

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY 10 MAY
SIXTH 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 Dr Earl Collins, Chancellor

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

ENTRANCE HYMN

Judge eternal, throned in splendour,
Lord of lords and King of kings,
with thy living fire of judgement
purge this realm of bitter things:
solace all its wide dominion
with the healing of thy wings.

Still the weary folk are pining
for the hour that brings release:
and the city's crowded clangour
cries aloud for sin to cease;
and the homesteads and the woodlands
plead in silence for their peace.

Crown, O God, thine own endeavour;
cleave our darkness with thy sword;
feed the faithless and the hungry
with the richness of thy word:
cleanse the body of this nation
through the glory of the Lord.

Words: Henry Scott Holland (1847-1918)

Music: RHUDDLAN, melody in Edward Jones'

Musical Relicks of Welsh Bards (1800)

COLLECT

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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 17: 22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the

inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him - though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring."

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

PSALM 66: 7-end

O praise our God, ye people : and make the voice of his praise to be heard;

Who holdeth our soul in life : and suffereth not our feet to slip.

For thou, O God, hast proved us : thou also hast tried us, like as silver is tried.

Thou broughtest us into the snare : and laidest trouble upon our loins.

Thou sufferedst men to ride over our heads : we went through fire and water, and thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.

I will go into thine house with burnt-offerings: and will pay thee my vows, which I promised with my lips, and spake with my mouth, when I was in trouble.

I will offer unto thee fat burnt-sacrifices, with the incense of rams : I will offer bullocks and goats.

O come hither, and hearken, all ye that fear God : and I will tell you what he hath done for my soul.

I called unto him with my mouth : and gave him praises with my tongue.

If I incline unto wickedness with mine heart : the Lord will not hear me.

But God hath heard me : and considered the voice of my prayer.

Praised be God, who hath not cast out my prayer : nor turned his mercy from me.

SECOND READING 1 Peter 3: 13-end

Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord.

Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jesus said, 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments, and I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever'.

GOSPEL READING John 14: 15-21

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

OFFERTORY HYMN

For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:
*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

For the beauty of each hour,
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light: *Lord of all...*

For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and brain's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight: *Lord of all...*

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild: *Lord of all...*

For each perfect gift of thine,
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven: *Lord of all...*

For thy Church that evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
this pure sacrifice of love: *Lord of all...*

Words: *F. S. Pierpoint (1835-1917)*

Music: ENGLAND'S LANE, *Geoffrey Shaw (1879-1943)*

Adapted from a folk song

COMMUNION HYMN—*please remain seated*

Father, we thank thee who hast planted
thy holy name within our hearts.
Knowledge and faith and life immortal
Jesus thy Son to us imparts.

Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy pleasure,
didst give us food for all our days,
giving in Christ the bread eternal;
thine is the power, be thine the praise.

Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mercy,
save it from evil, guard it still,
perfect it in thy love, unite it,
cleansed and conformed unto thy will.

As grain, once scattered on the hillsides,
was in this broken bread made one,
so from all lands thy Church be gathered
into thy kingdom by thy Son.

Words: *From the Didache (1st century)*

tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984)

Music: LES COMMANDEMENS DE DIEU,
Genevan Psalter (1549)

*Composed or adapted by Louis Bourgeois
(c. 1510-1561)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN

Lord of beauty, thine the splendour
shown in earth and sky and sea,
burning sun and moonlight tender,
hill and river, flower and tree:
lest we fail our praise to render
touch our eyes that they may see.

Lord of wisdom, whom obeying
mighty waters ebb and flow,
while unhasting, undelaying,
planets on their courses go:
in thy laws thyself displaying,
teach our minds thyself to know.

Lord of life, alone sustaining
all below and all above,
Lord of love, by whose ordaining
sun and stars sublimely move:
in our earthly spirits reigning,
lift our hearts that we may love.

Lord of beauty, bid us own thee,
Lord of truth, our footsteps guide,
till as Love our hearts enthroned thee,
and, with vision purified,
Lord of all, when all have known thee,
thou in all art glorified.

Words: C. A. Alington (1872-1955)

Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry Smart (1813-1879)

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
Wednesday, Choral Eucharist on Thursday)

Thursday

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

Sunday 17 May—Seventh 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** on the 80th Anniversary of
the Chichester Branch of Save the Children

Tuesday 12 May, 5.30pm—Choral Evensong for Christian Aid Week

Thursday 14 May, 5.30pm—Choral Eucharist for Ascension Day. The Revd Jessica Reid, Rural Dean of Westbourne will preach. All are invited to the Deanery garden after for a glass of wine/soft drink and some nibbles.

TODAY'S MUSIC

- Mass setting:** Missa Brevis
Lennox Berkeley (1903-1989)
- Motet:** Tantum ergo
Maurice Durufle (1902-1986)
- Closing Music:** Carillon
Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

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 is now open. 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

Choral Evensong this afternoon celebrates Diocesan Eco-Church awards. The Bishop of Lewes, The Rt Revd William Hazlewood, will preach. All are welcome either in the Cathedral at 3.00pm or on the livestream.

Tuesday Lunchtime Concerts This week, 12 May at 1.10pm, we welcome Orpheus Leander & Gina Kruger (violin & piano). Entry is free, donations are encouraged. Coffee is available, please bring your own mug.

Christian Aid Week, 10-16 May Every year in May, thousands of people across Britain and Ireland give, act, and pray. Christian Aid Week is a chance to stand with our global neighbours. This year, your support could help mothers in Nairobi, Kenya, facing the reality of urban poverty and the daily struggle to feed their children.

- **Choral Evensong, Tuesday 12 May, 5.30pm** for Christian Aid Week. Speaker: Elizabeth Walker, Finance & Corporate Governance Director, Christian Aid.

- **70k in May** A number of families in the 9.00am congregation have signed up to Christian Aid's '70k in May' challenge. On legs, bikes, scooters and buggies, each of them is aiming to cover 70km over the month of May, hopefully including some walks together and lots of encouragement for the smallest sets of legs. Please keep them in your prayers this month, and consider if you might sponsor them:

<https://caw.christianaid.org.uk/challenge-2026/chichester-cathedral-families> or scan the QR code.



George Bell House Bible Fellowship resumes on Thursday 14 May. The new series is entitled *Journeying in Faith with St Paul*, looking at the Apostle's life and teaching as the Church spread across the Mediterranean world. Sessions will be fortnightly, all in George Bell House on Thursday afternoons, 2.15pm for a 2.30 start and finishing with a cup of tea at 3.45pm. Please email nigel.ashworth@chichestercathedral.org.uk to register.

Cathedral Fellowship *Manchester's Cathedral—Like Us, But Different* Monday 18 May, 2.00pm, Vicars' Hall. Canon Nigel Ashworth reflects on the history, place and

community of a Cathedral in the vibrant Northern city, a place he served for 17 years before coming to Chichester as Priest Vicar. No ticket or reservation needed but donations welcome.

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.

- Visit to Bletchley Park, Saturday 13 June. Limited number of tickets still available.
- Thursday 18 June, Friends AGM and Festival Day. Tickets for the AGM buffet lunch are £35 each; there is no charge for the rest of the day.
- Friends Summer Drinks Party, Tuesday 28 July in the Deanery Gardens.
- Three day visit to Lichfield Cathedral and the National Memorial Arboretum, Monday 14—Wednesday 16 September. Further details on all events from the website above.

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

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. Tickets from £21 are on sale now.

The Festival plays a vital role in supporting the Cathedral’s ongoing work. The last festival raised close to £185,000 after costs, and since 1996 has contributed more than £1.4 million towards the care and life of the Cathedral.

Marking its 30th anniversary this year, the Festival promises over 50,000 blooms, 66 floral displays and inspiring installations created by more than 150 floral artists.

A special VIP Preview Evening on 2 June offers an exclusive first look at the displays, with Tinwood sparkling wine, Jacaranda canapés, live music and access to the Festival Market.

Pre-booking is recommended for priority entry.

chichestercathedral.org.uk/flowerfestival

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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.

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].