

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY 12 JULY SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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 Revd Canon Vanessa Baron, Treasurer

Preacher: The Dean, The Very Revd Dr Edward Dowler

TODAY'S MUSIC

Mass Setting: Mass of St Thomas
David Thorne (b. 1950)

Closing Music: Postlude in D minor
Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

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

ENTRANCE HYMN

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see;
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiancy divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

*Music: RATISBON, melody from J. G. Werner's
Choralbuch (Leipzig, 1815)*

COLLECT

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 Isaiah 55: 10-13

Thus says the Lord: For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

PSALM 65: 8-end

R: Be joyful in God, all the earth.

All: Be joyful in God, all the earth.

You visit the earth and water it;

you make it very plenteous.

The river of God is full of water;

you prepare grain for your people,

for so you provide for the earth.

All: Be joyful in God, all the earth.

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;

you soften the ground with showers and bless its increase.

You crown the year with your goodness,

and your paths overflow with plenty.

All: Be joyful in God, all the earth.

May the pastures of the wilderness flow with goodness
and the hills be girded with joy.

May the meadows be clothed with flocks of sheep
and the valleys stand so thick with corn
that they shall laugh and sing.

All: Be joyful in God, all the earth.

SECOND READING Romans 8: 1-11

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law – indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who

raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

GRADUAL HYMN

O Jesu, King most wonderful,
thou Conqueror renowned,
thou sweetness most ineffable,
in whom all joys are found!

When once thou visitest the heart,
then truth begins to shine;
then earthly vanities depart;
then kindles love divine.

O Jesu, Light of all below,
thou Fount of life and fire,
surpassing all the joys we know,
and all we can desire:

May every heart confess thy name,
and ever thee adore;
and, seeking thee, itself inflame
to seek thee more and more.

Thee may our tongues for ever bless,
thee may we love alone;
and ever in our lives express
the image of thine own.

Words: *Latin c. 12th century,*
tr. Edward Caswall (1814-1878)

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

GOSPEL READING Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!

'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it,

who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

OFFERTORY HYMN

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways!
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm!

Words: *John Whittier (1807-1892)*
Music: REPTON, *C. Hubert H. Parry (1848-1918)*
from a song in his oratorio Judith

COMMUNION HYMN – *please remain seated*

Lord, thy word abideth,
and our footsteps guideth;
who its truth believeth
light and joy receiveth.

When our foes are near us,
then thy word doth cheer us,
word of consolation,
message of salvation.

When the storms are o'er us,
and dark clouds before us,
then its light directeth,
and our way protecteth.

Who can tell the pleasure,
who recount the treasure
by thy word imparted
to the simple-hearted?

Word of mercy, giving
succour to the living;
word of life, supplying
comfort to the dying.

O that we discerning
its most holy learning,

Lord, may love and fear thee,
evermore be near thee!

Words: *H. W. Baker (1821-1877)*

Music: RAVENSHAW, *Medieval German melody adapted
and harmonised by W. H. Monk (1823-1889)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living
water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our
journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **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)*

NOTICES

Coffee rota Could you help with serving coffee after the
Sunday morning Eucharist? We are looking for a few
more volunteers to join the coffee rota. This simple act of
hospitality makes a real difference: it gives people the
chance to stay, talk, welcome newcomers, and enjoy fel-
lowship after worship. You do not need any special expe-
rience, and full guidance will be given. If you think you
can help please speak to Heather Millican or email
heather.millican@btinternet.com

David Riley retirement gift This summer, David Riley
will retire from the Cathedral Choir after over 30 years'
service. If you would like to contribute to a farewell gift
via bank transfer, please use the following details:

Dean & Chapter of Chichester Cathedral
Account No: 20702426
Sort Code: 60 05 24
Reference: David

Alternatively, cash can be left via the Vergers' office.

David will give a talk about his time in the choir as part of
the Southern Cathedrals Festival – see the separate note
for details.

David's last service will be Choral Evensong on Sunday 19
July—all are welcome to a reception after the service to
bid farewell.

Summer of Colour Join us this summer for a free family
trail with drop-in creative activities at Chichester Cathe-
dral. Running 10 July – 4 September 2026, the trail invites
children and their grown-ups to explore colour, creativity
and discovery throughout the Cathedral during the
school holidays. Activities include:

- Contributing to a large collaborative weaving artwork
that will grow throughout the summer
- Creating stained glass-inspired crafts
- Completing a specially commissioned hand-drawn
colouring sheet created exclusively for the trail

SERVICES DURING SOUTHERN CATHEDRALS

FESTIVAL WEEK *Please note changes to service times*

Monday 13—Wednesday 15 July

7.45am **Morning Prayer** (St Clement Chapel, *quiet
prayer from 7.30am*)

8.00am **Holy Communion** (Lady Chapel)

5.30pm **Evening Prayer** *said*

Thursday 16 July

8.00am **Holy Communion** (Lady Chapel)

10.30am **Choral Mattins** C, LS

4.00pm **Choral Evensong** CSW (recorded by BBC
Radio 3 for future broadcast)

Friday 17 July

8.00am **Holy Communion** (Lady Chapel)

10.30am **Choral Mattins** S, LS

4.30pm **Choral Evensong** W, LS

Saturday 18 July

7.45am **Morning Prayer** (St Clement Chapel, *quiet
prayer from 7.30am*)

8.00am **Holy Communion** (Lady Chapel)

10.30am **Festival Eucharist** CSW, LS Celebrant: Bishop
William Hazlewood, Acting Bishop of Chiches-
ter; Preacher: The Very Revd Nicholas Fray-
ling, Dean Emeritus of Chichester

5.15pm **Evening Prayer** *said*

Sunday 19 July

8.00am **Holy Communion** (BCP)

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

10.00am **Mattins** with congregational music

11.00am **Choral Eucharist** C, LS

3.00pm **Choral Evensong** C, LS *with Dismissal of
Choristers and Farewell to David Riley*

Key: C—Chichester Cathedral Choir;

S—Salisbury Cathedral Choir; W—Winchester Cathedral
Choir; CSW—Combined Choirs; LS—livestreamed service

Admission is free, donations welcome.

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

- 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.

Light Experience Running from 23–31 October 2026, this year's immersive installation by Luxmuralis, *Illuminating Art*, will transform the Cathedral through large-scale projections and an original score by David Harper. The experience will take visitors on a journey through the building, exploring four centuries of artistic imagination in a striking and contemporary way.

Tickets are now available, with early bird rates offered until the end of August (or until sold out), via the Cathedral website.

Sea Sunday, 12 July This year's theme, 'With them in every storm', reminds us that this has been a particularly difficult year for our seafarers, the 1.9 million men and women who bring us more than 90% of everything we own and use. seafarers face a life that separates them

from their families for up to a year and a job that can be gruelling and dangerous. As a Christian global charity, for more than 200 years Sailors' Society has given spiritual, welfare and educational support to seafarers and their families. To find out more or make a donation please visit www.sailors-society.org

Festival of Flowers: An Update from the Trust

We want to offer heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make this 30th anniversary Festival of Flowers such a success. More than 11,000 visitors enjoyed extraordinary floral displays created by over 130 arrangers and supported by 135 volunteers.

We are still receiving the occasional invoice and donation, but it looks as though the Festival will have raised an estimated £176,000 (surplus) towards the ongoing care and development of Chichester Cathedral.

Thank you to everyone who contributed, volunteered, attended or prayed for the Festival. Together, we have celebrated our Cathedral at its very best.

The Festival of Flowers will return from 7–10 June 2028, with a Preview Evening on Tuesday 6 June. If you would like to get involved, we would be delighted to hear from you. Email us at trustsvp@chichestercathedral.org.uk

Southern Cathedrals Festival 2026 This 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.

Highlights

Feature concerts:

- Friday 17 July, 6.30pm—Wesley, Parry & Brahms. A concert of choral music commemorating the 150th anniversary of the death of composer Samuel Sebastian Wesley. Also featuring music by Brahms and movements from Parry's *Songs of Farewell*.
- Saturday 18 July, 6.30pm—Vivaldi, Copland & Hussey. Featuring the Vivaldi *Gloria*, Aaron Copland's *In the beginning*, and a new commission by Christopher Hussey with text by Rowan Williams. With orchestra Southern Pro Musica and soloists Natasha Page, Belinda Williams and Jessica Gillingwater.

Recitals & Talks:

- Thursday, 12.00pm—David Riley reflects on over 30 years as a Lay Vicar in Chichester Cathedral Choir
- Thursday, 8.00pm—Markus Eichenlaub, organ
- Friday, 2.00pm—A Woman's Life: Natasha Page & Ella O'Neill, song recital
- Friday, 9.00pm—Tim Rumsey, piano
- Saturday, 3.00pm—Duo Dorado, chamber recital

Public booking is now open. For full details pick up a leaflet or see www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/scf2026

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

The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is a secure and simple way of giving to the Cathedral by Direct Debit on a regular monthly, quarterly or annual basis. If eligible, you can opt to add Gift Aid and PGS claims this on our behalf, passing it directly back to the Cathedral.

- **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].