

# CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

## SUNDAY 15 MARCH FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MOTHERING SUNDAY

*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 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

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, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.*

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

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

*adapted from a folk song*

### COLLECT

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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 Exodus 2: 1-10

A man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because,' she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

### PSALM 127: 1-4

Except the Lord build the house : their labour is but lost that build it.

Except the Lord keep the city : the watchman waketh but in vain.

It is but lost labour that ye haste to rise up early, and so late take rest, and eat the bread of carefulness : for so he giveth his beloved sleep.

Lo, children and the fruit of the womb : are an heritage and gift that cometh of the Lord.

### SECOND READING Colossians 3: 12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom;

and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Jesus said, 'Woman, here is your son', and to the disciple he said, 'Here is your mother'.

### **GOSPEL READING** John 19: 25b-27

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

### **OFFERTORY HYMN**

For Mary, Mother of our Lord,  
God's holy name be praised,  
who first the Son of God adored,  
as on her child she gazed.

The angel Gabriel brought the word  
she should Christ's mother be;  
Our Lady, handmaid of the Lord,  
made answer willingly.

The heavenly call she thus obeyed,  
and so God's will was done;  
the second Eve love's answer made  
which our redemption won.

She gave her body for God's shrine,  
her heart to piercing pain;  
she knew the cost of love divine,  
when Jesus Christ was slain.

Dear Mary, from your lowliness  
and home in Galilee,  
there comes a joy and holiness  
to every family.

Hail, Mary, you are full of grace,  
above all women blest;  
blest in your Son, whom your embrace  
in birth and death confessed.

Words: *J. R. Peacey (1896-1971)*

Music: *ST BOTOLPH, Gordon Slater (1896-1979)*

### **COMMUNION HYMN**—*please remain seated*

Jesus, good above all other,  
gentle Child of gentle Mother,  
in a stable born our Brother,  
give us grace to persevere.

Jesus, cradled in a manger,  
for us facing every danger,  
living as a homeless stranger,  
make we thee our King most dear.

Jesus, for thy people dying,  
risen Master, death defying,  
Lord in heaven, thy grace supplying,  
keep us to thy presence near.

Jesus, who our sorrows bearest,  
all our thoughts and hopes thou sharest,  
thou to man the truth declarest;  
help us all thy truth to hear.

Lord, in all our doings guide us;  
pride and hate shall ne'er divide us;  
we'll go on with thee beside us,  
and with joy we'll persevere!

Words: *Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)*

Music: *QUEM PASTORES,*

*German 14th-century (Latin) carol*

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast  
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of  
eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to  
grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **FINAL HYMN**

Now thank we all our God,  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done,  
in whom his world rejoices;  
who from our mother's arms  
hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us in his grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given,  
the Son, and him who reigns  
with them in highest heaven,  
the One eternal God,  
whom earth and heaven adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore. **Amen.**

Words: *Martin Rinkart (1586-1649),*

*tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)*

Music: *NUN DANKET, Melody in J. Crüger's*

*Praxis Pietatis Melica (c. 1647)*

## TODAY'S MUSIC

**Mass setting:** Spatzenmesse, K220  
*Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)*

**Closing Music:** Fanfare  
*Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)*



## 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** (Saturday 3.30pm)

### Thursdays during Lent

10.30am **Holy Communion** according to the Book of Common Prayer.  
1.00pm **Holy Hour** in the Lady Chapel

### Sunday 22 March—Fifth Sunday of Lent

8.00am **Holy Communion** (BCP)  
9.00am **Eucharist** for children, families & caregivers  
10.00am **Choral Mattins**  
11.00am **Choral Eucharist**  
3.00pm **Choral Evensong** *including the Installation of Honorary Canons*

On **Wednesday** we welcome the Choir of St John the Baptist, Westbourne, to sing Evensong.

On **Saturday** Evensong will be at the earlier time of 3.30pm and will be attended by participants in the annual Chorister Open Day.

On **Sunday** 22 March Evensong at 3.00pm will include the Installation of The Revd Dominic Keech as Prebendary of Selsey and The Revd Stephen Merriman as Prebendary of Hova Villa. All are welcome either in the Cathedral or via the livestream.

## The Church of England's prayer for Mothering Sunday

Loving God,  
thank you for mothers and children  
and for all the joy of family life.  
Be with those who are grieving  
because they have no mother;  
be close to those who are struggling  
because they have no children;  
be near to those who are sad  
because they are far apart from those they love.  
Let your love be present in every home,  
and help your church to have eyes to see  
and ears to hear the needs of all who come.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Thank you to our team of flower arrangers who have made beautiful posies for every lady attending our services today.*

## NOTICES

**Tuesday Lunchtime Concerts** This week, 17 March at 1.10pm, we welcome Dominika Mak (piano). Entry is free, donations are welcome. Coffee is available, please bring your own mug.

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

**Cathedral Fellowship** Monday 16 March, 2.00pm, Vicars' Hall. *Bach's St John Passion: Structure, Symbolism and Word Painting.* Organist & Master of the Choristers Charles Harrison explores the St John Passion, its orchestral colour, its musical motifs, and how Bach brings the text to life in his music. No ticket or booking required, but donations welcome.

**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](mailto: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 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.

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

**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.

**Guided Tour of Bishop's Palace** Wednesday 13 May, 10.00am, meeting at the Cathedral's West Doors. Tickets £12 per person.

**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.

**Worthing Theological Society** The final lecture of the programme will be held on Monday 23 March. Prof. Clive Marsh will speak on: *"God is obviously not White, but ... Wrestling with Theology and Identity Politics."* West Worthing Baptist Church, (BN14 7LU), 7.45pm. Admission free (retiring collection), all are welcome. Further information: [honsecwts1@outlook.com](mailto:honsecwts1@outlook.com)

**Tales from the Cathedral Library** Join Canon Chancellor Earl Collins and Cathedral Sub-Librarian Dr Andrew Foster for a series of workshops discovering the stories hidden within our historic library. Each session offers a chance to explore fascinating manuscripts, rare books, and other treasures, and to discuss their significance for the Church—both then and now. Sessions will be held on 21 April (*When, how and by whom was the Church of England established?*), 16 June, 8 September, 10 November, 10.00-11.30am in George Bell House. Prior booking is essential at £5 per session, through [www.ticketsource.co.uk/chichester-cathedral](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/chichester-cathedral) or on 0333 666 3366.

### Holy Week

**Foot washing for Maundy Thursday** We are looking for twelve members of the congregation who would be willing to have their feet washed as part of our Maundy Thursday service, taking place at 7.00pm on Thursday 2 April. If you would like to take part, please contact Chris George: 01243 812488 or [chris.george@chichestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:chris.george@chichestercathedral.org.uk)

**Easter Garden** On Easter Eve, 4 April, from 10.00am we will be creating an Easter Garden in the St Mary Magdalene Chapel with the help of our families and young

children. If you are interested, please contact Victoria Leslie on 07709 940000 or [victorialeslie@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:victorialeslie@yahoo.co.uk).

**Easter Lilies in Memory of the Departed** If you would like a relative to be remembered this Easter, alongside the Easter Lilies, please email the names to [Chris.George@chichestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:Chris.George@chichestercathedral.org.uk)

Donations towards the cost of the flowers may be made in the Cathedral or online at [thyg.uk/CUU074438](http://thyg.uk/CUU074438), or by cash to the Vergers with a note of the names to be remembered.

### Music Match Funding Appeal – Nearing the Goal

As we enter the final weeks of our Match Funding for Music campaign, we are eagerly awaiting the final figures. At the end of December we had £39,000 left to raise to reach our £950,000 goal. With every donation still being doubled, this appeal supports both our rich musical heritage and its future—from training young choristers to commissioning new works—so any gift made now will have twice the impact. Thank you for your continued encouragement and support. For more information on our appeal, or to make a donation, please call the Chichester Cathedral Restoration and Development Trust on 01243 812991 (Monday – Friday, 9am – 2pm) or scan the QR code.



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