the Church of England established? 10.00-11.30am in George Bell House. Prior booking is essential at £5 per session, through www.ticketsource.co.uk/chichester-cathedral or on 0333 666 3366.

Dates for your diary: Further details to follow.
Tuesday 12 May, after Evensong—reception for those who have recently joined the Cathedral Friends.
Thursday 14 May, after 5.30pm Eucharist—Ascension Day Garden Party at the Deanery.

In her recent book **Good Faith: Why England Needs its Church**, Angela Tilby reviews the history of the Church of England from early times, through the turmoil of the Reformation and into the modern period. She asks whether there can be a new dawn for the Church as it increasingly returns to its sources and regains confidence

in Anglicanism's historic faith, liturgical practice and forms of ministry.

At this special event at St Olav's bookshop in Chichester, Angela Tilby and Edward Dowler, Dean of Chichester, will sit down to discuss this illuminating new work. You are invited to join us for an evening of stimulating discussion.

Thursday 30 April 2026

5.30pm Choral Evensong at Chichester Cathedral (optional)

6.30pm Reception at St Olav's Bookshop, North Street

7.00 – 8.30pm Good Faith: Why England Needs its Church: Discussion and Questions

Cost: £10 (includes glass of wine or soft drink) and £5 voucher which can be reclaimed against the cost of the book. All are welcome; to reserve a place, please contact St Olav's Bookshop: 01243 782790 or mail@stolavchristianbookshop.uk

Join **Stonepillow's Cathedral to Coast Trek** on 2 May. Walk 8.5 miles to change lives, stand alongside those facing homelessness, and make every step matter: stone-pillow.org.uk/fundraising/trek/

Clothes Swap Saturday 9 May, 10.00-11.30am, Vicars' Hall. Good quality clothing donations needed for May's Rogationtide Clothing Swap, prior to event. Please drop off at the Estates Office, Cathedral Cloisters, for the attention of Victoria Sutton. Event details on Cathedral website.

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.

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].