



WORCESTER CATHEDRAL

Services and Music April 2026

At no time in the year should the Church be so conscious of her mission to the world as when celebrating the dying and rising of the Lord.

These words are from a manual for Holy Week published in 1967 and a chapter entitled, 'Religion in the Open Air' – a section which describes the experience of praying, singing and gathering outside as a witness to the passerby. Worship as evangelism is something which perhaps comes more easily to us at the great festivals. This year we shall begin the Easter Vigil outside in the newly reworked College Yard, gathering around a large fire as the city's traffic and Saturday night crowds pass by. From darkness to light, from silence to song, from death to life, these days of Holy Week and Easter not only move us spiritually but we move through different parts of the Cathedral, outside and within, to relive the story of our salvation. These acts of worship, ancient and powerful, invite us deep into the life of Christ and that invitation is offered to the passerby, to the city, and to the world. Let the curious question, the enquirer seek, and the world witness the greatest love of all.

Stephen Edwards

Dean:

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Director of Music:

Samuel Hudson

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

March 2026

HOLY WEEK

In Residence: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

Sunday 29th March

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

Kronstorfer Messe Anton Bruckner

Pueri Hebraeorum Tomás Luis de Victoria

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 G minor Francis Jackson

Salvator mundi John Blow

6.30 pm **Devotional Performance**

(sung by the Voluntary Choir and the Youth Choir)

The Crucifixion John Stainer

Palm Sunday

Psalms 61, 62

Preacher: The Revd Dr Jamie Klair

Psalm 31.10-20

Responses: Reading

Psalm 80

Hymns 88, 465

March/April 2026

Monday 30th

Monday of Holy Week

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 41
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
- 11.00 am **Chrism Eucharist**
Communion Service in D Kenneth Leighton Psalm 133
God so loved the world John Stainer 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** (Lower voices) Responses: Tallis
The Carlisle Service Michael Walsh Psalm 25
Laboravi in gemitu meo Antonio Caldara Hymn 80i
- 8.00 pm **Compline** (sung by the Chamber Choir)
The ancient and beautiful service of Compline or Night Prayer, with a short address Preacher: The Dean

Tuesday 31st

Tuesday of Holy Week

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

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 27
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (with livestream)
- 5.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalm 55.12-23
- 8.00 pm **Compline** (sung by the Youth Choir)
The ancient and beautiful service of Compline or Night Prayer, with a short address. Preacher: The Archdeacon of Dudley

Wednesday 1st April

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: Clucas
Collegium Sancti Johannis Cantabrigiense Herbert Howells Psalm 88
Ne irascaris, Domine William Byrd Hymn 80i
- 8.00 pm **Compline** (Lower voices)
The ancient and beautiful service of Compline or Night Prayer, with a short address. Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

April 2026

VERSE: DECANI

Thursday 2nd

8.00 am **Morning Prayer** (*with livestream*)

Psalms 42, 43

12.15 pm **Devotional Recital**

Youth Choir

5.30 pm **Evening Prayer**

Psalm 39

8.00 pm **The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday** (*with incense*)

Missa Brevis *William Walton*

Psalm 116.10-end

Ubi caritas et amor Maurice Duruflé

Ave verum corpus Edward Elgar

Preacher: The Dean

This Eucharist commemorates the Last Supper, and includes the Washing of Feet, and 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.

Friday 3rd

Good Friday

8.00 am **Morning Prayer and Litany** (*with livestream*)

Psalm 69

1.30 pm **The Liturgy of Good Friday**

The Passion according to St John *Tomás Luis de Victoria*

Psalm 22

The Reproaches *John Sanders*

Crucifixus a 8 *Antonio Lotti*

Preacher: The Archdeacon of Dudley

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

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Saturday 4th

Easter Eve

8.00 am **Morning Prayer** (*with livestream*)

Psalm 142

5.30 pm **Evening Prayer**

Psalm 116

8.00 pm **The Easter Liturgy** (*with incense*)

Missa Brevis Capella Regalis Anthony Caesar

I saw water flowing *arr. John Scott*

This joyful Eastertide *arr. Charles Wood*

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem *Charles Villiers Stanford*

Preacher: The Bishop

The Easter Liturgy service begins with the lighting of the Easter candle, followed by a vigil, 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.

In Residence: The Dean

Sunday 5th

EASTER DAY

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

Psalms 114, 117

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

Preacher: The Revd Dr John Fitzmaurice

10.30 am **Sung Eucharist**

Messe Solennelle *Louis Vierne*

Psalm 118.14-24

Alleluya psallat *Peter Aston*

Preacher: The Bishop

3.00 pm **Worship in the Garden**

entering the garden through the 'deliveries' doorway outside the Edgar Tower gate.

4.00 pm **Evensong**

Responses: *Clucas*

Evening Service in E *Samuel Sebastian Wesley*

Psalm 66.1-11

My beloved spake *Patrick Hadley*

Hymns 106, 112

6.30 pm **Music and Readings for Easter** (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)

This joyful Eastertide *arr. Sarah MacDonald*

Sing, choirs of heaven *Richard Shephard*

Lord of the Dance *arr. John Barnard*

April 2026

Monday 6th

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

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

5.30 pm **Evening Prayer**

Monday of Easter Week

Psalms 111, 117, 146

Psalm 135

Tuesday 7th

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

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

5.30 pm **Evening Prayer**

Tuesday of Easter Week

Psalms 112, 147.1-12

Psalm 136

Wednesday 8th

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

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

1.00 pm **Holy Communion**

5.30 pm **Evening Prayer**

Wednesday of Easter Week

Psalms 113, 147.13-end

Psalm 105

April 2026

VERSE: CANTORIS

Thursday 9th

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

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

5.30 pm **Evening Prayer**

7.30 pm **Concert**

The music of Luther Vandross by Candlelight

Thursday of Easter Week

Psalms 114, 148

Psalm 106

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Friday 10th

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

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

11.30 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)

5.30 pm **Evening Prayer**

Friday of Easter Week

Psalms 115, 149

Psalm 107

Saturday 11th

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

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

5.30 pm **Evensong** (*sung by the Gundulf Consort*)

Evening Service in A flat *Basil Harwood*

Death and darkness *Barry Ferguson* Hymns 100ii (omit vv3, 5, 6), 459

Saturday of Easter Week

Psalms 116, 150

Responses: *Tanner*

Psalm 145

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In Residence: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

Sunday 12th

The Second Sunday of Easter

7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 81.1-10

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

Preacher: The Revd Dr Jamie Klair

10.30 am **Sung Eucharist** *(sung by the Gundulf Consort)*

Gloria: Communion Service in E Harold Darke Psalm 16

Sanctus, Benedictus, Agnus Dei:

Missa Victimae Paschali Douglas Henn-Macrae

Most glorious Lord of life William Harris

Preacher: The Revd Dr John Fitzmaurice

4.00 pm **Evensong** *(sung by the Gundulf Consort)* Responses: Tanner

The Westminster Service Herbert Howells Psalm 30.1-5

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem Hugh Blair Hymns 104 (omit v2), 111

Monday 13th

7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 1, 2, 3

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

2.00 pm **The Funeral of Ian Clargo**

5.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalms 4, 7

Tuesday 14th

Day of music endowed by John and Shirley Gaston.

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 15th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 119.1-32
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
1.00 pm	Holy Communion	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalms 11, 12, 13

VERSE: DECANI

Thursday 16th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 14, 15, 16
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalm 18
7.30 pm	Concert The music of the Beatles by Candlelight	Concerts by Candlelight

Friday 17th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 17, 19
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
11.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalm 22
7.30 pm	Concert The music of Westlife by Candlelight	Concerts by Candlelight

Saturday 18th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 20, 21, 23
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalms 24, 25

April 2026

In Residence: The Dean

Sunday 19th

The Third Sunday of Easter

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 23
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion (BCP) (with livestream)**
Preacher: The Revd Dr John Fitzmaurice
- 10.30 am **Eucharist with Hymns with the Baptism of Shauriana Imani Daud** Psalm 116.1-8
Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan
- 4.00 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalm 48
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Monday 20th

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 27, 30
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion (with livestream)**
- 5.30 pm **Evensong** Responses: Rose
Evening Service in B flat *Edgar Day* Psalms 26, 28, 29
Rise up, my love *Healey Willan*

Tuesday 21st

**Anselm, Abbot, Archbishop of Canterbury,
Teacher of the Faith, 1109**

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 32, 36
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion (with livestream)**
- 8.45 am **King's Foundation Start of Term Service**
- 5.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalm 33

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Wednesday 22nd

Day of music endowed by David and Carol Newman.

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 34
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
1.00 pm	Holy Communion	
5.30 pm	Evensong <i>(sung by the Choral Scholars)</i>	Responses: Plainsong
	Canticles: Plainsong	Psalm 119.33-56
	<i>Surrexit Christus Jacob Handl</i>	

VERSE: CANTORIS

Thursday 23rd

George, Martyr, Patron of England, c. 304

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 5, 146
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
12.15 pm	Lunchtime Recital	Mark Brafield (organ)
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: Rose
	Collegium Regale <i>Herbert Howells</i>	Psalms 3, 11
	Blessed be the God and Father <i>Samuel Sebastian Wesley</i>	Hymn 218 (t. 361)

Friday 24th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 31
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
11.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
5.30 pm	Evensong <i>(Lower voices)</i>	Responses: <i>Cleobury</i>
	Evening Service in D <i>Robin Doveton</i>	Psalm 35
	<i>Upon this Holy Eastertide Johannes Eccard</i>	

Saturday 25th

Mark the Evangelist

Day of music endowed by Betty Judge.

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 37.23-end, 148
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>Reading</i>
	Evening Service in B flat <i>Henry Purcell</i>	Psalm 45
	O how glorious is the kingdom <i>Basil Harwood</i>	Hymns 163, 359 (t. 322)
7.30 pm	Concert	English Symphony Orchestra
	Five Beacons of Light <i>Cheryl Frances-Hoad</i>	SONORO
	Five Days that Changed the World <i>Bob Chilcott</i>	Youth Choral Worcs

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Sunday 26th

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 106.6-24
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (BCP) (*with livestream*)
Preacher: The Revd Dr Jamie Klair
- 10.30 am **Sung Eucharist**
Mass in *G Franz Schubert* Psalm 23
My shepherd is the living Lord Thomas Tomkins
Preacher: The Archdeacon of Dudley
- 1.00 pm **Scouts' St George's Day Service**
- 4.00 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Rose*
Evening Service in *A Charles Villiers Stanford* Psalm 29
Behold, the tabernacle of God William Harris Hymns 101 ii, 448
- 6.30 pm **Evening Worship** (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)
Love is come again arr. Michael Nicholas
Light of the World John Dankworth
Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan
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Monday 27th

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 44
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
- 5.30 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Tomkins*
The Fourth Service Adrian Batten Psalms 47, 49
Dum transisset sabbatum John Taverner

Tuesday 28th

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

April/May 2026

Wednesday 29th

**Catherine of Siena,
Teacher of the Faith, 1380**

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 119.57-80
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
1.00 pm	Holy Communion	
5.30 pm	Evensong <i>(sung by the Choral Scholars)</i>	Responses: Plainsong
	Canticles: Plainsong	Psalms 59, 60, 67
	Pascha nostrum <i>Conrad Rein</i>	

VERSE: DECANI

Thursday 30th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 56, 57, 63
12.15 pm	Lunchtime Recital	Stephen Power (organ)
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalms 61, 62, 64

Friday 1st May

Philip and James, Apostles

Day of music endowed by Les and Carol West.

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 139, 146
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
11.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
5.30 pm	Evensong attended by King's Scholars	Responses: Tomkins
	The Fauxbourdon Service <i>Percy Whitlock</i>	Psalms 149
	This joyful Eastertide <i>William Harris</i>	Hymns 164, 381
7.30 pm	Concert	B*Witched
	B*Witched – The Ripped Jeans Tour	

Saturday 2nd

**Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria,
Teacher of the Faith, 373**

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 68
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: Reading
	New College Service <i>Herbert Howells</i>	Psalms 65, 66
	The Song of Solomon <i>Ian Venables</i>	Hymns 247, 423ii
7.30 pm	Concert	Boyzlife
	Boyzlife Live	

May 2026

In Residence: The Dean

Sunday 3rd

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 30

8.00 am **Holy Communion** (BCP) (*with livestream*) Preacher: The Dean

10.30 am **Sung Eucharist**

Missa Brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo *Joseph Haydn* Psalm 31.1-6

Os justi *Anton Bruckner* Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

3.00 pm **Worship in the Garden**

entering the garden through the 'deliveries' doorway outside the Edgar Tower gate.

4.00 pm **Evensong**

Responses: *Tomkins*

The Three Choirs Service *Bob Chilcott*

Psalm 147.1-11

In exitu Israel *Samuel Wesley*

Hymns 108, 362

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

Jesus is Lord *Martin How*

A Jubilant Song *Mary Lynn Lightfoot*

Preacher: The Revd Dr Mark Dorsett
