

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY 1 MARCH SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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 mauve 'Sung Eucharist' booklet.

11.00am Sung Eucharist

Celebrant: The Revd Canon Vanessa Baron, Treasurer

Preacher: The Revd Canon Nigel Ashworth, Priest Vicar

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

ENTRANCE HYMN

The God of Abr'ham praise
who reigns enthroned above,
Ancient of everlasting days,
and God of love:
to him uplift your voice,
at whose supreme command
from earth we rise and seek the joys
at his right hand.

There dwells the Lord our King,
the Lord our Righteousness,
triumphant o'er the world and sin,
the Prince of Peace:
on Sion's sacred height
his kingdom he maintains,
and glorious with his saints in light
for ever reigns.

Before the great Three-One
they all exulting stand,
and tell the wonders he has done
throughout the land:
the listening spheres attend,
and swell the growing fame,
and sing in songs which never end
the wondrous name.

The God who reigns on high
the great archangels sing,
and 'Holy, holy, holy' cry
'Almighty King!
who was, and is the same,
and evermore shall be:
eternal Father, great I AM,
we worship thee.'

The whole triumphant host
give thanks to God on high:
'Hail, Father, Son and Holy Ghost'
they ever cry:
hail, Abr'ham's God and mine!
(I join the heavenly lays)
all might and majesty are thine,
and endless praise. .

Words: *Thomas Olivers (1725-1799)*

based on the Hebrew Yigdal

Music: LEONI,

Hebrew melody noted by Thomas Olivers

COLLECT

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Genesis 12: 1-4a

The Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

PSALM 121

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills : from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh even from the Lord : who hath made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved : and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel : shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord himself is thy keeper : the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;

So that the sun shall not burn thee by day : neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil : yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in : from this time forth for evermore.

SECOND READING Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17

What are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed

God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations'). Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

GOSPEL READING John 3: 1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into

the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

THE CREED *At the 11am Eucharist on Sundays from today and for the remainder of Lent, we will sing the Creed to the traditional Anglican setting by John Merbecke. A theme that was explored in the 1700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed last year is that it has a 'doxological' character, i.e., that it is like a hymn of praise rather than simply a checklist of beliefs. It is hoped that singing it for this experimental period will emphasise this. Please see the mauve 'Sung Eucharist' booklet.*

OFFERTORY HYMN

Rock of ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure;
cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labours of my hands
can fulfil thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone;
thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to thy cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly;
wash me, Saviour, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyes are closed in death,
when I soar through tracts unknown,
see thee on thy judgement throne;
Rock of ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.

Words: Augustus Toplady (1740-1778)
Music: PETRA, Richard Redhead (1820-1901)

COMMUNION HYMN—*please remain seated*

All ye who seek a comfort sure
in trouble or distress,
whatever sorrow vex the mind,
or guilt the soul oppress,
Jesus, who gave himself for you
upon the cross to die,
opens to you his sacred heart;
O to that heart draw nigh.

Ye hear how kindly he invites;
ye hear his words so blest—
'All ye that labour come to me,
and I will give you rest.'

O Jesus, joy of saints on high,
thou hope of sinners here,
attracted by those loving words
to thee I lift my prayer.

Wash thou my wounds in that dear blood
which forth from thee doth flow;
new grace, new hope inspire, a new
and better heart bestow.

Words: 18th-century Latin, tr. Edward Caswall (1814-1878)

Music: ST BERNARD, adapted from a melody in
Tochter Sion (Cologne, 1741)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of
ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our
bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be
defended from all adversities which may happen to the
body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and
hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN

Take up thy cross, the Saviour said,
if thou wouldst my disciple be;
deny thyself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me.

Take up thy cross; let not its weight
fill thy weak spirit with alarm;
his strength shall bear thy spirit up,
and brace thy heart, and nerve thine arm.

Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame,
nor let thy foolish pride rebel;
the Lord for thee the Cross endured,
to save thy soul from death and hell.

Take up thy cross then in his strength,
and calmly every danger brave;
'twill guide thee to a better home,
and lead to victory o'er the grave.

Take up thy cross, and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only he who bears the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

To thee, great Lord, the One in Three,
all praise for evermore ascend;
O grant us in our home to see
the heavenly life that knows no end.

Words: Charles Everest (1814-1877)

Music: BRESLAU,

Melody from As Hymnodus Sacer (Leipzig, 1625)
arr. Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847)



TODAY'S MUSIC

Mass setting: Missa Trahe me post te
Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)

Motet: O Domine, Jesu Christe
Tomás Luis de Victoria

Closing Music: Fugue in B minor, BWV 544ii
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 **Choral Evensong**

Thursdays during Lent

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

1.00pm **Holy Hour** in the Lady Chapel

Sunday 8 March—Third Sunday of Lent

8.00am **Holy Communion** (BCP)

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

10.00am **Choral Mattins**

11.00am **Choral Eucharist**

3.00pm **Choral Evensong**

On Wednesday we welcome Worth School Chamber
Choir to sing Evensong.

NOTICES

Tuesday Lunchtime Concerts This week, 3 March at
1.10pm, we welcome the English Piano Trio. Entry is free,
donations are welcome. Coffee is available, please bring
your own mug.

**Please see the separate flyer for details of our
programme of services and events during Lent, Holy
Week and Easter.**

Friends Coffee Morning Saturday 7 March. 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.

The **Lent Course: Approaching Easter with Matthew's
Gospel** is now **fully booked**. Please email
chris.george@chichestercathedral.org.uk to join the
waiting list. You might also consider other opportunities
on offer, including the Lent Home Group taking place
each Wednesday evening during Lent in the Deanery,
also examining St Matthew's Gospel.

Glowing + Alive This year marks the 60th anniversary of
the unveiling the Piper Tapestry. Striking, colourful and

dramatic, it continues to inspire reflection and wonder six decades on. Our new exhibition—now open and running until November—brings the story of the tapestry to life through personal correspondence, including between John Piper and Dean Hussey. It also showcases alternative designs for the tapestry as well as vestments designed by Piper, offering rare insight into the creative collaboration behind this iconic work. Entry is free, donations very welcome.

A complementary exhibition of new artworks by contemporary artist Alice Carter, **Ashes to Fire**, will comprise seven large-scale oil paintings, journeying from Ash Wednesday to Pentecost, in a fascinating dialogue with Piper's masterpiece. 13 February to 5 April.

Christian Aid lunches During Advent and Lent, churches in Chichester take it in turns to provide Soup lunches at Christ Church (at the end of South Street) each Wednesday between 12.00 and 1.00pm in support of Christian Aid. While there is no charge, donations are welcomed and everything you give goes directly to Christian Aid. The Cathedral is supplying soup etc on 4 March, then the lunches continue on Wednesdays through Lent. It would be lovely if this ecumenical initiative could be supported by members of the congregation.

World Day of Prayer—Chichester Area Service Friday 6 March, 2.00pm, St George's Whyke. The World Day of Prayer 2026 has been prepared by an ecumenical group of Christian women from Nigeria, who call us to come closer to God and find rest in Him. The service shares the stories of four Nigerian women, who inspire us to work towards a world without injustice, insecurity, marginalisation, religious persecution, poverty and despair. As we trust in God, our burden-bearer, we become one body in Christ.

The World Day of Prayer is a women led, global, ecumenical movement.

Soup & roll lunch served from 12.30pm. For more information contact Sheila Hoy: s.m.hoy@hotmail.co.uk

Calling the Holy Dusters Saturday 21 March, 10.00 – 12.30. Please come along to clean, dust and polish the cathedral in preparation for Easter. All are welcome. Meet in the South transept at 10.00 and finish with coffee together at 12.00. Vanessa Baron

Chorister Open Day Saturday 21 March, 1.30-4.30pm. Find out more about the Choristers of Chichester Cathedral at our annual open day. This event is suitable for girls and boys in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5, as well as their parent/guardians. We do not expect candidates to have any musical experience when they join the choir—we look for energy, enthusiasm and good reading skills. To book your space, or ask further questions, email chris.george@chichestercathedral.org.uk

Support The Big Breakfast Monday 23 March, 9-11 am Vicars Hall. Come and support the work of Heart, the charity run by the churches in Chichester which provide a cooked breakfast for homeless men and women every day of the week. Munch croissants, American pancakes and bacon, make new friends and make a donation to Heart. All welcome.

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 The Reverend Bruce Ruddock on the book "Nesting" by Roisin O'Donnell. *One mother's fight to build a safe home. On a spring afternoon in Dublin, Ciara Fay grabs her daughters and drives away from a dangerous home. Facing coercive control and a broken housing system, she battles to build a safe life for her family in this tense, compassionate Irish debut.* A message from Rev Bruce Ruddock: "Please support our local independent bookshops".

Friends Visit to Bletchley Park Saturday 13 June. Join the Friends for a 1940s themed day at the home of Britain's top secret World War II code breakers. The cost of the trip, by coach, is £65pp and includes entry to Bletchley Park. Depart from the Cathedral at 8.00am, return at 5.30pm.

All are welcome at Friends events. For both events above, book via www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/friends or 01243 812980 (Tuesday/Friday mornings).

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.

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