

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY 26 JULY EIGHTH 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 Dean, The Very Revd Dr Edward Dowler

Preacher: The Revd Canon Vanessa Baron, Treasurer

TODAY'S MUSIC

Sung by The Hythe Singers

Mass Setting:	Spatzenmesse <i>Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)</i>
Anthem:	Regina Caeli <i>Cecilia McDowall (b. 1951)</i>
Closing Music:	Preludio in G <i>Johann Christian Kittel (1732-1809)</i>

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

ENTRANCE HYMN

O praise ye the Lord!
praise him in the height;
rejoice in his word,
ye angels of light;
ye heavens adore him
by whom ye were made,
and worship before him
in brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord!
praise him upon earth,
in tuneful accord,
ye sons of new birth;
praise him who has brought you
his grace from above,
praise him who has taught you
to sing of his love.

O praise ye the Lord!
all things that give sound;
each jubilant chord,
re-echo around;
loud organs, his glory
forth tell in deep tone,
and sweet harp, the story
of what he has done.

O praise ye the Lord!
thanksgiving and song
to him be outpoured
all ages along:
for love in creation,
for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation,
O praise ye the Lord!

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

Music: LAUDATE DOMINUM, from the anthem 'Hear my words' by *C. Hubert H. Parry (1848-1918)*

COLLECT

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour 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 1 Kings 3: 5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?'

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.'

PSALM 119: 129-136

Thy testimonies are wonderful : therefore doth my soul keep them.

When thy word goeth forth : it giveth light and understanding unto the simple.

I opened my mouth, and drew in my breath : for my delight was in thy commandments.

O look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me : as thou usest to do unto those that love thy Name.

Order my steps in thy word : and so shall no wickedness

have dominion over me.

O deliver me from the wrongful dealings of men : and so shall I keep thy commandments.

Shew the light of thy countenance upon thy servant : and teach me thy statutes.

Mine eyes gush out with water : because men keep not thy law.

SECOND READING Romans 8: 26-end

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes

and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

OFFERTORY HYMN

Alleluia, sing to Jesus,
his the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia, his the triumph,
his the victory alone:
hark the songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus, out of every nation,
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia, not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia, he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how;
though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?

Alleluia, Bread of Angels,
thou on earth our food, our stay;
alleluia, here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day;
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia, King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own;
alleluia, born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
thou on earth both Priest and Victim
in the Eucharistic Feast.

Words: W. Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

Music: HYFRYDOL, Melody by Rowland Huw Pritchard
(1811-1887)

COMMUNION HYMN – *please remain seated*

Sweet Sacrament divine,
hid in thine earthly home,
lo, round thy lowly shrine,
with suppliant hearts we come;
Jesu, to thee our voice we raise
in songs of love and heartfelt praise:
sweet Sacrament divine.

Sweet Sacrament of peace,
dear home for every heart,
where restless yearnings cease
and sorrows all depart;
there in thine ear all trustfully
we tell our tale of misery:
sweet Sacrament of peace.

Sweet Sacrament of rest,
ark from the ocean's roar,
within thy shelter blest
soon may we reach the shore;
save us, for still the tempest raves,
save, lest we sink beneath the waves:
sweet Sacrament of rest.

Sweet Sacrament divine,
earth's light and jubilee,
in thy far depths doth shine
the Godhead's majesty;
sweet light, so shine on us, we pray
that earthly joys may fade away:
sweet Sacrament divine.

Words and Music: *Francis Stanfield (1835-1914)*

Music: DIVINE MYSTERIES

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken
holy things; may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which
have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes
which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the
light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed
with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN

Forth in the peace of Christ we go;
Christ to the world with joy we bring;
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
Christ in our hearts, the world's true King.

King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;
kingship with him his servants gain;
with Christ, the Servant-Lord of all,
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.

Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth
this world of time to consecrate,
this world of sin by grace to heal,
Christ's world in Christ to re-create.

Christ's are our lips, his word we speak;
prophets are we whose deeds proclaim
Christ's truth in love, that we may be
Christ in the world, to spread Christ's name.

We are the Church; Christ bids us show
that in his Church all nations find
their hearth and home, where Christ restores
true peace, true love, to all mankind.

Words: *James Quinn, S. J. (1919-2010)*

Music: DUKE STREET, *attributed to J. Hatton (d. 1793)*

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 **Said Evening Prayer** (Wednesday—Choral Evensong)

Thursday

10.30am **Holy Communion**

according to the Book of Common Prayer.

Sunday 2 August—Ninth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am **Holy Communion** (BCP)

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

10.00am **Choral Mattins**

11.00am **Choral Eucharist**

3.00pm **Choral Evensong**

On Wednesday this week we welcome the Choir of Old Town Parish, Hastings, to sing Evensong.

Next weekend we welcome the Choir of St Mary's, Horsham, to sing our Saturday and Sunday services.

NOTICES

This weekend we welcome The Hythe Singers as our visiting choir to sing our services.

Friends Coffee Morning Join the Chichester Cathedral Friends for coffee, cake and a catch up on the first Saturday of the month (1 August) in the Cathedral's South Transept. 10.00-11.15am

Summer of Colour Join us this summer for a free family trail with drop-in creative activities at Chichester Cathedral. 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

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.

- The Friends section of the website (above) has been redesigned—please do have a look!
- **Sold Out!** 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.

Art Tours The Cathedral is home to a significant collection of art, designed to inspire and challenge visitors. Medieval wall paintings and sculpture reliefs sit alongside Victorian glass work and contemporary art, all helping to enrich and beautify the Cathedral. Discover how 20th-century artworks converse with and transform the ancient setting of Chichester Cathedral on this newly curated Art Tour for 2026. This guided journey explores why artists continue to create for sacred spaces, and how their works explore themes of faith, suffering, hope, and resurrection. At 10.30am on Monday 27 July, Wednesday 29 July and the last Wednesday of the month August–November inclusive. To book please see the website.

Tales from the Cathedral Library *Why does Matthew Parker deserve our praise?* Tuesday 8 September, 10.00am, George Bell House. Matthew Parker was Queen Elizabeth's first Archbishop of Canterbury between 1559 and 1575, yet his reputation is mixed and his work only recently coming to be appreciated. Was he a scholar out of his depth or a canny archbishop who dealt well with the hand he was forced to play? The *Tales from the Cathedral Library* series offers a chance to learn about the Library's treasures in a welcoming, intimate setting—where every item has a story to tell—led by Cathedral Sub-Librarian Dr Andrew Foster and Canon Chancellor The Revd Dr Earl Collins. To book please see the website.

Light Experience Running from 23 – 31 October 2026, this year's immersive installation by Luxmuralis, *Illuminating Art*, will once again transform the Cathedral through large-scale projections and an original score by David Harper. Building on last year's success 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.

Annual Meeting—Save the Date! All those interested in Cathedral life are welcome to join our Annual Meeting. On Wednesday 23 September, the event will begin with a service of Choral Evensong (commencing at 5.30pm and sung by the Choir of St Paul's Church, Chichester) before the formal start of the Annual Meeting around 6.30pm. From celebrating our 950th anniversary, to welcoming more than 200,000 people through our doors, this has been a year of renewed confidence and vibrant activity across Cathedral life. This meeting reflects on the many ways that life was expressed through worship, music, art, events and education, alongside the careful stewardship of our historic Cathedral and estate. It is also an opportunity to hear from our Dean, Edward, our Residentiary Canons, staff and volunteers whose dedication, talent and service brought the Cathedral's mission to life and shaped this remarkable year. The Meeting will be followed by light hospitality in the Cathedral kindly provided by Cloisters Kitchen & Garden. If you are planning to attend, please register via the website (What's On section and navigate to 23 September) so we have an idea of numbers.

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

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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].