



WORCESTER CATHEDRAL

Services and Music April 2023

The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is the pivotal moment of human history. In the first few centuries of the Church, the whole passion narrative was recalled in one single liturgy that began at night and continued into Easter morning. But gradually, starting in Jerusalem where the events first took place, Christians began to relive them in real time. This is the origin of what we now call Holy Week. We begin with Palm Sunday, the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. We continue with Maundy Thursday and the Last Supper; Good Friday and the cross; Easter, the empty tomb and our risen Lord.

In an echo of the ancient tradition, the liturgies of these Great Three Days are, strictly speaking, a single act of worship that begins on the Thursday evening and continues until Easter Day. Participating in the whole Triduum can be an extraordinarily powerful experience.

But the Easter Liturgy itself is the most important service of the Christian year. It is an especially rich feast, comprising a vigil in which we recall the saving work of God in the Old Testament, the lighting of the Easter Candle, baptism and confirmation, and finally the celebration of the Eucharist. The whole Church year builds up to this moment, everything flows from it. Do come and experience it for yourself.

John Paul Hoskins

Dean:
Canon Precentor:
Director of Music:

Peter Atkinson
John Paul Hoskins
Samuel Hudson

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

March 2023

In Residence: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

Sunday 26th March

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Passion Sunday

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 86
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (BCP) (with livestream)
- 10.30 am **Sung Eucharist**
Communion Service in D *Kenneth Leighton* Psalm 130
Christus factus est Anton Bruckner
Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan
- 4.00 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Moore*
Wer hat dich so geschlagen Johann Sebastian Bach
Collegium Sancti Johannis Cantabrigiense Herbert Howells Psalm 30
Ruht wohl, ihr heiligen Gebeine Johann Sebastian Bach Hymns 379, 62
- 6.30 pm **Evening Worship** (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)
With loving hands Noël Tredinnick
My song is love unknown Malcolm Archer
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Monday 27th

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 27, 30
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
- 11.30 am **Chrism Eucharist**
President and Preacher: The Bishop of Oswestry
- 5.30 pm **Evensong with Installation of Honorary Canons**
Er nahm alles wohl in acht Johann Sebastian Bach Responses: *Tomkins*
Evening Service in G Herbert Sumsion Psalms 26, 28, 29
Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks Herbert Howells Hymn 60

Tuesday 28th

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

March / April 2023

Wednesday 29th

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: Plainsong
	The Second Service <i>Philip Moore</i>	Psalm 119.33-56
	O grosse Lieb' <i>Johann Sebastian Bach</i>	Hymn 60

VERSE: CANTORIS

Thursday 30th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 37
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
9.00 am	King's School Passiontide Service	
5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalms 39, 40
5.30 pm	All Creatures Great and Small: A Service of Blessing for Animals (<i>admission by free ticket only, available from www.eventbrite.co.uk</i>)	

Friday 31st

Day of music endowed by the Foundation for Sport and the Arts.

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 31
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
11.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalm 35
7.30 pm	Concert	Worcester Cathedral Choir
	St John Passion <i>Johann Sebastian Bach</i>	Musical & Amicable Society

Saturday 1st April

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 41, 42, 43
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalms 45, 46

April 2023

HOLY WEEK

In Residence: The Dean

Sunday 2nd

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

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

10.30 am **The Liturgy of Palm Sunday**

Hosanna to the Son of David *Thomas Weelkes*

Mass for Four Voices *William Byrd*

Salvator mundi *Thomas Tallis*

Preacher: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins

The congregation meets in Cathedral Square for the blessing of palms, followed by the procession into the Cathedral, the dramatic reading of the Passion, and the Eucharist.

4.00 pm **Evensong**

Evening Service in E *Herbert Murrill*

God so loved the world *John Stainer*

6.30 pm **A Service of Music and Readings for Holy Week** (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)

Ex ore innocentium *John Ireland*

I give you a new commandment *Peter Nardone*

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? *arr. Nicholas Freestone*

Palm Sunday

Psalms 61, 62

Responses: *Rose*

Psalms 80

Hymns 84, 94

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Monday 3rd

Monday of Holy Week

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 41
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
- 11.00 am **Diocesan Chrism Eucharist**
Collegium Regale *Herbert Howells* Psalm 133
View me, Lord *Richard Lloyd* President and Preacher: The Bishop
The clergy and lay ministers of the diocese renew their commitment to ministry, and oils are blessed for baptism, confirmation, ordination and the anointing of the sick.
- 5.30 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Tomkins*
The Fifth Service *Thomas Tomkins* Psalm 25
Solus ad victimam Kenneth Leighton Hymn 79
- 8.00 pm **Compline** (*sung by the Chamber Choir*)
Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Stephen Edwards
The ancient and beautiful service of Compline or Night Prayer, with a short address.

Tuesday 4th

Tuesday of Holy Week

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 27
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
- 5.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalm 55.12-23
- 2.30 pm **Service to Commemorate the life of Richard Shaw**
- 8.00 pm **Compline** (*sung by the Youth Choir*)
Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan
The ancient and beautiful service of Compline or Night Prayer, with a short address.

April 2023

Wednesday 5th

Wednesday of Holy Week

7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 102

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

1.00 pm **Holy Communion**

5.30 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Moore*

The Fauxbourdon Service *Percy Whitlock* Psalm 88

Let mine eyes run down with tears *Henry Purcell* Hymn 79

8.00 pm **Compline** (*Lower voices*)

Preacher: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins

The ancient and beautiful service of Compline or Night Prayer, with a short address.

VERSE: DECANI

Thursday 6th

Maundy Thursday

8.00 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 42, 43

12.15 pm **Devotional Recital** Worcester Cathedral Youth Choir
Crucifixion *Bryan Kelly*

5.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalm 39

8.00 pm **The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday**

Mass in G minor *Ralph Vaughan Williams* Psalm 116.10-end

Ubi caritas et amor *Maurice Duruflé*

Tantum ergo *Maurice Duruflé*

Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Stephen Edwards

This Eucharist commemorates the Last Supper, and includes the procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the altar of repose for the watch, a time of silent prayer commemorating the Lord's agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. The Cathedral remains open until midnight for those who wish to take part in the watch.

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Friday 7th

8.00 am **Morning Prayer with Litany**

Psalm 69

1.30 pm **The Liturgy of Good Friday**

Psalm 22

The Passion according to St John *Tomas Luis da Victoria*

The Reproaches *John Sanders*

O vos omnes *Pablo Casals*

Preacher: The Dean

The Liturgy includes the choral recitation of the Passion, prayers of intercession, the veneration of the cross, and concludes with the giving of Holy Communion.

5.30 pm **Evening Prayer**

Psalms 130, 143

Saturday 8th

8.00 am **Morning Prayer**

Psalm 142

5.30 pm **Evening Prayer**

Psalm 116

8.00 pm **The Easter Liturgy**

Missa Brevis *Jonathan Dove*

Easter *Ralph Vaughan Williams*

Preacher: The Bishop

The Easter Liturgy service begins with a vigil, followed by the lighting of the Easter candle, and the baptism or confirmation of candidates from across the diocese. All take part in the renewal of baptismal vows, and the first Eucharist of Easter.

Easter Eve

April 2023

In Residence: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins

Sunday 9th

EASTER DAY

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 114, 117
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (BCP) (with livestream)
- 10.30 am **Sung Eucharist**
Missa Brevis Zoltán Kodály Psalm 118.14-24
This joyful Eastertide William Harris Preacher: The Bishop
- 4.00 pm **Evensong** Responses: Rose
Evening Service in B minor Hugh Blair Psalm 66.1-11
Laudibus in sanctis William Byrd Hymns 113, 117
- 6.30 pm **A Service of Music and Readings for Easter** (sung by the
Voluntary Choir)
O sons and daughters, let us sing arr. Nicholas Freestone
Sing, choirs of heaven Richard Shephard
Lord of the Dance Sydney Carter arr. John Barnard
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Monday 10th

Monday of Easter Week

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 111, 117, 146
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
- 5.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalm 135

Tuesday 11th

Tuesday of Easter Week

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 112, 147.1-12
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
- 5.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalm 136

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Wednesday 12th

Wednesday of Easter Week

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 113, 147.13-end
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
1.00 pm	Holy Communion	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalms 105

VERSE: CANTORIS

Thursday 13th

Thursday of Easter Week

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 114, 148
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalms 106

Friday 14th

Friday of Easter Week

Day of music endowed by John and Shirley Gaston.

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 115, 149
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
11.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
5.30 pm	Evensong (<i>sung by the Standish Consort</i>)	Responses: Tomkins
	Evening Service in D minor <i>Thomas Attwood Walmisley</i>	Psalms 107
	<i>Blessed city, heavenly Salem Edward Bairstow</i>	

Saturday 15th

Saturday of Easter Week

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 116, 150
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
5.30 pm	Evensong (<i>sung by the choir of St John the Baptist, Devizes</i>)	
	Evening Service in D A <i>Herbert Brewer</i>	Responses: Rose
	<i>Blessed be the God and Father Samuel Sebastian Wesley</i>	Psalms 145
		Hymns 115, 111

April 2023

In Residence: The Revd Canon Dr Stephen Edwards

Sunday 16th

The Second Sunday of Easter

Services today sung by the choir of St John the Baptist, Devizes.

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

Psalms 81.1-10

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

10.30 am **Sung Eucharist**

Communion Service in E *Harold Darke*

Psalms 16

O sacrum convivium *Giovanni Croce*

Preacher: Professor John Vickerman

4.00 pm **Evensong**

Responses: *Sanders*

The King's College Service *Joanna Forbes L'Estrange*

Psalms 30.1-5

Prevent us, O Lord *William Byrd*

Hymns 257, 446

Monday 17th

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

Psalms 1, 2, 3

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

5.30 pm **Evening Prayer**

Psalms 4, 7

Tuesday 18th

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

Psalms 5, 6, 8

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

5.30 pm **Evening Prayer**

Psalms 9, 10

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Wednesday 19th

**Alphege, archbishop of Canterbury,
martyr, 1012**

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

Psalms 119.1-32

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

1.00 pm **Holy Communion**

5.30 pm **Evening Prayer**

Psalms 11, 12, 13

VERSE: DECANI

Thursday 20th

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

Psalms 14, 15, 16

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

5.30 pm **Evening Prayer**

Psalms 18

Friday 21st

**Anselm, abbot, archbishop of Canterbury,
teacher of the faith, 1109**

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

Psalms 17, 19

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

11.30 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)

5.30 pm **Evening Prayer**

Psalms 22

Saturday 22nd

Day of music endowed by David and Carol Newman.

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

Psalms 20, 21, 23

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

5.30 pm **Evening Prayer**

Psalms 24, 25

April 2023

In Residence: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

Sunday 23rd

The Third Sunday of Easter

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 23
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (BCP) (with livestream)
- 10.30 am **Sung Eucharist**
Communion Service in G *Francis Jackson* Psalm 116.1-8
Let all mortal flesh keep silence *Edward Bairstow*
Preacher: The Dean
- 2.15 pm **Scouts' St George's Day Service**
- 4.00 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Moore*
Evening Service in D *Herbert Sumsion* Psalm 48
Sing ye to the Lord *Edward Bairstow* Hymns 256, 112
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Monday 24th

George, martyr, patron of England, c. 304

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 5, 146
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
- 5.30 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Moore*
Evening Service in E minor *Richard Drakeford* Psalms 3, 11
Rejoice in the Lord alway *Henry Purcell* Hymn 162

Tuesday 25th

Mark the Evangelist

Day of music endowed by Betty Judge.

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 37.23-41, 148
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
- 5.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalm 45

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Wednesday 26th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 34
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
1.00 pm	Holy Communion	
5.30 pm	Evensong (<i>sung by upper voices</i>)	Responses: <i>Nardone</i>
	Evening Service in F <i>Kenneth Long</i>	Psalm 119.33-56
	I will sing of thy great mercies, O Lord <i>Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy</i>	

VERSE: CANTORIS

Thursday 27th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 37
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
9.00 am	King's School Eastertide Service	
12.15 pm	Lunchtime Recital	William Saunders (organ)
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>Moore</i>
	Evening Service in D flat <i>Sydney Nicholson</i>	Psalms 39, 40
	The secret of Christ <i>Richard Shephard</i>	

Friday 28th

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>Hunt</i>
	Evening Service in A minor <i>Harold Darke</i>	Psalm 35
	Rise up, my love <i>Healey Willan</i>	

Saturday 29th Catherine of Siena, teacher of the faith, 1380

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 41, 42, 43
8.00 am	Holy Communion (with livestream)	
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>Hunt</i>
	The Alfrick Service <i>Peter Nardone</i>	Psalms 45, 46
	My beloved spake <i>Patrick Hadley</i>	Hymns 108, 121
7.30 pm	Concert	Worcester Cathedral Chamber Choir
	Ein Deutsches Requiem <i>Johannes Brahms</i>	

April 2023

In Residence: The Dean

Sunday 30th

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 106.6-24

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

10.30 am **Sung Eucharist**

Missa Sanctae Margaretae *Gabriel Jackson* Psalm 23

My shepherd is the living Lord *Thomas Tomkins*

Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Stephen Edwards

4.00 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Rose*

Evening Service in B minor *Herbert Howells* Psalm 29

Antiphon *Ralph Vaughan Williams* Hymns 114, 123

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

Brother James' Air *arr. Gordon Jacob*

O be joyful in the Lord *Benjamin Britten*
