



WORCESTER CATHEDRAL

Services and Music March 2026

During this month, the Christian tradition leads pilgrims further along the path of Lent. Traditionally, it has been understood as a season of seeking divine mercy and reflecting on human mortality.

This encounter between mercy and mortality is attested to in the Gospels. Christ offers wonderful images like exchanging the transient treasures one has for something priceless, or like deciding to return in broken humility to one's home as a stranger, only to be stopped short by a jubilant father who dresses brokenness in honour.

The 20th Century philosopher and political activist, Simone Weil, provides her insight into this exchange of undying mercy amidst our mortal lives: "Across the infinity of time and space, the infinitely more infinite love of God comes to possess us." As you enjoy the riches of this place over March, may you be led onwards along the currents of divine mercy.

Jamie Klair

Dean:
Director of Music:

Stephen Edwards
Samuel Hudson

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

March 2026

In Residence: The Dean

Sunday 1st March The Second Sunday of Lent

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 74
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
Preacher: The Revd Dr John Fitzmaurice
- 10.30 am **Sung Eucharist**
Collegium Regale *Herbert Howells* Psalm 121
Geistliches Lied *Johannes Brahms*
Preacher: The Revd Dr Mark Dorsett
- 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
Evening Service in A minor *T. Tertius Noble* Psalm 135
In ieiunio et fletu Thomas Tallis Hymns 416i, 357
- 6.30 pm **Evening Worship** (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)
Turn thy face from my sins Thomas Attwood
Forty days and forty nights arr. Harrison Oxley Preacher: The Dean
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Monday 2nd Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary, 672

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 80, 82
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
- 5.30 pm **Evensong** Responses: Sumsion
Evening Service in F *George Dyson* Psalms 85, 86
As truly as God is our Father William Mathias Hymn 59i

Tuesday 3rd

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 87, 89.1-18
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
- 10.30 am **University of Worcester Graduation Ceremony**
- 1.00 pm **University of Worcester Graduation Ceremony**
- 5.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalm 89.20-end

March 2026

Wednesday 4th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 119.105-128
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
	Plainsong Canticles	Psalms 91, 93
	O Domine Jesu Christe <i>Marco Antonio Ingegneri</i>	Hymn 59i

VERSE: DECANI

Thursday 5th

Day of music endowed by Caroline Aldhouse.

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 90, 92
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
12.15 pm	Lunchtime Recital	Alexis Hutchinson (alto)
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>Sumsion</i>
	The Paisley Service <i>Humphrey Clucas</i>	Psalm 94
	Like as the hart <i>Herbert Howells</i>	Hymn 59i

Friday 6th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 88, 95
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>Tallis</i>
	The Short Service <i>Adrian Batten</i>	Psalm 102
	Out of the deep <i>Thomas Tomkins</i>	Hymn 59i
7.30 pm	Concert	Concerts by Candlelight
	Country by Candlelight	

Saturday 7th Perpetua, Felicity and their Companions, Martyrs, 203

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 96, 97, 100
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>Shephard</i>
	Evening Service in F minor <i>Alan Gray</i>	Psalm 104
	Behold, thou hast made my days <i>Orlando Gibbons</i>	Hymns 71, 340i
7.30 pm	Concert	Concerts by Candlelight
	The Music of Queen by Candlelight	

March 2026

In Residence: The Dean

Sunday 8th

The Third Sunday of Lent

7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 46

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

Preacher: The Revd Dr Jamie Klair

10.30 am **Sung Eucharist**

Missa de Angelis *David Bednall*

Psalm 95

Sicut cervus *Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina*

Preacher: The Archdeacon of Dudley

4.00 pm **Evensong**

Responses: *Sumsion*

The Penitential Canticles *Adrian Lucas*

Psalm 40

Strengthen ye the weak hands *William Harris*

Hymns 372, 434

6.30 pm **Organ Devotion**

Nicholas Freestone (organ)

from Clavier-Übung III Johann Sebastian Bach

Kyrie, Gott Vater (BWV 669)

Christe, aller Welt Trost (BWV 670)

Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist (BWV 671)

Kyrie, Gott Vater (BWV 672)

Christe, aller Welt Trost (BWV 673)

Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist (BWV 674)

Aus tiefer Not schrei ich zu dir (BWV 686)

Aus tiefer Not schrei ich zu dir (BWV 687)

Monday 9th

Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, Priest, Poet, 1929

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

Psalms 98, 99, 101

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

5.30 pm **Evensong**

Responses: *Smith*

The Second Service *Thomas Tomkins*

Psalm 105

O Saviour of the world *John Goss*

Hymn 241

March 2026

Tuesday 10th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 106
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalm 107

Wednesday 11th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 110, 111, 112
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
	Plainsong Canticles	Psalm 119.129-152
	Let thy merciful ears, O Lord <i>Thomas Mudd</i>	Hymn 241

VERSE: CANTORIS

Thursday 12th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 113, 115
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
12.15 pm	Lunchtime Recital Musicians from Royal Birmingham Conservatoire	
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>Smith</i>
	Evening Service in D minor <i>Thomas Attwood Walmisley</i>	
	Miserere mei, Deus <i>William Byrd</i>	Psalms 114, 116, 117
		Hymn 241

Friday 13th

Day of music endowed by Ian Bell.

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 139
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
11.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>Smith</i>
	Fauxbourdon Service <i>David Cooper</i>	Psalms 130, 131, 137
	Nolo mortem peccatoris <i>Thomas Morley</i>	Hymn 241

March 2026

Saturday 14th

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 120, 121, 122
8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
2.00 pm **Wedding of James Roslington and Joanna Hemmings**
5.30 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Shephard*
The First Service *Thomas Tomkins* Psalm 118
Let mine eyes run down with tears *Henry Purcell* Hymns 66, 461

In Residence: The Dean

Sunday 15th

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mothering Sunday

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 19
8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*) Preacher: The Dean
10.30 am **Sung Eucharist**
Mass for Five Voices *William Byrd* Psalm 34.11-20
Mother of God, here I stand *John Tavener*
Preacher: The Revd Charmian Manship
4.00 pm **Evensong** (*Lower voices*) Responses: *Cleobury*
Evening Service in E *Herbert Howells* Psalm 23
Ave Maria Franz Biebl Hymns 62 (omit v. 2), 376
6.30 pm **Evening Worship** (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)
Ave Maria Simon Lindley
Like a mother with her child *Piers Maxim*
Preacher: The Revd Dr Robin Parry
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Monday 16th

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 123, 124, 125, 126
8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
5.30 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Sanders*
Evening Service in B minor *T. Tertius Noble* Psalms 127, 128, 129
Emendemus in melius William Byrd Hymn 60i

March 2026

Tuesday 17th

**Patrick, Bishop, Missionary,
Patron of Ireland, c. 460**

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 132, 133
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalms 134, 135
7.30 pm	Concert	
	Royal Grammar School, Worcester Spring Concert	

Wednesday 18th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 119.153-end
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
	Plainsong Canticles	Psalms 136
	<i>Tristis est anima mea Giovanni Croce</i>	Hymn 60i

VERSE: DECANI

Thursday 19th

Joseph of Nazareth

Day of music endowed by Derek Rowley.

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 25, 147.1-12
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
12.15 pm	Lunchtime Recital	Peter King (organ)
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: Sanders
	Fauxbourdon Service <i>John Holmes</i>	Psalms 1, 112
	<i>O ye that love the Lord Samuel Coleridge-Taylor</i>	Hymn 37

Friday 20th Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 687

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 142, 144
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
11.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
5.30 pm	Evensong <i>(Lower voices)</i>	Responses: Harris
	Evening Service in G <i>Charles Wood</i>	Psalms 145
	<i>In manus tuas John Sheppard</i>	Hymn 60i

March 2026

Saturday 21st Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1556

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 147
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
- 5.30 pm **Evensong** (*sung by the Chamber Choir*) Responses: *Tomkins*
Evening Service in G *Herbert Sumsion* Psalms 148, 149, 150
Almighty and everlasting God *Orlando Gibbons* Hymns 91, 471
- 7.30 pm **Concert** Worcester Festival Choral Society
Elijah Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

In Residence: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

Sunday 22nd The Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 86
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
Preacher: The Revd Dr John Fitzmaurice
- 10.30 am **Sung Eucharist**
Short Communion Service in the Phrygian Mode *Charles Wood*
A Litany *William Walton* Psalm 130
Preacher: The Dean
- 4.00 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Sanders*
The Gloucester Service *Kerensa Briggs* Psalm 30
The Lamentation *Edward Bairstow* Hymns 83, 95
- 6.30 pm **Evening Worship** (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)
O mortal man *arr. John Scott*
Jesu, grant me this, I pray *Orlando Gibbons arr. Nicholas Freestone*
Preacher: The Revd Dr Jamie Klair
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Monday 23rd

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 1, 2, 3
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
- 5.30 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Clucas*
The Short Service *Richard Farrant* Psalms 4, 7
Solus ad victimam Kenneth Leighton Hymn 79

March 2026

Tuesday 24th

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 5, 6, 8
8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
5.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalm 85

Wednesday 25th

The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 111, 113
8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
1.00 pm **Holy Communion**
5.00 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalms 131, 146
5.30 pm **Sung Eucharist** (*sung by the Choral Scholars, with incense*)
Missa Cum Jubilo *Plainsong* Psalm 40.6-13
Ave gratia plena *Cornelius Verdonck* Preacher: Canon Doug Chaplin

VERSE: CANTORIS

Thursday 26th

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 14, 15, 16
8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
12.15 pm **Lunchtime Recital** Fiona Hosford (harp)
5.30 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Clucas*
The Second Service *William Byrd* Psalm 18
Vinea mea electa Francis Poulenc Hymn 79

Friday 27th

- 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** (*Lower voices*) Responses: *Rose*
Fauxbourdon Service *William Byrd* Psalm 22
God so loved the world *Henry Ley* Hymn 79

March 2026

Saturday 28th

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 20, 21, 23
8.00 am **Holy Communion** *(with livestream)*
5.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalms 24, 25

HOLY WEEK

In Residence: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

Sunday 29th

Palm Sunday

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 61, 62
8.00 am **Holy Communion** *(with livestream)*
Preacher: The Revd Dr Jamie Klair
10.30 am **The Liturgy of Palm Sunday**
Hosanna to the Son of David *Thomas Weelkes*
Kronstorfer Messe *Anton Bruckner* Psalm 31.10-20
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** Responses: Reading
Evening Service in G minor *Francis Jackson* Psalm 80
Salvator mundi John Blow Hymns 88, 465
6.30 pm **Devotional Performance**
(sung by the Voluntary Choir and the Youth Choir)
The Crucifixion John Stainer
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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 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

April 2026

Saturday 4th

Easter Eve

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

Psalm 142

5.30 pm **Evensong**

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 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.

In Residence: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

Sunday 5th

EASTER DAY

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

Psalms 114, 117

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

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*
