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IN CELEBRATION OF
DIOCESAN ECO-CHURCH AWARDS

ROGATION SUNDAY
SUNDAY 10TH MAY 2026
3.00PM

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Chichester Cathedral
St Mary's, East Grinstead
St Edward's, Burgess Hill

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St John the Evangelist, Brighton
Church House, Hove
St Pancras, Arlington
Holy Trinity, Rudgwick
St Alban, Frant
St Luke's, Prestonville
St Peter and St Paul, Wadhurst
St Mary's, Pulborough
St Andrew & St Cuthman's, Steyning
St Augustine's, Scaynes Hill
St Peter and St John the Baptist, Wivelsfield
St Mary the Virgin, East Preston
St John the Evangelist, Cophorne
St Mary the Virgin Church, Ringmer
St Mary Magdalen, Wartling Hill
St Mark's, Holbrook, Horsham
St Andrew's Old Church, Hove
St Matthew's, Worthing
St Wulfran's, Ovingdean
Holy Trinity, Forest Row & St Dunstan's, Ashurstwood
Trinity, Lewes

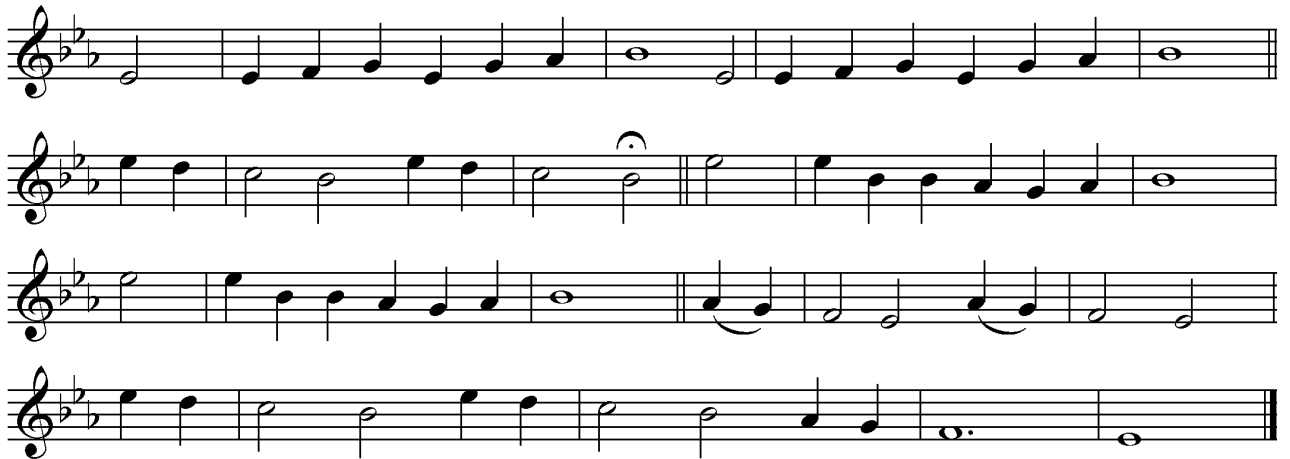
Bronze Award

Holy Trinity, Bosham
St Peter & St Mary's, Fishbourne
St Mary Our Lady Church, Sidlesham
Christ Church, Ore
St Mary the Virgin, Hartfield
All Hallows', Woolbeding
St Bartholomew's, Brighton
St John the Baptist, Clayton
St Francis of Assisi, Hassocks
St Cosmas and St Damian, Keymer
St George's, Whyke
St Mary's, Kemptown
St Nicholas of Myra, Brighton
St Peter and St Paul's, Rustington
All Saints', Herstmonceux
St Michael's, Partridge Green
St Peter's, Stonegate
St John's, Broadbridge Heath
St Peter's Church, Twineham
St Bartholomew's, Albourne
Christ Church, Sayers Common
St Mary the Virgin, Yapton
St Pancras, Chichester
St Mary's, Walberton
St John the Evangelist, Burgess Hill
St Swithun's, East Grinstead
St Matthias', Brighton
St Mary the Virgin, Felpham
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St Leonard's, Seaford
St Dunstan's, Mayfield
St Michael's, Amberley
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St Mary's, Thakeham
St Helen's, Ore
All Saints, Highbrook
St Margaret's, West Hoathly
St Nicholas', Middleton on Sea
St Michael and All Angels, Lancing
St Ethelburga, St Leonards-on-Sea
St Peter's, Brighton
St Mary's, Willingdon
St Mary The Virgin, Horsham
Holy Trinity, Hurstpierpoint
St Margaret's, Warnham
St Nicolas', Fulfords Hill
St Wilfrid's, Haywards Heath
St Mary the Virgin, Barcombe
St Peter's, Upper Beeding
The Church of the Good Shepherd,
Shoreham by Sea
St John the Baptist, Tidebrook
St John the Evangelist,
Upper St Leonards
St Mary de Haura, New Shoreham
St Mary's, Storrington
St Dunstan's, Ashurst Wood

ORDER OF SERVICE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Please stand as the procession enters.



**All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him, Alleluia!**

**Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice:
O praise him...**

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou fire so masterful and bright,
that givest us both warmth and light:
O praise him...

Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise him, Alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
let them his glory also show:
O praise him...

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in One:
*O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

NEH 263
St Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)
tr. William Draper (1855-1933)

Lasst uns erfreuen
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
using phrases of an Easter Hymn in
Geistliche Kirchengesäng (Cologne, 1623)

WELCOME

*The Very Reverend Dr Edward Dowler
Dean of Chichester*

Remain standing as the cantor and choir sing

THE PRECES AND RESPONSES

○ Lord, open thou our lips.
And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

○ God, make speed to save us.
○ Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's Name be praised.

The Book of Common Prayer

Humphrey Clucas (b. 1941)

Please sit. The choir sings

PSALM 87

Her foundations are upon the holy hills: the Lord loveth the gates of
Sion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

Very excellent things are spoken of thee: thou city of God.

I will think upon Rahab and Babylon: with them that know me.

Behold ye the Philistines also: and they of Tyre, with the Morians; lo,
there was he born.

And of Sion it shall be reported that he was born in her: and the most
High shall stablish her.

The Lord shall rehearse it when he writeth up the people: that he was
born there.

The singers also and trumpeters shall he rehearse: All my fresh
springs shall be in thee.

Please stand as the choir sings the Gloria:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Please sit.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

*Read by The Reverend Buff Stone
Diocesan Environment Officer*

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. God made the two great lights – the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night – and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to

separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

Genesis 1–2: 3

Please stand. The choir sings the canticle

MAGNIFICAT

My soul doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me,
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him,
throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm;
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat,
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Please sit.

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Read by Victoria Sutton, Chichester Cathedral

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Colossians 1: 15-20

Please stand. The choir sings the canticle

NUNC DIMITTIS

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,
according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation;
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
to be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Luke 2: 29-32

George Dyson (1883-1964) in D

Remain standing to say together

THE APOSTLES' CREED

All **I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

The cantor and choir sing

THE PRECES AND RESPONSES

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Please sit or kneel.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

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.
Amen.

○ Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation.

○ Lord, save The King.
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
And make thy chosen people joyful.

○ Lord, save thy people.
And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, ○ Lord.
Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, ○ God.

○ God, make clean our hearts within us.
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECTS

○ Lord, from whom all good things do come:
grant to us thy humble servants,
that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good,
and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Choir: Amen.

○ God, from whom all holy desires,
all good counsels, and all just works do proceed:
give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give;
that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments,
and also that, by thee,
we being defended from the fear of our enemies
may pass our time in rest and quietness;
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Choir: Amen.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, ○ Lord;
and by thy great mercy defend us
from all perils and dangers of this night;
for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Choir: Amen.

Please sit. The choir sings

THE ANTHEM

For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our joyful hymn of praise.*

For the beauty of each hour,
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light:

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our joyful hymn of praise.*

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild:

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our joyful hymn of praise.*

For each perfect gift of thine,
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven:

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our joyful hymn of praise.*

F. S. Pierpoint (1835-1917)

John Rutter (b. 1945)

SERMON

The Bishop of Lewes
The Right Reverend William Hazlewood

THE PRAYERS

Please sit or kneel. The Prayers conclude with the Grace:

All **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore.
Amen.**

Please stand.

HYMN

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**For the fruits of his creation,
thanks be to God;
for his gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe keeping,
thanks be to God.**

In the just reward of labour,
 God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbour,
 God's will is done;
in our world-wide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
 God's will is done.

For the harvests of his Spirit,
 thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit,
 thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
 thanks be to God.

Common Praise 254
F. Pratt Green (1903-2000)

East Acklam
Francis Jackson (1917-2022)

THE BLESSING

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

CLOSING MUSIC

PRELUDE IN E-FLAT MAJOR BWV 553

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Please remain standing as the procession departs.

All are welcome to join us for refreshments after the service, which will be served in the South Transept.