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SUNG EUCHARIST
with Procession of Palms

PALM SUNDAY
SUNDAY 29TH MARCH 2026
11.00AM

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We are delighted that you are joining our community in worship today. If you would like to learn more about our life here or would like to become more closely associated with this community, please join us for coffee after this service and make yourself known to a member of the clergy.

This booklet contains all you will need to follow the service. Please ask a Steward if you would like a large-print copy.

The celebrant at this service is The Dean, The Very Reverend Dr Edward Dowler, and the sung Mass Setting is the *Missa Brevis* by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525-1594).

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ORDER OF SERVICE

COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM

The congregation assembles outside on the Cathedral Green. The choir sings

THE INTROIT

The children of the Hebrews,
carrying palms and olive branches,
went forth to meet the Lord,
crying out and saying,
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Antiphon for the Procession on Palm Sunday

Plainsong

INTRODUCTION

The president introduces the celebration:

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

Please hold up your palms to be blessed. The president says

God our Saviour,
whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah
to suffer and to die;
bless (+) these palms;
let them be for us signs of his victory,
and grant that we who bear them in his name
may ever hail him as our King,
and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The palms are sprinkled with holy water.

THE PALM GOSPEL

The Gospel of Our Lord's Messianic Entry into Jerusalem is read:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, 'Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Matthew 21: 1-11

THE PROCESSION

The president proclaims

Let us go forth in peace praising Jesus our Messiah,
as did the crowds who welcomed him to Jerusalem.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*The clergy and congregation process into the Cathedral, holding palms aloft
and singing the following hymn:*

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D.C.

***All glory, laud and honour
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.***

**Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and blessèd One.**

**The company of angels
are praising thee on high,
and mortal men and all things
created make reply.**

The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we present.

To thee before thy passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises,
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King.

Do thou direct our footsteps
upon our earthly way,
and bring us by thy mercy
to heaven's eternal day.

Within that blessed City
thy praises may we sing,
and ever raise hosannas
to our most loving King.

*All glory, laud and honour
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.*

NEH 509
St Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821)
tr. J. M. Neale (1818-1866)

St Theodulph (Valet will ich dir geben)
Melody by M. Teschner (c. 1613)

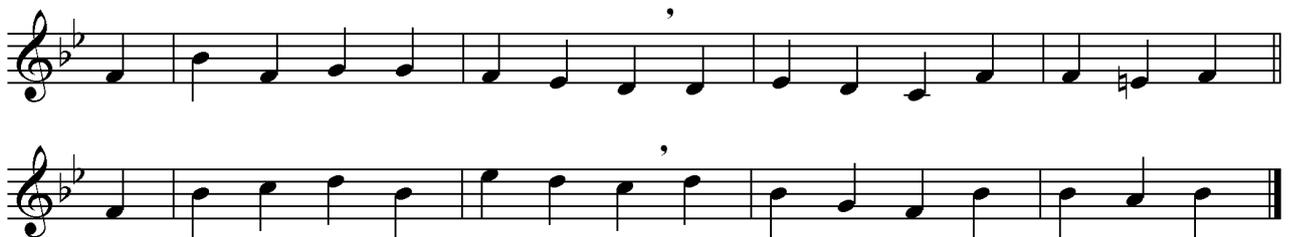
CHOIR INTROIT

Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna, thou that sittest in the highest heavens!
Hosanna in excelsis Deo!

Matthew 21: 9, Luke 19: 38

Thomas Weelkes (1576-1623)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN



Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry,
thy humble beast pursues his road
with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die:
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The wingèd squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
the Father on his sapphire throne
awaits his own anointed Son.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O God, thy power, and reign.**

*NEH 511
Henry Milman (1791-1868)*

*Winchester New
Musicalisches Hand-Buch (Hamburg, 1690)*

THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
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.**

Please sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

The servant of the Lord said: The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens – wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

The choir sings

THE PSALM

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble: and mine eye is consumed for very heaviness; yea, my soul and my body. For my life is waxen old with heaviness: and my years with mourning. 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.

I am clean forgotten, as a dead man out of mind: I am become like a broken vessel.

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.

Psalm 31: 10-17

THE SECOND READING

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Philippians 2: 5-11

THE PASSION READING

Please stand. The choir leads the Acclamation:



All Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Christ humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him, and gave him the name that is above every name.
All **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

*The Gospel is in the form of a dramatic reading of the Passion according to St Matthew. It is traditional to stand throughout this reading, but those who need to sit should do so. You are invited to join in the sections in **bold type**.*

Evangelist The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

Pilate Are you the King of the Jews?

Evangelist Jesus said,

Jesus You say so.

Evangelist But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him,

Pilate Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?

Evangelist But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

Pilate Whom do you want me to release for you, Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?

Evangelist For he realised that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgement seat, his wife sent word to him, 'Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.'

Evangelist Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them,

Pilate Which of the two do you want me to release for you?

All **Barabbas.**

Pilate Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?

All **Let him be crucified!**

Pilate Why, what evil has he done?

All *(stronger)* **Let him be crucified!**

Evangelist So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,

Pilate I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.

All **His blood be on us and on our children!**

Evangelist So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying,

All **Hail, King of the Jews!**

Evangelist They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.'

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

All **You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.**

Evangelist In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,

All **He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'**

Evangelist The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,

Jesus Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?

Evangelist That is,

Jesus My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Evangelist When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

All **This man is calling for Elijah.**

Evangelist At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,

All **Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.**

Evangelist Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

(All pause for a few moments.)

Evangelist At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said,

All **Truly this man was God's Son!**

Matthew 27: 11-54

A moment of silence is kept.

HOMILY

The Dean

The Very Reverend Dr Edward Dowler

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please sit or stand.

For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For grace to seek out those habits of sin which mean spiritual death,
and by prayer and self-discipline to overcome them,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For Christian people,
that through the suffering of disunity
there may grow a rich union in Christ,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who make laws, interpret them, and administer them,
that our common life may be ordered in justice and mercy,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who still make Jerusalem a battleground,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who have the courage and honesty
to work openly for justice and peace,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For those in the darkness and agony of isolation,
that they may find support and encouragement,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who, weighed down with hardship, failure, or sorrow,
feel that God is far from them,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are tempted to give up the way of the cross,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

That we, with those who have died in faith,
may find mercy in the day of Christ,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

All **Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE PEACE

Please stand.

Once we were far off,
but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near
through the shedding of Christ's blood, for he is our peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
All **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

during which bread and wine are brought to the altar, and a cash collection is taken

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**My song is love unknown,
my Saviour's love to me,
love to the loveless shown,
that they might lovely be.
O, who am I,
that for my sake
my Lord should take
frail flesh, and die?**

**He came from his blest throne,
salvation to bestow:
but men made strange, and none
the longed-for Christ would know.
But O, my Friend,
my Friend indeed,
who at my need
his life did spend!**

Sometimes they strew his way,
and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day
hosannas to their King.
Then 'Crucify!'
is all their breath,
and for his death
they thirst and cry.

They rise, and needs will have
my dear Lord made away;
a murderer they save,
the Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful he
to suffering goes,
that he his foes
from thence might free.

Here might I stay and sing,
no story so divine;
never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine!
This is my Friend,
in whose sweet praise
I all my days
could gladly spend.

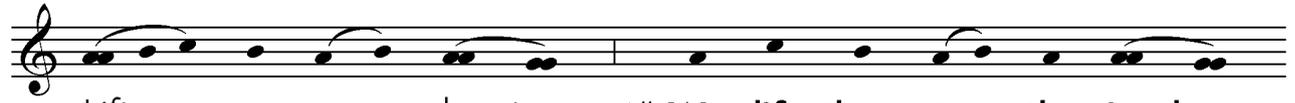
NEH 86
Samuel Crossman (1624-1683)

Love Unknown
John Ireland (1879-1962)

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER



The_ Lord be_ with you *All* and_ al - so_ with you.



Lift___ up your_ hearts._ *All* **We lift them to_ the Lord.**



Let us give thanks to the Lord_ our God.



All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near
the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty.

The power of the life-giving cross
reveals the judgement that has come upon the world
and the triumph of Christ crucified.

He is the victim who dies no more,
the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever,
our advocate in heaven to plead our cause,
exalting us there to join with angels and archangels,
for ever praising you and singing:

The choir sings

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth,
pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

The Eucharistic Prayer continues:

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

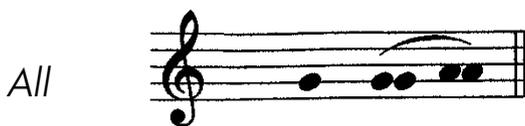
Christ is the bread of life:

All **When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.



A - men.

Please remain standing.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

GIVING OF 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. 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 wafer. 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.***

During communion, the choir sings

AGNUS DEI

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:
miserere nobis.

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:
miserere nobis.

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:
dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.*

COMMUNION HYMN – *please remain seated*



Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
O—sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;
were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? &c.

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Were you there when the sun refused to shine? &c.

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? &c.

Were you there when he rose from out the tomb?
Were you there when he rose from out the tomb? &c.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Please stand.

Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:
give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father.

All **Amen.**

Please sit.

NOTICES

THE SENDING OUT

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Please stand.

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Christ crucified draw you to himself,
to find in him a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sins forgiven;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Dcn Go in the peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN



**Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:
*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name!***

**Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:**

**Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,
victim crucified!
death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified:**

**Priestly king, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:**

**So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:
*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name!***

*Common Praise 398
Michael Seward (1932-2015)*

*Guiting Power
John Barnard (b. 1948)*

CLOSING MUSIC

HOSANNA FILIO DAVID

Jeanne Demessieux (1921-1968)

Please sit for a period of quiet contemplation as the organ voluntary is played.

All are invited to join us for coffee after this service, where there will be the opportunity to meet our clergy and other members of our community.

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Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st March

8.00pm CHORAL COMPLINE WITH ADDRESS

Compline is a service of quietness before rest at the end of the day, including simple music sung to plainsong settings. It will include a short reflection by one of the Cathedral clergy. Music sung by the Otter Consort (Monday) and the Cathedral Choir (Tuesday)

Wednesday 1st April

12.00noon **DIOCESAN CHRISM EUCHARIST** *livestreamed*

The Chrism Eucharist brings the clergy and laity of the diocese together to renew their commitment to follow Christ. The clergy renew their ordination vows before the Bishop, and the Oils of the sick, of baptism and of chrism are blessed. At the end of the service, the oils are distributed for use in parishes throughout the diocese. Celebrant and Preacher: The Lord Bishop of Chichester, The Right Reverend Dr Martin Warner

8.00pm TENEBRAE: THE SERVICE OF SHADOWS

A service of readings, reflection and organ music played by Cathedral Organist Charles Harrison. Candles are lit, and extinguished, as we recount Jesus' last days.

Thursday 2nd April – Maundy Thursday

10.30am HOLY COMMUNION according to the Book of Common Prayer *said*

7.00pm **EUCHARIST OF THE LORD'S SUPPER** *livestreamed*

In this service, we recall Jesus' last supper with his disciples on the night before his crucifixion. We recall his example of love and service in washing his disciples' feet and his gift to them of the Eucharist. The service concludes with an (optional) watch of prayer at the altar of repose (representing the Garden of Gethsemane) until 10pm. Sung by the Cathedral Choir. Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean, The Very Revd Dr Edward Dowler

Friday 3rd April – Good Friday

10.00am THE EASTER STORY RETOLD:

A GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

In this special service for children, families and caregivers, we follow in the footsteps of Jesus from Palm Sunday to Good Friday, pausing at different places in the Cathedral to remember the path to Calvary that Jesus followed. The service will end with Hot Cross Buns.

12.00pm **THREE HOURS' DEVOTION** *livestreamed*

REFLECTIONS ON THE PASSION

The Reverend Canon Vanessa Baron, Treasurer, and The Reverend Canon Dr Earl Collins, Chancellor, lead a sequence of reflections on the Passion story.

1.30pm **THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION (MAIN GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE)** *begins at 1.30pm. This liturgy recalls Jesus' crucifixion. During the service, the Cathedral Choir sings St John's account of the trial and crucifixion of Jesus, and we are invited to pray before the cross and receive Holy Communion.*

Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean, The Very Revd Dr Edward Dowler

Saturday 4th 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 5th 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.