

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY 8 FEBRUARY

SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

(Today is also kept as **Racial Justice Sunday**: a day which invites us to reflect on God's call to love our neighbour, challenge injustice, and build communities where everyone is seen, valued and respected.)

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 green 'Sung Eucharist' booklet.

11.00am Sung Eucharist

Celebrant: The Dean, The Very Revd Dr Edward Dowler

Preacher: Vitalis Ngwambi, Diocesan Racial Justice Coordinator

From 11.00am, please maintain a prayerful silence in preparation for the service.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
come ye who hear,
brothers and sisters draw near,
praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously
reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:
hast thou not seen
all that is needful hath been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work, and
defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
ponder anew
all the Almighty can do,
he who with love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before
him!
Let the Amen
sound from his people again:
gladly for ay we adore him.

Words: Joachim Neander (1650-1680)
tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878) and others

Music: LOBE DEN HERREN,

Melody to Hast du denn, Liebster, set to Neander's Lobe
den Herren in The Chorale Book for England (1863)

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all
things, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Isaiah 49: 8-16

Thus says the Lord:

In a time of favour I have answered you, on a day of salvation I have helped you; I have kept you and given you as a covenant to the people, to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages; saying to the prisoners, 'Come out', to those who are in darkness, 'Show yourselves.' They shall feed along the ways, on all the bare heights shall be their pasture; they shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them down, for he who has pity on them will lead them, and by springs of water will guide them. And I will turn all my mountains into a road, and my highways shall be raised up. Lo, these shall come from far away, and lo, these from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Syene. Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the Lord has comforted his people, and will have compassion on his suffering ones. But Zion said, 'The Lord has forsaken me, my Lord has forgotten me.' Can a woman forget her nursing-child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me.

PSALM 136: 1-9, 23-end

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious : and his mercy endureth for ever.

O give thanks unto the God of all gods : for his mercy endureth for ever.

O thank the Lord of all lords : for his mercy endureth for ever.

Who only doeth great wonders : for his mercy endureth for ever.

Who by his excellent wisdom made the heavens : for his mercy endureth for ever.

Who laid out the earth above the waters : for his mercy endureth for ever.

Who hath made great lights : for his mercy endureth for ever;

The sun to rule the day : for his mercy endureth for ever;

The moon and the stars to govern the night : for his mercy endureth for ever.

Who remembered us when we were in trouble: for his mercy endureth for ever;

And hath delivered us from our enemies : for his mercy endureth for ever.

Who giveth food to all flesh : for his mercy endureth for ever.

O give thanks unto the God of heaven : for his mercy endureth for ever.

O give thanks unto the Lord of lords : for his mercy endureth for ever.

SECOND READING Romans 8: 18-25

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Strive first for the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 6: 25-end

Jesus taught his disciples, saying: 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you— you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.'

OFFERTORY HYMN

God of freedom, God of justice,
God whose love is strong as death,
God who saw the dark of prison,
God who knew the price of faith:
touch our world of sad oppression
with your Spirit's healing breath.

Rid the earth of torture's terror,
God whose hands were nailed to wood;
hear the cries of pain and protest,
God who shed the tears and blood;
move in us the power of pity,
restless for the common good.

Make in us a captive conscience
quick to hear, to act, to plead;
make us truly sisters, brothers,
of whatever race and creed:
teach us to be fully human,
open to each other's need.

Words: Shirley Erena Murray (1931-2020)

Music: RHUDDLAN, Welsh traditional melody in Musical Relics of Welsh Bards (1800)

COMMUNION HYMN—please remain seated

In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

In him shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord,
close binding humankind.

Join hands, then, children of the faith,
whate'er your race may be;
who serves my Father as his child
is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north;
all Christlike souls are one in him,
throughout the whole wide earth.

Words: John Oxenham (1852-1941)

Music: KILMARNOCK, Neil Dougall (1776-1862)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Blessed God,
help us, whom you have fed and satisfied in this eucharist,
to hunger and thirst for what is right;
help us, who here have rejoiced and been glad,
to stand with those who are persecuted and reviled;
help us, who here have glimpsed the life of heaven,
to strive for the cause of right
and for the coming of the kingdom of Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN

Christ is the world's true light,
its Captain of salvation,
the Daystar shining bright
of every land and nation;
new life, new hope awakes,
where peoples own his sway;
freedom her bondage breaks,
and night is turned to day.

In Christ all races meet,
their ancient feuds forgetting,
the whole round world complete,
from sunrise to its setting:
when Christ is throned as Lord,
lands shall forsake their fear,
to ploughshare beat the sword,
to pruning-hook the spear.

One Lord, in one great Name
unite us all who own thee;
cast out our pride and shame
that hinder to enthrone thee;
the world has waited long,
has travailed long in pain;
to heal its ancient wrong,
come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

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

Music: NUN DANKET, melody in J. Crüger's *Praxis Pietatis Melica* (c.1647)

TODAY'S MUSIC

Mass setting: Missa Johannes Baptiste
Brian Chapple (b. 1945)

Closing Music: Fugue in D major
Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Choral Evensong this afternoon, at 3.00pm, will be a special service of thanksgiving for all involved in 2025's Chichester950 celebrations. The service aims to offer heartfelt thanks to our friends and partners without whom our celebrations would not have been possible. All are welcome; a drinks reception will follow the service.

NOTICES

Tuesday Lunchtime Concerts This week, 10 February at 1.10pm, we welcome Octonove Ensemble. Entry is free, donations are welcome. Coffee is available, please bring your own mug.

Peter Harris R.I.P. Peter's funeral will take place in the Cathedral on **Wednesday 11 February at 11.30am**. Mary Harris would like to invite everyone who knew Peter to the service.

Cathedral Fellowship Jane Austen—her life and works. Monday 16 February, 2.00pm, Vicars' Hall. Lesley Wilson, from the Jane Austen Society, introduces the life and work of this most popular author of classics such as *Pride & Prejudice*, *Emma* and *Sense & Sensibility*. Free admis-

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** (Wednesday—said Evening Prayer)

Monday 9 February, 11.00am—Funeral service for Sarah Buckley

Wednesday 11 February, 11.30am—Funeral service for Peter Harris

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

Sunday 15 February—Sunday Next Before 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**

We are delighted to welcome visiting choir Chorus ad Vincula to sing our services on Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 February.

sion, donations welcome.

Tales from the Cathedral Library Join Canon Chancellor Earl Collins and Cathedral Sub-Librarian Dr Andrew Foster for a new 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 Tuesdays 17 February (*Richard Montague—Villain or Hero of the Church of England?*), 21 April, 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 or on 0333 666 3366.

Lent Course: Approaching Easter with Matthew's

Gospel Come and reflect on Matthew's version of the Gospel to prepare for the coming festival of Easter. Each session, led by cathedral clergy on Thursday afternoons, will present Matthew's Gospel, leading to his account of Christ's death and resurrection.

19 February - What is St Matthew's Gospel?
26 February - The Challenging Message of the Sermon on the Mount
5 March - Matthew on Being a Disciple
12 March - The Transfiguration of Jesus
19 March - Getting Closer to Holy Week
26 March - Matthew on the Death and Resurrection of Christ

George Bell House, 4 Canon Lane. Arrive for 2.15pm, sessions start at 2.30 and finish by 4.00pm with tea/coffee and a chance for further discussion. There is no charge but to reserve a place please email chris.george@chichestercathedral.org.uk or telephone 01243 812488.

Residential Retreat: The Art of Easter—The Resurrection in Word and Image Sunday 1—Tuesday 3 March. We invite participants to step out of the intensity of their life into a period of contemplation, largely spent in silence, on the theme of the Resurrection from Good Friday through to the Ascension using a combination of art and the bible as a guide. Sessions take place in the Cathedral and George Bell House. Further details available on the website. Please call 01243 813586 or email bookings@chichestercathedral.org.uk to book residential places. Day attendance only can be booked online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/chichester-cathedral Cost: £190 per person residential; £160 per person sharing a twin/double room; £55 day attendance on 2/3 March only (supper not included).

Weaving workshops—thank you for all your donations; we now have enough! To celebrate the opening of Glowing + Alive, our new exhibition, Creative Learning is running two children's weaving workshops on Saturday 14 February. Each workshop will begin at the Piper tapestry, where children will learn about the artwork and draw inspiration from its imagery, textures, and colours. They will then move to the South Transept to create their own hand-woven bookmark. Visit www.ticketsource.co.uk/chichester-cathedral to book a place.

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—launching on 13 February 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.

Worthing Theological Society Bonhoeffer's method of Joy A talk by Dr Ashley Cocksworth. "We often think of joy as a positive emotion. But what if it is neither an emotion nor straightforwardly positive?" Monday 23 February, 7.45pm, West Worthing Baptist Church. Admission free, donations welcome. More information from honsecwts1@outlook.com

Match Funding for Music: securing the future

Our 950th anniversary Match Funding for Music appeal is close to reaching its target of £950,000, with £911,000 raised by the end of December 2025. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could raise the final £39,000 to complete the matched funding before the end of March 2026? Every donation up to £950,000 will be matched pound for pound by four generous donors, doubling its impact.

Reaching this target is vital. Over the last three years we have raised £4.8 million of an initial £5 million target for our capital endowment. Achieving the full £5 million, combined with revenue fundraising, will cover roughly half of the annual cost of all music-related activity at the cathedral, including 25% scholarships towards choristers' school fees.

Music is central to worship at Chichester Cathedral, and the dedication of choristers, lay vicars, organists, staff and volunteers ensures it continues to thrive. Your gift, large or small, will make a real difference while match funding is still available, helping to secure this living tradition for generations to come.

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).

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].

If you are able to make a donation to the Cathedral...

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