

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY 19 APRIL THIRD 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 white 'Sung Eucharist' booklet.

11.00am Sung Eucharist

Celebrant: The Revd Canon Dr Earl Collins, Chancellor

Preacher: The Revd Canon Nigel Ashworth, Priest Vicar

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

ENTRANCE HYMN

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,
your sweetest notes employ,
the Paschal victory to hymn
in strains of holy joy.

How Judah's Lion burst his chains,
and crushed the serpent's head;
and brought with him, from death's domains,
the long-imprisoned dead.

From hell's devouring jaws the prey
alone our Leader bore;
his ransomed hosts pursue their way
where he hath gone before.

Triumphant in his glory now
his sceptre ruleth all,
earth, heaven, and hell before him bow,
and at his footstool fall.

While joyful thus his praise we sing,
his mercy we implore,
into his palace bright to bring
and keep us evermore.

All glory to the Father be,
all glory to the Son,
all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,
while endless ages run.
Alleluia! Amen.

*Words: St Fulbert of Chartres (d. 1028),
tr. Robert Campbell (1814-1868).*

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

COLLECT

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and

serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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 Acts 2: 14a, 36-41

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, 'Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.' Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added to their number.

PSALM 116: 1-7

R: Gracious is the Lord and righteous.

All: Gracious is the Lord and righteous.

I love the Lord,
for he has heard the voice of my supplication;
because he inclined his ear to me
on the day I called to him.
The snares of death encompassed me;
the pains of hell took hold of me;
by grief and sorrow was I held.

All: Gracious is the Lord and righteous.

Then I called upon the name of the Lord;
'O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul.'
Gracious is the Lord and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.

All: Gracious is the Lord and righteous.

The Lord watches over the simple;
I was brought very low and he saved me.
Turn again to your rest, O my soul,
for the Lord has been gracious to you.
For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears and my feet from falling.

All: Gracious is the Lord and righteous.

SECOND READING 1 Peter 1: 17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb

without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

GRADUAL HYMN

The Lord is risen indeed!
now is his work performed;
now is the mighty Captive freed,
and death's strong castle stormed.

The Lord is risen indeed!
then hell has lost his prey;
with him is risen the ransomed seed
to reign in endless day.

The Lord is risen indeed!
he lives, to die no more;
he lives, the sinner's cause to plead,
whose curse and shame be bore.

Words: *Thomas Kelly (1769-1844)*

Music: NARENZA, *melody from Leisenstritt's Catholicum Hymnologium (Cologne, 1584), adapted by W. H. Havergal (1793-1870)*

GOSPEL READING Luke 24: 13-35

On that same day, two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' Jesus asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see Jesus.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are,

and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Jesus; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain
of triumphant gladness;
God has brought his Israel
into joy from sadness;
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters;
led them with unmoistened foot
through the Red Sea waters.

'Tis the spring of souls today;
Christ hath burst his prison,
and from three days' sleep in death
as a sun hath risen;
all the winter of our sins,
long and dark, is flying
from his light, to whom we give
laud and praise undying.

Now the queen of seasons, bright
with the day of splendour,
with the royal feast of feasts,
comes its joy to render;
comes to glad Jerusalem,
who with true affection
welcomes in unwearied strains
Jesu's Resurrection.

Neither might the gates of death,
nor the tomb's dark portal,
nor the watchers, nor the seal,
hold thee as a mortal;
but today amidst thine own

thou didst stand, bestowing
that thy peace which evermore
passeth human knowing.

Words: *St John of Damascus* (c. 750),
tr. J. M. Neale (1816-1866)

Music: ST JOHN DAMASCENE, Arthur Henry Brown
(1830-1926)

COMMUNION HYMN—*please remain seated*

This joyful Eastertide,
away with sin and sorrow.
My Love, the Crucified,
hath sprung to life this morrow:

*Had Christ, that once was slain,
ne'er burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain:
but now hath Christ arisen, arisen, arisen.*

My flesh in hope shall rest,
and for a season slumber:
till trump from east to west
shall wake the dead in number:

Had Christ, that once was slain...

Death's flood hath lost his chill,
since Jesus crossed the river:
lover of souls, from ill
my passing soul deliver:

Had Christ, that once was slain...

Words: G. R. Woodward (1848-1934)

Music: THIS JOYFUL EASTERTIDE, David's Psalmen
(Amsterdam, 1685)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that
we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and
reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.
*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:
*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife,
make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:
*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

Words: Edmond Budry (1854-1932),
tr. Richard Hoyle (1875-1939)

Music: MACCABEUS, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

TODAY'S MUSIC

Mass setting: Mass of St Thomas
David Thorne (b. 1950)

Closing Music: Toccata in D minor, BWV 538, 'Dorian'
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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** (Monday-Wednesday said;
Thursday-Saturday Choral Evensong)

Thursday

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

11.30am **Royal Sussex Regimental Association**
St George's Day Act of Remembrance

Sunday 26 April—Fourth Sunday of Easter

8.00am **Holy Communion** (BCP)

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

10.00am **Choral Mattins**

11.00am **Choral Eucharist** Preacher: Revd Dr Helen
Orr, Vicar of St Mary, Whaddon, Diocese of Ely

1.30pm **St George's Day Service**
for Chichester District Scouts and
Chichester Division Girlguiding

3.00pm **Choral Evensong**

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 Patrons
enjoy priority booking until 4 May, plus an invitation to a
special Patrons' event at each Festival. To become a Fes-
tival Patron, email
richard.paterson@chichestercathedral.org.uk, or for full
details 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, with cups and saucers, baskets and jam jars proving very popular. We have lots of cups and saucers and jam jars but need more baskets—could you kindly help us by bringing any surplus baskets to the Trust office in the Cloisters? Thank you for your support, 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 bottles of wine 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.
- Visit to Bletchley Park Saturday 13 June. Limited number of tickets still available. £65pp, by coach, including entry to Bletchley Park. Depart from the Cathedral at 8.00am, return at 5.30pm.
- Three day visit to Lichfield Cathedral and the National Memorial Arboretum, with 2-night hotel stay in Lichfield. Monday 14—Wednesday 16 September. Save the date! Further details from the website above.

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.com/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.

Angela Tilby discusses her new book **Good Faith: Why England Needs its Church** in conversation with Edward

Dowler, Dean of Chichester. Join us for an evening exploring the Church of England's past, present and future.
Thursday 30 April 2026
5.30pm Choral Evensong (optional), Chichester Cathedral
6.30pm Reception, St Olav's Bookshop
7.00–8.30pm Talk and Q&A
Cost: £10 (includes drink and £5 book voucher).
All welcome. To book: 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: stonepillow.org.uk/fundraising/trek/

Robert Sherbourne (1508-1536) – a model bishop of Chichester? Thursday 7 May, 7.00pm (drinks from 6.30pm), Vicars' Hall. Join Cathedral Sub-Librarian Dr Andrew Foster for a lecture on Bishop Robert Sherbourne and his tenure as bishop between 1508 and 1536 - a highly significant period for Chichester Cathedral and the Diocese of Chichester. Tickets at £10 each are available from www.ticketsource.com/chichester-cathedral or on 0333 666 3366.

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.

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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].