

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY 17 MAY
SEVENTH 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 Revd Canon Dr Earl Collins, Chancellor

Preacher: The Dean, The Very Revd Dr Edward Dowler

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

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 piercèd 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

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Acts 1: 6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

PSALM 68: 1-4, 32-35

Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered : let them also that hate him flee before him.

Like as the smoke vanisheth, so shalt thou drive them away : and like as wax melteth at the fire, so let the ungodly perish at the presence of God.

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God : let them also be merry and joyful.

O sing unto God, and sing praises unto his Name : magnify him that rideth upon the heavens, as it were upon an horse; praise him in his Name Jah, and rejoice before him.

Sing unto God, O ye kingdoms of the earth : O sing praises unto the Lord;
Who sitteth in the heavens over all from the beginning : lo, he doth send out his voice, yea, and that a mighty voice.
Ascribe ye the power to God over Israel : his worship and strength is in the clouds.
O God, wonderful art thou in thy holy places : even the God of Israel, he will give strength and power unto his people; blessed be God.

SECOND READING 1 Peter 4: 12-14; 5: 6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jesus says, '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'.

GOSPEL READING John 17: 1-11

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are

yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.'

OFFERTORY HYMN

All hail the power of Jesu's name;
let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
to crown him Lord of all.
Crown him, ye morning stars of light,
who fixed this floating ball;
now hail the Strength of Israel's might,
and crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,
who from his altar call;
praise him whose way of pain ye trod,
and crown him Lord of all.
Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
ye ransomed of the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all.
Let every tongue and every tribe
to him their hearts enthral,
lift high the universal song,
and crown him Lord of all.

Words: Edward Perronet (1726-1792) and others

Music: LADYWELL, William Harold Ferguson (1874-1950)

COMMUNION HYMN—*please remain seated*

Now is eternal life,
if risen with Christ we stand,
in him to life reborn,
and holden in his hand;
no more we fear death's ancient dread,
in Christ arisen from the dead.

For God, the living God,
stooped down to man's estate;
by death destroying death,
Christ opened wide life's gate:
he lives, who died; he reigns on high;
who lives in him shall never die.

Unfathomed love divine,
reign thou within my heart;
from thee nor depth nor height,
nor life nor death can part;
our life is hid with God in thee,
now and through all eternity.

Words: G. W. Briggs (1875-1959)

Music: CHRISTCHURCH, Charles Steggall (1826-1905)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN

Rejoice, the Lord is King,
your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore:
*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above: *Lift up your heart...*

His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given: *Lift up your heart...*

He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet:
*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

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

TODAY'S MUSIC

Mass setting:	Mass for Five Voices William Byrd (1540-1623)
Motet:	Psallite Domino William Byrd
Closing Music:	Heut triumphieret Gottes Sohn, BWV 630 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

SussexFest, Sunday 14 June. Join us as we celebrate the Feast of St Richard of Chichester, patron saint of Sussex. There will be no separate Families service or Mattins on this day—we invite our whole community to come together for a **Sung Eucharist at 10.00am**, and to stay for family-friendly festivities outside afterwards.

SussexFest on the Cathedral Green is a joyful gathering celebrating the best of Chichester and Sussex in a day of family entertainment, discovery and community pride. There will be activities, entertainment, food & drink and the chance to discover the stories, creativity and communities that make our county such a special place to live, visit and enjoy. No booking required and admission & activities are free (food & drink excluded).

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**

Thursday

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

Sunday 24 May—Pentecost

8.00am **Holy Communion** (BCP)
9.00am **Eucharist** for children, families & caregivers
10.00am **Choral Mattins**
11.00am **Choral Eucharist**
3.00pm **Choral Evensong**

Visiting choirs We are delighted to welcome the following groups to sing our services when the Cathedral choir is away:

Wednesday 20 May, Evensong at 5.30pm—Brighton College Junior Chapel Choir

23/24 May, all weekend services—St Andrew's, Fulham Fields

25-29 May, Evensong at 5.30pm—Zephyrus Early Music Vocal Ensemble from Charlottesville, Virginia

NOTICES

Choral Evensong this afternoon, 17 May at 3.00pm, marks the 80th Anniversary of the Chichester Branch of Save the Children. All are welcome, either in the Cathedral or via the livestream.

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.

Tuesday Lunchtime Concerts This week, 19 May at 1.10pm, we welcome The Cygnus Trio (violin, cello & piano). Entry is free, donations are encouraged. Coffee is available, please bring your own mug.

Bishop Martin retires at the end of May, and as a diocesan family we are beginning the search for his successor as Bishop of Chichester. 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/

Friends' Coffee Morning Due to the Festival of Flowers on the first Saturday of June, the next coffee morning will be on **Saturday 30 May**. Join the Chichester Cathedral

Friends for a coffee, cake and a catch up on the first Saturday of the month in the Cathedral's South Transept at 10.00—11.15am.

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 next session 28 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.

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.

Three Weeks 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. Since 1996 the Festival 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

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

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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].