



WORCESTER CATHEDRAL

Services and Music February 2023

The three Sundays before Lent used to rejoice (and still do, for users of the Book of Common Prayer) in the names Septuagesima, Sexagesima, and Quinquagesima. The names mean, respectively, the Seventieth, Sixtieth, and Fiftieth days before Easter, which is a puzzling piece of arithmetic. They are now known as the Third Sunday, the Second Sunday, and the Sunday Next before Lent, which is rather dull, but the arithmetic is unarguable. In the older lectionaries (arrangements for readings through the year) the story of creation was read on Septuagesima, and there was a lovely sequence of hymns to be sung at evensong day by day throughout the period, tracing each day of creation in turn. (These hymns can be found in the English Hymnal.)

Everything that reminds us of God's creation reminds us of our responsibilities towards it, and of the Cathedral's own developing eco agenda. Sometimes we think of that solely in terms of actions. But there is also the 'action' of prayer, praying our way through our responsibility for God's creation. May the Sundays before Lent, with their memories of a 'creation season' prompt our praying for the well being of God's world.

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All choral services are sung by the cathedral choir unless otherwise stated.

January 2023

In Residence: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins

Sunday 29th January

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 71.1-6, 15-17
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
- 10.30 am **Sung Eucharist** (*sung by the Youth Choir*)
Communion Service in F *Herbert Sumson* Psalm 36.5-10
Jesu, the very thought of thee Edward Bairstow
- 4.00 pm **Evensong** (*Lower voices*) Preacher: The Dean
The Worcester Service *Piers Connor Kennedy* Responses: *Harris*
Laetatus sum Heinrich Isaac Psalm 34
Hymns 430, 471
- 6.30 pm **A Ceremony of Carols** (*sung by the Cathedral Choristers and Voluntary Choir*)
A Ceremony of Carols Benjamin Britten
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Monday 30th

Charles, king and martyr, 1649

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 1, 2, 3
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
- 5.30 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Hunt*
The Fourth Service *Adrian Batten* Psalms 4, 7
A Pilgrim's Prayer John Rutter

Tuesday 31st

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 5, 6, 8
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
- 5.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalms 9, 10

February 2023

Wednesday 1st February

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 119.1-32
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
1.00 pm	Holy Communion	
5.30 pm	Evensong (<i>Upper voices</i>)	Responses: Plainsong
	The Second Service <i>Philip Moore</i>	Psalms 118
	The Call <i>Ralph Vaughan Williams</i>	

VERSE: CANTORIS

Thursday 2nd Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

Day of music endowed by Angela Sutton.

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 48, 146
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
12.15 pm	Lunchtime Recital	Jordan English (organ)
5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalms 122, 132
5.30 pm	Sung Eucharist	
	Communion Service in E <i>Harold Darke</i>	Psalms 24.7-end
	The Presentation of Christ in the Temple <i>Johannes Eccard</i>	
	Preacher: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins	

Friday 3rd Anskar, archbishop, missionary, 865

Day of music endowed by Rosalind, Lady Morrison.

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 17, 19
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
11.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>Jackson</i>
	The Truro Service <i>Gabriel Jackson</i>	Psalms 22
	Senex puerum portabat <i>William Byrd</i>	

February 2023

Saturday 4th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 20, 21, 23
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
5.30 pm	Evensong (<i>sung by the Youth Choir</i>)	Responses: <i>Morley</i>
	Evening Service in G minor <i>Henry Purcell</i>	Psalms 24, 25
	My beloved spake <i>Henry Purcell</i>	Hymns 432 (omit vv 2,5,6), 472
7.30 pm	Concert	Piccadilly Sinfonietta
	Double Violin Concerto in A minor <i>Antonio Vivaldi</i>	
	Piano Concerto No.2 in F minor <i>Frédéric Chopin</i>	
	The Four Seasons <i>Antonio Vivaldi</i>	

In Residence: The Dean

Sunday 5th

Third Sunday before Lent

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 5, 6
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	
	Messe Solennelle <i>Jean Langlais</i>	Psalm 112.1-9
	Jesu dulcis memoria <i>Pierre Villette</i>	
	Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan	
4.00 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>Jackson</i>
	Evening Service in F <i>Harold Darke</i>	Psalms 1, 3, 4
	Hymn to the Creator of Light <i>John Rutter</i>	Hymns 481, 354
6.30 pm	Evening Worship (<i>sung by the Voluntary Choir</i>)	
	Make me a light <i>Philip Wilby</i>	
	Nunc dimittis in C <i>George Dyson</i>	

February 2023

Monday 6th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 27, 30
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>Moore</i>
	The Fauxbourdon Service <i>William Byrd</i>	Psalms 26, 28, 29
	O hearken thou <i>Edward Elgar</i>	

Tuesday 7th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 32, 36
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalm 33

Wednesday 8th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 34
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
1.00 pm	Holy Communion	
5.30 pm	Evensong (<i>Upper voices</i>)	Responses: <i>Nardone</i>
	Evening Service in E flat <i>Edward Bairstow</i>	Psalm 119.33-56
	And now another day is gone <i>Leonard Blake</i>	

VERSE: DECANI

Thursday 9th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 37
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>Moore</i>
	Evening Service in E minor <i>Richard Drakeford</i>	Psalms 39, 40
	Never weather-beaten sail <i>Charles Wood</i>	

Friday 10th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 31
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
11.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>Jackson</i>
	The Short Service <i>Nathaniel Patrick</i>	Psalm 35
	Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake <i>Richard Farrant</i>	

February 2023

Saturday 11th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 41, 42, 43
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>Jackson</i>
	Evening Service in <i>G Herbert Howells</i>	Psalms 45, 46
	O Lorde, the maker of al thing <i>John Joubert</i>	Hymns 356, 477

In Residence: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins

Sunday 12th

Second Sunday before Lent

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 100, 150
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	
	Messe Brève in C <i>Charles Gounod</i>	Psalms 136.1-9, 23-end
	Ubi caritas <i>Grayston Ives</i>	Preacher: The Revd Dr Robin Parry
4.00 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>Moore</i>
	The Chichester Service <i>William Walton</i>	Psalms 148
	O how glorious is the Kingdom <i>Basil Harwood</i>	Hymns 349, 422 (omit 2 and 7)
6.30 pm	Evening Worship (sung by the Voluntary Choir)	
	O God of all creation <i>Johann Sebastian Bach</i>	
	Lord of all hopefulness <i>Malcolm Archer</i>	

Monday 13th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 44
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>Jackson</i>
	The Second Service <i>William Byrd</i>	Psalms 47, 49
	All wisdom cometh from the Lord <i>Philip Moore</i>	

February 2023

Tuesday 14th

Cyril and Methodius, missionaries to the Slavs, 869 and 885

Day of music endowed by Michael Thomas.

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 48, 52
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalms 50

Wednesday 15th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 119.57-80
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
1.00 pm	Holy Communion	
5.30 pm	Evensong (<i>Upper voices</i>)	Responses: <i>Nardone</i>
	The Durham Service <i>Christopher Totney</i>	Psalms 59, 60
	All things bright and beautiful <i>John Rutter</i>	

VERSE: CANTORIS

Thursday 16th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 56, 57
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
12.15 pm	Lunchtime Recital	Ensembles from the King's School, Worcester
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>Moore</i>
	Evening Service in D flat <i>Sydney Nicholson</i>	Psalms 61, 62, 64
	O Lord, increase our faith <i>Henry Loosemore</i>	

Friday 17th

Janani Luwum, archbishop of Uganda, martyr, 1977

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 51, 54
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
11.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
5.30 pm	Evensong (<i>Lower voices</i>)	Responses: <i>Cleobury</i>
	Evening Service in E <i>Charles Wood</i>	Psalms 38
	In manus tuas <i>John Sheppard</i>	

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Saturday 18th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 68
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
5.30 pm	Evensong (<i>sung by the Thames Head Singers</i>)	Responses: <i>Smith</i>
	Evening Service in <i>G Herbert Sumsion</i>	Psalms 65, 66
	Evening Hymn <i>Henry Balfour Gardiner</i>	Hymns 402, 420

In Residence: The Revd Canon Dr Stephen Edwards

Sunday 19th

Sunday before Lent

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 72
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
10.30 am	Sung Eucharist (<i>sung by the Thames Head Singers</i>)	
	Communion Service in <i>F Harold Darke</i>	Psalm 99
	<i>Jesu, the very thought of thee Edward Bairstow</i>	
		Preacher: The Dean
4.00 pm	Evensong (<i>sung by the Thames Head Singers</i>)	Responses: <i>Smith</i>
	Evening Service in <i>D minor Thomas Attwood Walmisley</i>	Psalm 84
	<i>O how amiable are thy dwellings Ralph Vaughan Williams</i>	
		Hymns 176, 177 (tune 112)

Monday 20th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 71
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalms 72, 75

Tuesday 21st

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 73
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalm 74

February 2023

Wednesday 22nd

Ash Wednesday

Day of music endowed by the Dean and Chapter for the Very Revd Peter and Mrs Nancy Marshall.

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 38
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
1.00 pm	Holy Communion	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalm 102
7.30 pm	Sung Eucharist (<i>sung by the Chamber Choir</i>)	
	Communion Service in C and F <i>Charles V Stanford</i>	Psalm 51.1-17
	Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake <i>Richard Farrant</i>	
	Ave verum corpus <i>William Byrd</i>	
	Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan	

VERSE: DECANI

Thursday 23rd

Polycarp, bishop, martyr, c. 155

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 78.1-39
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalm 78.41-end

Friday 24th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 55
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
11.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalm 69

Saturday 25th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 76, 79
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
5.30 pm	Evensong (<i>sung by the Christopher Wren Singers</i>)	Responses: Plainsong
	Evening Service in C minor <i>George Dyson</i>	Psalms 81, 84
	And didst thou travel light <i>Richard Shepherd</i>	Hymns 69, 393

February 2023

In Residence: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

Sunday 26th

First Sunday of Lent

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 119.1-16
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
- 10.30 am **Sung Eucharist** Psalm 32
- Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Stephen Edwards
- 4.00 pm **Evensong** (*sung by the Christopher Wren Singers*) Responses: Plainsong
- Evening Service in E flat *Edward Bairstow* Psalm 50.1-15
- Cast thy burden upon the Lord *Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy*
- Hymns 64, 70
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Monday 27th

George Herbert, priest, poet, 1633

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 80, 82
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
- 5.30 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Radcliffe*
- Evening Service in A *Herbert Sumsion* Psalms 123, 131
- Love bade me welcome *Ralph Vaughan Williams* Hymn 60

Tuesday 28th

Oswald, bishop of Worcester, 992

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 34.1-8
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
- 5.00 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalm 119.57-64
- 5.30 pm **Sung Eucharist** (*sung by the Chamber Choir of King's School, Worcester*)
- Missa Brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo *Josef Haydn* Psalm 112.1-9
- O sacrum convivium *Luigi Molino* Preacher: The Dean

March 2023

Wednesday 1st March David, bishop, patron of Wales, c. 601 Ember Day

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 119.105-128
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
9.00 am	King's School Ash Wednesday Service	
1.00 pm	Holy Communion	
5.30 pm	Evensong with CWF Graduations (<i>Upper voices</i>)	
	Evening Service in F <i>Sydney Watson</i>	Responses: Plainsong
	I give you a new commandment <i>Peter Aston</i>	Psalms 24
		Hymns 441, 336

VERSE: CANTORIS

Thursday 2nd Chad, bishop of Lichfield, missionary, 672

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 90, 92
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: Rose
	The Fauxbourdon Service <i>Healey Willan</i>	Psalms 94
	Ave verum corpus <i>Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart</i>	Hymn 60

Friday 3rd Ember Day

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 88, 95
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
11.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: Radcliffe
	Dein Will gescheh <i>Johann Sebastian Bach</i>	
	The Fauxbourdon Service <i>Jeremy Woodside</i>	Psalms 102
	Nolo mortem peccatoris <i>Thomas Morley</i>	Hymn 60

Saturday 4th Ember Day

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 96, 97, 100
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
5.30 pm	Evensong attended by members of Rotary	Responses: Rose
	Evening Service in D <i>Charles Wood</i>	Psalms 104
	Be thou my vision <i>Bob Chilcott</i>	Hymns 359 (tune 322), 333

March 2023

In Residence: The Dean

Sunday 5th

Second Sunday of Lent

Day of music endowed by Caroline Aldhouse.

7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 74

8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)

10.30 am **Sung Eucharist** (*Lower voices*)

Missa Inter Vestibulum *Francisco Guerrero* Psalm 121

God so loved the world *Henry Ley*

Preacher: The Revd Charmian Manship

4.00 pm **County Civic Service** Responses: *Radcliffe*

Evening Service in A minor *Thomas Tertius Noble* Psalm 147.1-12

For the beauty of the earth *Ian King*

Preacher: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins

6.30 pm **Evening Worship** (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)

Turn thy face from my sins *Thomas Attwood*

Forty days and forty nights *Martin Herbst arr. Harrison Oxley*
