

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY 3 MAY
FIFTH 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 & Preacher: The Revd Canon Vanessa Baron, Treasurer

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

ENTRANCE HYMN

Praise the Lord! ye heavens, adore him;
praise him, angels, in the height;
sun and moon, rejoice before him,
praise him, all ye stars and light:
praise the Lord! for he has spoken,
worlds his mighty voice obeyed;
laws, which never shall be broken,
for their guidance he has made.

Praise the Lord! for he is glorious;
never shall his promise fail;
God has made his saints victorious.
Sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation;
hosts on high, his power proclaim;
heaven and earth, and all creation,
laud and magnify his name!

Worship, honour, glory, blessing,
Lord, we offer to thy name;
young and old, thy praise expressing,
join their Saviour to proclaim.
As the saints in heaven adore thee,
we would bow before thy throne;
as thine angels serve before thee,
so on earth thy will be done.

Words: based on Psalm 148
vv. 1-2: *Foundling Hospital Collection (1796)*
v. 3: *Edward Osler (1798-1863)*

Music: AUSTRIA, *Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)*

COLLECT

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen 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 7: 55-end

Standing before the high priest and the council, Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

PSALM 31: 1-6

In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust : let me never be put to confusion, deliver me in thy righteousness.

Bow down thine ear to me : make haste to deliver me.

And be thou my strong rock, and house of defence : that thou mayest save me.

For thou art my strong rock, and my castle : be thou also my guide, and lead me for thy Name's sake.

Draw me out of the net that they have laid privily for me : for thou art my strength.

Into thy hands I commend my spirit : for thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.

SECOND READING 1 Peter 2: 2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation – if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner', and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jesus said, 'I am the way, and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'

GOSPEL READING John 14: 1-14

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

OFFERTORY HYMN

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 'Come unto me and rest;
 lay down, thou weary one, lay down
 thy head upon my breast:'
 I came to Jesus as I was,
 weary, and worn, and sad;
 I found in him a resting-place,
 and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 'Behold, I freely give
 the living water, thirsty one;
 stoop down, and drink, and live:'
 I came to Jesus, and I drank
 of that life-giving stream;
 my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
 and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 'I am this dark world's Light;
 look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
 and all thy day be bright:'
 I looked to Jesus, and I found
 in him my Star, my Sun;
 and in that light of life I'll walk
 till travelling days are done.

Words: *Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)*Music: *KINGSFOLD, English folk song, adapted by
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)***COMMUNION HYMN**—*please remain seated*

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)***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth,
 and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his
 truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns,
 now and for ever. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
 does his successive journeys run;
 his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
 till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue
 dwell on his love with sweetest song,
 and infant voices shall proclaim
 their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
 the prisoner leaps to lose their chains;
 the weary find eternal rest,
 and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring
 peculiar honours to our King;
 angels descend with songs again,
 and earth repeat the long Amen.

Words: *Isaac Watts (1674-1748)*Music: *TRURO, Psalmodica Evangelica (1789)***TODAY'S MUSIC**

Mass setting:	Communion Service <i>Philip Moore (b. 1943)</i>
Motet:	Ave Verum Corpus <i>Edward Elgar (1857-1934)</i>
Closing Music:	Pæan <i>Philip Moore</i>

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** (said Evening Prayer on Monday, Wednesday, Friday)

Thursday

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

Sunday 10 May—Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 8.00am **Holy Communion** (BCP)
9.00am **Eucharist** for children, families & caregivers
10.00am **Choral Mattins**
11.00am **Choral Eucharist**
3.00pm **Choral Evensong** with celebration of Diocesan Eco-Church awards.

Tuesday 6 May—Bishop Luffa School Leavers' Eucharists. The Cathedral will be closed to visitors between 10.00am and 2.00pm.

Thursday 8 May, 2.00pm—Funeral of The Revd David Burton Evans. Revd Evans was Priest Vicar of this Cathedral, and Prebendal School Chaplain, 1971-1974.

Saturday 9 May, 11.00am—Commissioning of Authorised Lay Ministers. Celebrant & Preacher: The Bishop of Horsham, The Rt Revd Ruth Bushyager. The Cathedral will reopen to visitors at 1.00pm.

Saturday 9 May, 3.00pm—Saying Goodbye: A Service of Remembrance for anyone affected by the loss of a baby at any stage of pregnancy, at birth or in infancy, whether recently or historically, and for those grieving never having had children.

The Dean is preaching today at the parish of St John the Evangelist, Burgess Hill.

He and Mrs Dowler recently went to **Bayreuth** where he preached at the International Service at the Stadtkirche: the central Lutheran church in the city. Our Roman Catholic and Lutheran friends in that area send warm greetings to all in the Cathedral community.

Southern Cathedrals Festival 2026 will be held in Chichester from 16-19 July, with the combined choirs of Chichester, Salisbury & Winchester Cathedrals performing in a vibrant programme of events, performances and services in Chichester Cathedral and other distinguished settings around the historic city centre. Public booking opens on Tuesday 5 May. To become a Festival Patron, email richard.paterson@chichestercathedral.org.uk, or for full details pick up a leaflet or see www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/scf2026

NOTICES

Tuesday Lunchtime Concerts This week, 5 May at 1.10pm, we welcome Timothy Ravalde (organ). Entry is free, donations are encouraged. Coffee is available, please bring your own mug.

Library Open Morning The Cathedral's historic library is open to visitors on the first Tuesday of the month (5 May, 10.00-12.00).

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 plenty of cups and saucers and jam jars, but 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!
- Can you spare a bottle—or more—of wine for our **wine tombola (the "bottlebola")** at the Festival of Flowers? Bottles (or a donation towards bottles) can be left at the Trust Office. 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 Restoration and Development Trust

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

- **New**—Thursday 18 June, Friends AGM and Festival Day. Begins with the Friends Eucharist at 12.00 noon, followed by a delicious buffet lunch in the Vicars' Hall. The AGM will start at 2.30pm followed by our guest speaker. The day will end with Tea & Cakes in George Bell House at 4.00pm. Tickets for the AGM Lunch are £35 each; there is no charge for the rest of the day.
- **New**—Our very popular Friends Summer Drinks Party will take place on Tuesday 28 July in the Deanery Gardens. Last year we had a complete sell-out, so you are advised to book your tickets as soon as possible. Tickets cost £15 per person.
- 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. Further details from the website above.

Deanery Garden Party

Following the Ascension Day Eucharist on Thursday 14 May, the Cathedral community is invited to the Deanery for a glass of wine/soft drink and some nibbles. No need

to book. All are welcome at the Eucharist in the Cathedral at 5.30pm, and at the Deanery from 6.30pm.

Robert Sherbourne (1508-1536) – a model bishop of Chichester? Thursday 7 May, 7.00pm (drinks from 6.30pm), Vicars' Hall. 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.

Given by Dr Andrew Foster, sub-librarian of Chichester Cathedral. Andrew is President of the Chichester branch of the Historical Association, an Honorary Vice-President of the Sussex Record Society and former Research Director of the University of Chichester. He is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, the Historical Association, and the Society of Antiquaries. Tickets at £10 each 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.

Bishop Martin retires at the end of May, and as a diocesan family we are beginning the search for his successor. Have your say in the appointment at tinyurl.com/next-bishop It will take only a few minutes to complete, and it is open until May 26th. We welcome responses from everyone.

Find out more about the process for appointing our next bishop at www.chichester.anglican.org/vacancy-in-see/

One month to go until Festival of Flowers

In just one month the Festival of Flowers returns to Chichester Cathedral from 3 to 6 June, transforming the building into a spectacular celebration of colour, creativity and nature.

As the Cathedral's most important fundraising event, the Festival plays a vital role in supporting its ongoing work. The last festival raised close to £185,000 after costs, and over the past 30 years has contributed more than £1.4 million towards the care and life of the Cathedral.

This year's Festival marks its 30th anniversary and promises over 50,000 blooms, 66 floral displays and inspiring installations created by more than 150 floral artists.

Visitors can enjoy the Festival from 3 to 6 June, with tickets from £21. A special VIP Preview Evening takes place on 2 June offering an exclusive first look at the displays, with Tinwood sparkling wine, Jacaranda canapés, live music and access to the Festival Market.

Tickets are on sale now. Pre-booking is recommended for priority entry.

chichestercathedral.org.uk/flowerfestival

An extraordinary response – thank you

We are absolutely delighted to share a remarkable moment in the life of Chichester Cathedral's music.

Since launching the Platinum Endowment Trust for Music in 2023, with the aim of raising £5 million by 2026, the response has been nothing short of extraordinary. At the heart of this has been our 950th anniversary Match Funding Appeal, where four anonymous donors pledged to match every gift, pound for pound, up to £950,000.

You responded in incredible numbers. **More than 2,000 people gave, raising just over £1 million and unlocking the full £950,000 in match funding.**

This is a hugely significant step towards our £5 million goal. Once reached, the endowment will help meet around half of the Cathedral's annual music costs, including the vital support that makes it possible for our choristers to sing, learn and flourish.

We are deeply grateful to every single person who has supported this appeal. Your generosity is not only sustaining music today, but helping to secure it for generations to come.

There is still more to do, but this moment feels worth celebrating. Thank you for being part of it.

www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/support-us

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].