

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY 27 APRIL
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

11.15am Sung Eucharist

with music sung by the choir of St Mary the Virgin, Ewell
Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean, The Very Revd Dr Edward Dowler

ENTRANCE HYMN

The Day of Resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness,
The Passover of God!
From death to life eternal,
From earth unto the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over
With hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,
That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal
Of resurrection-light;
And, listening to his accents,
May hear so calm and plain
His own 'All hail,' and, hearing,
May raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful,
And earth her song begin,
The round world keep high triumph,
And all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen
Their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord hath risen,
Our joy that hath no end.

Words: Greek, *St John of Damascus* (c.750)

tr. J. M. Neale (1816-1866);

Music: ELLACOMBE, Mainz *Gesangbuch* (1833)

COLLECT

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and
wickedness
that we may always serve you in pureness of living and
truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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 Acts 5: 27-32

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they made them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jesus said 'Have you believed because you can see me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

GOSPEL READING John 20: 19-31

When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Liturgy of Baptism

Presentation of the Candidate

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome Miriam, and uphold her in her new life in Christ?

All: With the help of God, we will.

Parents and godparents, the Church receives this child with joy. Today we are trusting God for her growth in faith. Will you pray for her, draw her by your example into the community of faith and walk with her in the way of Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism Miriam begins her journey in faith. You speak for her today. Will you care for her, and help her to take her place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

With the help of God, we will.

The Decision

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you renounce evil?

I renounce evil.

Signing with the Cross

Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

All: Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world, and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you from the power of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **All: Amen**

Profession of Faith

Let us affirm together with Miriam's parents and godparents our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist.

All: I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

All: I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God.

All: I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

All: This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The priest baptizes the candidate.

Anointing with Chrism

God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin, given you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and welcomed you into his holy people. He now anoints you with the chrism of salvation. As Christ was anointed priest, prophet and king, so may you always live as a member of his body, sharing everlasting life.

All: Amen

Giving of a Lighted Candle

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light.

You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

All: Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

OFFERTORY HYMN

This joyful Eastertide,

Away with sin and sorrow.

My Love, the Crucified,

Hath sprung to life this morrow:

*Had Christ, that once was slain,
Ne'er burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now hath Christ arisen.*

My flesh in hope shall rest,
And for a season slumber:
Till trump from east to west
Shall wake the dead in number: *Had Christ...*

Death's flood hath lost his chill,
Since Jesus crossed the river:
Lover of souls, from ill
My passing soul deliver: *Had Christ...*

Words: G. R. Woodward (1848-1934);

Music: THIS JOYFUL EASTERTIDE,
melody from David's Psalmen Amsterdam (1685)

COMMUNION HYMN—*please remain seated*

Lord Jesus Christ, You have come to us,
You are one with us, Mary's Son;
Cleansing our souls from all their sin,
Pouring your love and goodness in;
Jesus, our love for you we sing,
Living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, Now and every day
Teach us how to pray, Son of God.
You have commanded us to do
This in remembrance, Lord, of you:
Into our lives your power breaks through,
Living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, You have come to us,
Born as one of us, Mary's Son;
Led out to die on Calvary,
Risen from death to set us free,
Living Lord Jesus, help us see
You are Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, I would come to you,
Live my life for you, Son of God.
All your commands I know are true,
Your many gifts will make me new,
Into my life your power breaks through,
Living Lord.

Words: *Patrick Appleford (1924-2018)*
Music: *LIVING LORD, Patrick Appleford*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN

Now is eternal life,
If risen with Christ we stand,
In him to life reborn,
And holden in his hand;
No more we fear death's ancient dread,
In Christ arisen from the dead.

For God, the living God,
Stooped down to man's estate;
By death destroying death,
Christ opened wide life's gate:
He lives, who dies; he reigns on high;
Who lives in him shall never die.

Unfathomed love divine,
Reign thou within my heart;
From thee nor depth nor height,
Nor life nor death can part;
Our life is hid with God in thee,
Now and through all eternity.

Words: *G. W. Briggs (1875-1959);*
Music: *CHRISTCHURCH, Charles Steggall (1826-1905)*

TODAY'S MUSIC

This weekend we are delighted to welcome the choir of
St Mary the Virgin, Ewell to sing our services.

Mass setting: *Missa Secunda*
Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)
Motet: *Here, O My Soul*
Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)
Closing Music: *Marche Pontificale*
Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

SERVICES THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

Sunday

8.00am **Holy Communion** (BCP)
9.15am **Eucharist** for children, families and
caregivers
10.15am **Choral Mattins**
11.15am **Choral Eucharist**
1.30pm **St George's Day Service**
for Chichester District Scouts and Chichester
Division Girlguiding
3.00pm **Evening Prayer** (27 April—said)

Monday-Saturday

7.45am **Morning Prayer**
8.00am **Holy Communion**
5.30pm **Choral Evensong** (Monday & Tuesday—said
Evening Prayer)

There is an additional celebration of **Holy
Communion** according to the Book of Common Prayer
on Thursdays at 10.30am.

On Wednesday we welcome the **Otter Consort of the
University of Chichester** to sing Choral Evensong.

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].

NOTICES

Lunchtime concert Our Tuesday concert series resumes this week, 29 April at 1.10pm, with pianist Elena Toponogova.

Canon Jack Dunn's last service at the Cathedral will be on **4 May 2025**. If you wish to contribute towards a leaving gift for Jack you can do so via bank transfer to:

- Dean & Chapter of Chichester Cathedral
- Account No: 20702426; Sort code: 60 05 24
(Please use the reference "JACK") Alternatively, cash in a clearly-labelled envelope can be handed to the Vergers.

The advertisement for the post of **Canon Chancellor** is now live on the Cathedral website.

The Congregational Forum will be meeting with the Dean on Wednesday 7 May. If you have questions that you wish to be raised and discussed, please speak to the forum members: James Allport, Fiona Goward, Sarah Quail, Rosemary Webb and John Workman or email Louise Smith directly, FAO The Dean:

louise.smith@chichestercathedral.org.uk

Christian Aid This year's Lent Lunches raised £1051—many thanks to all who took part and helped make these events happen. Christian Aid week takes place 11-17 May and there are two notable events; Cathedral Evensong at 5.30pm on Tuesday 13 May, and a collection at the Market Cross on Saturday 18 May between 10am and 3pm.

Electoral & Community Rolls (1) The new Rolls have now been published and are available for inspection, at the West Doors. We can make any corrections, but nobody can be added or removed. (2) All are invited to join us in reflecting upon the year at our annual meeting—the agenda is available on the Cathedral website. Sunday 11 May following the 11.15 Eucharist.

Chichester950 Concert: Together In Unity Join us on Saturday 17 May, 7.00pm, for an extraordinary evening celebrating the 60th anniversary of **Leonard Bernstein's Chichester Psalms**. This iconic work will be performed by Chichester Cathedral Choir in its exquisite arrangement for harp, organ and percussion, under the direction of Charles Harrison. The programme also features a world premiere by acclaimed composer **Joanna Marsh**. Commissioned in celebration of our 950th anniversary and inspired by Psalm 90, this work will beautifully complement Bernstein's masterpiece, and will be performed alongside other choral favourites. Tickets are available through the Cathedral website.

Cathedral Fellowship The remaining events this season are as follows:

- Tuesday 20 May, 2.15pm, Vicars' Hall
A virtual tour of Chichester with Adam Taylor, Chichester City Guide

- Tuesday 17 June, 2.15pm, Vicars' Hall
Religion, rebellion and reformation: the curator's choice
Canon Treasurer, the Reverend Vanessa Baron, talks about the exhibition in the Cathedral marking pivotal moments in the history of the diocese and Cathedral.

No booking required; free, but donations welcome. For more information, please contact Canon Stephen Hoy on 07943 715279 or email [fellow-](mailto:fellow-ship@chichestercathedral.org.uk)

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The programme will resume on 15 September (meetings from September will be on Monday afternoons).

Thank you to all who worked so hard contributing to our services over Holy Week and Easter.

SUPPORT CHORAL MUSIC AT THE CATHEDRAL

Since the launch of our match funding for music campaign in February 2025, **£135,000 (excluding Gift Aid) has been raised** from 200 generous supporters - a strong and encouraging start toward our £950,000 match funding goal.

Also our **new campaign video has now been released**

- featuring our choir performing a Sir John Rutter piece, filmed from beautiful and rarely seen angles of the Cathedral and its choristers. Do give it a watch via the Cathedral's YouTube channel and share it with others.

There is still a journey ahead, but with your continued generosity we're well on our way. Thank you for being part of this.

www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/support-music

Every note matters. Donate now! To donate either use the QR code or make a bank transfer to Chichester Cathedral Restoration & Development Trust CIO. Bank account: Barclays Bank, Account number: 53716384, Sort code: 20-20-62. (Please add your name as a reference, so that we can thank you), visit <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/27733>, or contact the Chichester Cathedral Restoration and Development Trust for more information trust@chichestercathedral.org.uk



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