

CHICHESTER  
CATHEDRAL

**CELEBRATION OF  
THE LORD'S PASSION**

**GOOD FRIDAY  
FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL 2026  
1.30PM**



# WELCOME

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# ORDER OF SERVICE

*Please stand in silence as the procession enters.*

*After the ministers have moved to their places, we sing:*

## HYMN



**There is a green hill far away,  
without a city wall,  
where the dear Lord was crucified  
who died to save us all.**

**We may not know, we cannot tell,  
what pains he had to bear,  
but we believe it was for us  
he hung and suffered there.**

**He died that we might be forgiven,  
he died to make us good;  
that we might go at last to heaven,  
saved by his precious blood.**

There was no other good enough  
to pay the price of sin;  
he only could unlock the gate  
of heaven, and let us in.

O, dearly, dearly has he loved,  
and we must love him too,  
and trust in his redeeming blood,  
and try his works to do.

*NEH 92*  
*C. F. Alexander (1818-1895)*

*Horsley*  
*W. Horsley (1774-1858)*

## THE COLLECT

Almighty Father,  
look with mercy on this your family  
for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed  
and given up into the hands of sinners  
and to suffer death upon the cross;  
who is alive and glorified with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*All*    **Amen.**

*Please sit.*

## PART 1: LITURGY OF THE WORD

### THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. Just as there were many who were astonished at him – so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals – so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account.

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*    **Thanks be to God.**

*Isaiah 52: 13—end of 53*

*The choir sings*

## THE PSALM

In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion,  
deliver me in thy righteousness.

Into thy hands I commend my spirit: for thou hast redeemed me, O  
Lord, thou God of truth.

My strength faileth me, because of mine iniquity: and my bones are  
consumed.

I became a reproof among all mine enemies, but especially among my  
neighbours: and they of mine acquaintance were afraid of me;  
and they that did see me without conveyed themselves from me.

For I have heard the blasphemy of the multitude: and fear is on every  
side, while they conspire together against me, and take their  
counsel to take away my life.

But my hope hath been in thee, O Lord: I have said, Thou art my God.

My time is in thy hand; deliver me from the hand of mine enemies: and from them that persecute me.

Nevertheless, thou heardest the voice of my prayer: when I cried unto thee.

*Psalm 31: 1, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25*

## THE NEW TESTAMENT READING

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathise with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*Hebrews 4: 14-16, 5: 7-9*

*Please stand.*

## HYMN



O sacred head, sore wounded,  
defiled and put to scorn;  
O kingly head, surrounded  
with mocking crown of thorn:  
what sorrow mars thy grandeur?  
can death thy bloom deflower?  
O countenance whose splendour  
the hosts of heaven adore.

In thy most bitter passion  
my heart to share doth cry,  
with thee for my salvation  
upon the Cross to die.  
Ah, keep my heart thus movèd  
to stand thy Cross beneath,  
to mourn thee, well-belovèd,  
yet thank thee for thy death.

**My days are few, O fail not,  
with thine immortal power,  
to hold me that I quail not  
in death's most fearful hour:  
that I may fight befriended,  
and see in my last strife  
to me thine arms extended  
upon the Cross of life.**

*NEH 90*

*Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676)*

*from a 14<sup>th</sup>-century Latin hymn*

*tr. Robert Bridges (1844-1930)*

*Passion Chorale*

*Traditional secular melody in*

*H. L. Hassler's Lustgarten (1601)*

*Harmony by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

*The choir sings*

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST JOHN

*set to music by Tomás Luis de Victoria (c. 1548 – 1611)*

*It is traditional to stand throughout the Passion, but if it is more comfortable to sit, please do so.*

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged him. And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and they put on him a purple robe, and said, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' And they smote him with their hands.

Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them, 'Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him.' Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, 'Behold the man!' When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, 'Crucify

him, crucify him.' Pilate saith unto them, 'Take ye him, and crucify him: for I find no fault in him.' The Jews answered him, 'We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God.'

When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid; and went again into the judgment hall, and saith unto Jesus, 'Whence art thou?' But Jesus gave him no answer. Then saith Pilate unto him, 'Speakest thou not unto me? Knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee?' Jesus answered, 'Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin.'

And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him: but the Jews cried out, saying, 'If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend: whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Caesar.'

When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha. And it was the Preparation of the Passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, 'Behold your King!' But they cried out, 'Away with him, away with him, crucify him.' Pilate saith unto them, 'Shall I crucify your King?' The chief priests answered, 'We have no king but Caesar.' Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified.

And they took Jesus, and led him away. And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha: where they crucified him, and two other with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst.

And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was, 'Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews'. This title then read many of the Jews: for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city: and it was written in Hebrew, and Greek, and Latin. Then said the

chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, 'Write not: "The King of the Jews"; but that he said, I am King of the Jews.' Pilate answered, 'What I have written I have written.'

Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also his coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout. They said therefore among themselves, 'Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be': that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, 'They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots'. These things therefore the soldiers did.

Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, 'Woman, behold thy son!' Then saith he to the disciple, 'Behold thy mother!' And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.

After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, 'I thirst'. Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth. When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, 'It is finished.' And he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

*There is a pause for silent reflection.*

The Jews therefore, because it was the Preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs: but one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and

water. And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, 'A bone of him shall not be broken.' And again another scripture saith, 'They shall look on him whom they pierced.'

*John 19: 1-37*

*Please sit.*

## HOMILY

*The Dean*

*The Very Reverend Dr Edward Dowler*

## GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

*The Canon Treasurer introduces each section of the Intercessions in which the intention is stated. All pray silently for a short time, after which the Dean sings the concluding prayer.*

### ***For the Church***

Let us pray, dear friends, for the holy Church of God throughout the world, that God the almighty Father guide it and gather it together, so that we may worship him in peace and tranquillity.

Almighty and eternal God,  
you have shown your glory to all nations in Christ your Son.  
Guide the work of your Church.  
Help it to persevere in faith,  
proclaim your name  
and bring your salvation to people everywhere.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*All*    **Amen.**

### ***For the clergy and laity of the Church***

Let us pray for all bishops, priests and deacons; for all who have a special ministry in the Church and for all God's people.

Almighty and eternal God,  
your Spirit guides the Church and makes it holy.  
Listen to our prayers and help each of us in our own vocation  
to do your work more faithfully.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*All*    **Amen.**

### ***For those preparing for baptism***

Let us pray for those preparing for baptism, that God in his mercy may make them responsive to his love, forgive their sins through the waters of new birth, and give them life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Almighty and eternal God,  
you continually bless your Church with new members.  
Increase the faith and understanding of those preparing for baptism.  
Give them a new birth in these living waters  
and make them members of your chosen family.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*All*    **Amen.**

### ***For the unity of Christians***

Let us pray for all our brothers and sisters who share our faith in Jesus Christ, that God may gather and keep together in one Church all those who seek the truth with sincerity.

Almighty and eternal God,  
you keep together all those you have united.  
Look kindly on all who follow Jesus your Son.  
We are all consecrated to you by our common baptism.  
Make us one in the fullness of faith,  
and keep us one in the fellowship of love.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*All*    **Amen.**

### ***For the Jewish people***

Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God, that they may continue to grow in the love of his name and in faithfulness to his covenant.

Almighty and eternal God,  
long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and his posterity.  
Listen to your Church as we pray  
that the people you first made your own  
may arrive at the fullness of redemption.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*All*    **Amen.**

### ***For those who do not believe in Christ***

Let us pray for those who do not believe in Christ, that the light of the Holy Spirit may show them the way to salvation.

Almighty and eternal God,  
enable those who do not acknowledge Christ  
to find the truth as they walk before you in sincerity of heart.  
Help us to grow in love for one another,  
to grasp more fully the mystery of your godhead,  
and to become more perfect witnesses of your love  
in the sight of all people.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*All*    **Amen.**

### ***For those who do not believe in God***

Let us pray for those who do not believe in God, that they may find him by sincerely following all that is right.

Almighty and eternal God,  
you created humanity so that all might long to find you  
and have peace when you are found.  
Grant that, in spite of the hurtful things that stand in their way,  
they may all recognise in the lives of Christians  
the tokens of your love and mercy,  
and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God and Father of us all.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*All*    **Amen.**

### ***For all in public office***

Let us pray for those who serve us in public office, that God may guide their minds and hearts, so that all may live in true peace and freedom.

Almighty and eternal God,  
you know the longings of the hearts of all  
and you protect their rights.

In your goodness watch over those in authority,  
so that people everywhere may enjoy freedom, security and peace.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*All*    **Amen.**

### ***For those in special need***

Let us pray, dear friends, that God the almighty Father may heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travellers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and rid the world of falsehood, hunger and disease.

Almighty, ever-living God,  
you give strength to the weary  
and new courage to those who have lost heart.

Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble  
that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*All*    **Amen.**

## PART 2: PROCLAMATION OF THE CROSS

*Please stand.*

HYMN *during which one of the ministers leaves with a team of servers and brings the Cross to the nave.*



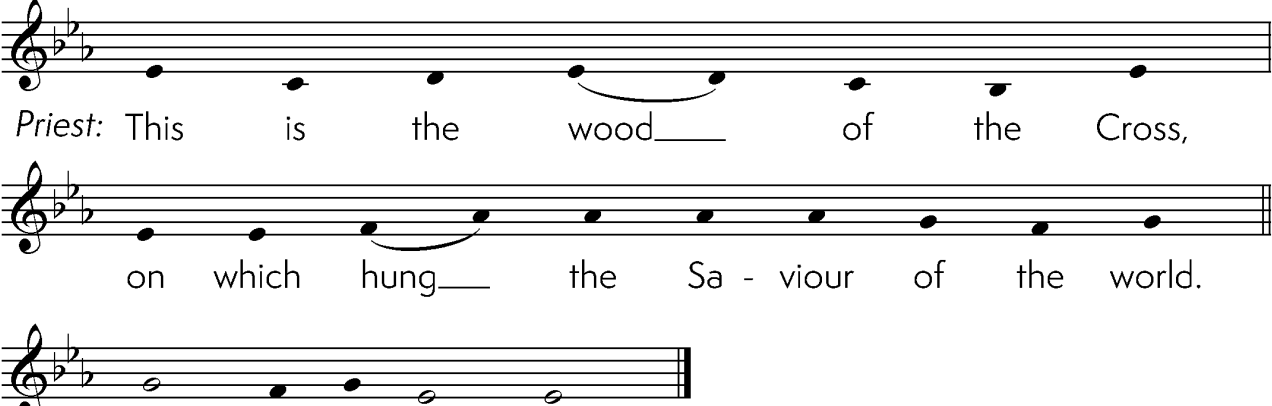
**O dearest Lord, thy sacred head  
with thorns was pierced for me;  
O pour thy blessing on my head  
that I may think for thee.**

**O dearest Lord, thy sacred hands  
with nails were pierced for me;  
O shed thy blessing on my hands  
that they may work for thee.**

**O dearest Lord, thy sacred feet  
with nails were pierced for me;  
O pour thy blessing on my feet  
that they may follow thee.**

**O dearest Lord, thy sacred heart  
with spear was pierced for me;  
O pour thy Spirit in my heart  
that I may live for thee.**

*As the Cross is brought to the nave the minister halts three times and says:*



Priest: This is the wood of the Cross,  
on which hung the Sa - viour of the world.

All: **Come, let us wor - ship.**

The musical notation consists of three staves in G major. The first staff contains the melody for 'This is the wood of the Cross,' with a long note on 'wood' and a long note on 'Cross'. The second staff contains the melody for 'on which hung the Sa - viour of the world.' The third staff contains the melody for 'All: Come, let us wor - ship.' with a double bar line at the end.

*All are invited to approach and kneel before the Cross, remaining there for a few moments. Some may wish to further express their devotion by kissing the feet of the figure or Christ or touching the Cross in some way. Please follow the direction of the Stewards.*

*During the Veneration of the Cross, the choir sings*

## THE REPROACHES

*O my people, what have I done to you?  
How have I offended you? Answer me!*

I led you out of Egypt, from slavery to freedom,  
but you led your Saviour to the cross.

Holy is God! Holy and strong!  
Holy immortal One, have mercy on us.

For forty years I led you safely through the desert.  
I fed you with manna from heaven,  
and brought you to a land of plenty:  
but you led your Saviour to the cross.

What more could I have done for you?  
I planted you as my fairest vine,  
but you yielded only bitterness:  
When I was thirsty you gave me vinegar to drink,  
and you pierced your Saviour's side with a lance.

I opened the sea before you,  
but you opened my side with a spear.  
I led you on your way in a pillar of cloud,  
but you led me to Pilate's court.

I bore you up with manna in the desert,  
but you struck me down and scourged me.  
I gave you saving water from the rock,  
but you gave me gall and vinegar to drink.

I gave you a royal sceptre,  
but you gave me a crown of thorns.  
I raised you to the height of majesty,  
but you have raised me high on a cross.

*O my people, what have I done to you?  
How have I offended you? Answer me!*

*John Sanders (1933-2003)*

## MOTET

Omnes amici mei dereliquerunt me,  
et praevaluerunt insidiantes mihi:  
tradidit me, quem diligebam.  
Et terribilibus oculis plaga crudeli percutientes  
aceto potabant me.  
Inter iniquos projecerunt me  
et non pepercerunt animae meae.

*All my friends have deserted me,  
and plotters have prevailed over me:  
he whom I loved has betrayed me.  
And with fierce looks and cruel blows  
they gave me vinegar to drink.  
They cast me among the wicked  
and did not spare my soul.*

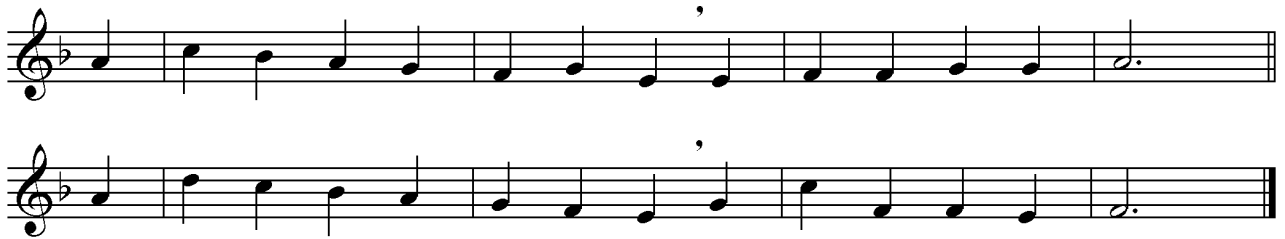
*Responsory for Good Friday*

*Timothy Ravalde (b. 1988)*

## PART 3: HOLY COMMUNION

*Please stand.*

HYMN *during which the ciborium containing the consecrated bread is brought to the altar.*



Once, only once, and once for all,  
his precious life he gave;  
before the Cross in faith we fall,  
and own it strong to save.

'One offering, single and complete,'  
with lips and hearts we say;  
but what he never can repeat  
he shows forth day by day.

For as the priest of Aaron's line  
within the holiest stood,  
and sprinkled all the mercy-shrine  
with sacrificial blood;

So he, who once atonement wrought,  
our Priest of endless power,  
presents himself for those he bought  
in that dark noontide hour.

**His Manhood pleads where now it lives  
on heaven's eternal throne,  
and where in mystic rite he gives  
its presence to his own.**

**And so we show thy death, O Lord,  
till thou again appear,  
and feel, when we approach thy board,  
we have an altar here.**

*NEH 304  
William Bright (1824-1901)*

*Albano  
Vincent Novello (1781-1861)*

*Please remain standing.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Standing at the foot of the Cross,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

*All* **Our Father,  
who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## GIVING OF COMMUNION

*The president invites the people to communion:*

Behold the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

*All*    **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*The president and people receive communion, which will be given in one form only. Please sit until directed by the Stewards.*

*Members of all Christian churches are welcome to receive communion. Please indicate if you wish to receive a gluten-free host (consecrated bread). If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please come to the communion station and bow your head.*

*After you have received communion, **please try to maintain a prayerful silence.***

HYMN AFTER COMMUNION (*please remain seated*)



**When I survey the wondrous Cross,  
on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
save in the death of Christ my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.**

**See from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**His dying crimson, like a robe,  
spreads o'er his body on the Tree;  
then am I dead to all the globe,  
and all the globe is dead to me.**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

## THE CONCLUSION

*Please stand. The president says*

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ  
delivered and saved the world:  
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross  
we may triumph in the power of his victory;  
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.

*All*    **Amen.**

## PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Lord, send down your abundant blessing upon your people  
who have devoutly recalled the death of your Son  
in the sure hope of the resurrection.  
Grant them pardon; bring them comfort.  
May their faith grow stronger  
and their eternal salvation be assured.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*All*    **Amen.**

*All depart in silence.*

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# EASTER

## AT CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Eve

7.30pm **EASTER VIGIL WITH CONFIRMATION**

*In this special service which stands at the high point of the Church's year, we begin our Easter celebrations of Jesus' resurrection from the dead. The service begins outside, where the Paschal (Easter) Candle is lit from a new fire. As we process into the Cathedral, the light from the candle is shared amongst the congregation. We hear the story of creation and salvation in biblical readings. The bishop baptises and confirms new Christians, welcoming them into the family of the Church. With the rest of the congregation, they share in the First Eucharist of Easter.*

*Celebrant and Preacher: The Lord Bishop of Chichester*

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Day

*We celebrate Jesus' glorious resurrection from the dead in these services:*

8.00am HOLY COMMUNION according to the Book of Common Prayer said

9.00am SERVICE FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND CAREGIVERS

10.00am CHORAL MATTINS

11.00am **SUNG EUCHARIST OF EASTER DAY** *livestreamed*

*We continue to celebrate the joy of Easter and, on this day of resurrection, members of the congregation who have been baptised are invited to renew the promises that were made at their baptism.*

*Celebrant and Preacher: The Lord Bishop of Chichester, The Right Reverend Dr Martin Warner*

3.00pm **CHORAL EVENSONG WITH BENEDICTION** *livestreamed*

*This will be the final service in the Cathedral at which our diocesan bishop, Bishop Martin Warner, will preside.*