GLOUCESTER
CATHEDRAL

Services and Music

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Welcome

'The voice of prayer is never silent,
nor dies the strain of praise away.'

For two millennia, Christians have been offering daily worship to God and since its foundation as a monastery in the eleventh century, there has been a daily rhythm of prayer in Gloucester Cathedral, which sustains our life and brings to God our own particular needs and the needs of the whole world. These services are just a small part of the eternal round of worship, which is never silent and will never die away.

Regular Worship

At the heart of our life is the regular cycle of daily prayer. Each day beings with the peaceful, said service of Morning Prayer, as we offer the day and all that it will hold to God. Our working day pauses at 12.30 p.m. to the offering of the Eucharist, often called *Holy Communion,* in either the Thomas Chapel or the Lady Chapel. The day draws to a close with Choral Evensong, sung by one of our choirs or said Evening Prayer. Our principal act of worship is the 10.15 a.m. Choral Eucharist on Sundays.

The Choral Eucharist on Sundays is live streamed on YouTube and Facebook. The cameras focus mainly on the clergy, choir and readers, but please alert one of the stewards if you do not wish to appear on camera.

Other Services

Morning Prayer on Sundays is said at 8.30 a.m. and the ancient office of Compline is said on Tuesdays at 8.30 p.m., both on Zoom. To join, email reception@gloucestercathedral.org.uk

Prayers for Peace and Justice are said on the first Tuesday of each month in person in the Cathedral and on Zoom. If you would like to join by Zoom, email reception@gloucestercathedral.org.uk

Commemorations in blue denote those with a direct link to the Cathedral, the city and county, and the link Dioceses

All hymns are taken from 'Common Praise' unless otherwise stated
(CW) – Common Worship: modern language
(BCP) – Book of Common Prayer: traditional language

Music at Gloucester Cathedral

Music has been at the heart of Gloucester Cathedral's worship for almost 1,000 years and today we have an international reputation for offering the finest music to the glory of God and for the enrichment of our worship. Music has the ability to transform and connect people through prayer and praise and we strive to promote a greater appreciation of its value by bringing people together to share in stimulating musical experiences.

The Cathedral has five choirs which sing regularly:

The Boy and Girl Choristers are separate choirs, which join for large occasions. Choristers join from the age of six and receive an outstanding musical education in their time here. They are educated at The King's School, Gloucester and enjoy an attractive Choral Scholarship for the duration of their choristership. They sing most of the services at the Cathedral, along with our Lay Clerks (professional adult singers).

The Junior Choir is a voluntary choir of around 35 children in years 1 to 6, which meets weekly for a singing rehearsal. They also perform in services and concerts, most notably in the Saturday Sing service each half term.

The St Benedict's Singers offers young people in Years 4-9 the opportunity to take the next step in their musical development. As members of the choir, they sing Evensong each Saturday, participate in major cathedral services, and sing alongside the Lay Clerks each half term.

The Trinity Singers is a choir made up of talented young singers in school years 9 to 13, from schools and colleges all around Gloucestershire, who perform to a very high standard. The choir often combines with the other choirs for major services and concerts.

For more information email choirs@gloucestercathedral.org.uk

SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER **ALL SAINTS' DAY**

0800 **Eucharist (BCP)** *Memorial Chapel*

0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Zoom*

1015 **Choral Eucharist (CW)** *Nave*
Sung by the Cathedral Choir
Setting: *Mozart*, Missa brevis in C 'Spatzenmesse'
Hymns: 230, 222, 229, 585
Sermon: The Reverend Canon Dr Sarah Brush
Vice Principal of Ripon College, Cuddesdon
Motet: *Bullock*, Give us the wings of faith
Voluntary: *J. S. Bach*, Prelude in E minor, BWV 548a

1500 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
Sung by the Cathedral Choir
Introit: *Victoria*, Gaudent in coelis
Responses: *Tomkins*
Psalms: 149
Canticles: *Stanford* in A
Anthem: *Harwood*, O how glorious is the kingdom
Sermon: The Canon Precentor
Hymn: 212
Voluntary: *J. S. Bach*, Fugue in E minor 'The Wedge', BWV 548b

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MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER Commemoration of the Faithful Departed
(All Souls' Day)
Henry Donald Maurice Spence Jones, Dean of Gloucester 1887-1917, d. 1917
Verses: *Cantoris*

0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*

1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*

1900 **Requiem Eucharist** *Quire*
Setting: *Fauré*, Requiem
Hymns: 589, 160
Sermon: The Canon Precentor

TUESDAY 3 NOVEMBER *Richard Hooker, priest, teacher of the faith, 1600*
Martin of Porres, friar, 1639

0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*

1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*

1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
Sung by the Cathedral Lay Clerks
Responses: *David Truslove*
Psalm: 33
Canticles: *Wood* in E
Anthem: *Handl*, Honestum fecit

WEDNESDAY 4 NOVEMBER *William Jennings, chaplain to Henry VIII, last prior of St Oswald's Priory, Gloucester; first Dean of Gloucester, 1541-65, d. 1565*
Josiah Tucker, Dean of Gloucester, 1758-99, d. 1799

0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*

1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*

1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
Sung by the Cathedral Choir
Responses: *Radcliffe*
Psalm: 119 vv. 33-56
Canticles: *Howells*, Collegium Regale
Anthem: *Handel*, His yoke is easy

THURSDAY 5 NOVEMBER

0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Thomas Chapel*

1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*

1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
Sung by the Trinity Singers
Responses: *David Halls*
Psalm: 118 vv. 1-16
Canticles: *Statham* in E minor
Anthem: *Andrew Smith*, There is no rose

FRIDAY 6 NOVEMBER *Leonard, hermit, 6th century*
William Temple, archbishop, teacher of the faith, 1944

0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*

1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*

1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
Sung by the Cathedral Choir
Responses: *Radcliffe*
Psalms: 143
Canticles: *Patrick*, Short Service
Anthem: *Farrant*, Call to remembrance

SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER Willibrord, bishop, 739

0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Sebroke Chapel*

1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*

1630 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
celebrating 10 years of the Cathedral Girl Choristers
Sung by the Cathedral Choristers past and present
Responses: *Aston*
Psalm: 149
Canticles: *Stanford* in D
Anthem: *Lindley*, Ave Maria
Hymn: 628

SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

0800 **Eucharist (BCP)** *Chapel of St Andrew*

0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Zoom*

1045 **Choral Eucharist (CW)** *Nave*
Sung by the Cathedral Choir
Setting: *Viadana*, Missa l'hora passa
Hymns: 191, 383, 308 (t.i), 508 (t. 507)
Sermon: The Canon Missioner
Motet: *Viadana*, Exultate justi
Voluntary: *J. S. Bach*, Prelude and Fugue in C minor, BWV 546

1500 **County Remembrance Service** *Nave*
Sung by the Cathedral Choir
Anthem: *Ireland*, Greater love hath no man
Sermon: The Dean
Voluntary: *Handel*, Overture: *The Occasional Oratorio* (arr. W. T. Best)

MONDAY 9 NOVEMBER *Margery Kempe, mystic, c. 1440*
Dorothea Beale of Cheltenham, educationalist, 1906

Verses: *Decani*

0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*

1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*

1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
Sung by the Cathedral Choir
Responses: *Llewelyn Jones*
Psalm: 47
Canticles: *Dyson* in C minor
Anthem: *Mendelssohn*, I will sing of Thy great mercies

TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER Leo the Great, bishop, teacher of the faith, 461

0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*

1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*

1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
Sung by the Cathedral Lay Clerks
Responses: *Cleobury*
Psalm: 50
Canticles: *Lesley Jane Rogers*, Evening Service
Anthem: *Lassus,* Te lucis ante terminum

WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER Martin, bishop, c. 397

0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*

1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*

1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
Sung by the Cathedral Choir
Responses: *Radcliffe*
Psalm: 59
Canticles: *Howells*, Gloucester Service
Anthem: *Handel*, Behold the lamb of God

THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER

0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*

1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*

1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
attended by The Association of Assistant Cathedral Organists
Sung by the Trinity Singers
Responses: *Smith*
Psalm: 62
Canticles: *Vaughan Williams* in C
Anthem: *Rosemary Field*, All creatures of our God and King

FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER Charles Simeon, priest, evangelical divine, 1836

0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*

1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*

1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
Sung by the Cathedral Choir
Responses: *Smith*
Psalm: 38
Canticles: *Tallis*, Short Service
Anthem: *Hilton*, Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake

SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER *Samuel Seabury, bishop, 1796*

0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Sebroke Chapel*

1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*

1600 **City Lantern Parade**

SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER **2ND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**

0800 **Eucharist (BCP)** *Chapel of St John the Baptist*

0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Zoom*

1015 **Choral Eucharist (CW) on Safeguarding Sunday** *Nave*
Sung by the Cathedral Lay Clerks
Setting: *Dubois*, Messe brève
Hymns: 474, 393, 505, A&M 575
Sermon: The Canon Precentor
Motet: *Poulenc*, Seigneur, je vous en prie
Voluntary: *Dubois,* Toccata

1500 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
Sung by the Cathedral Lay Clerks
Introit: *Purcell*, In God's word will I rejoice
Responses: *Frikki Walker*
Psalm: 98
Canticles: *Doveton*, Evening Service
Anthem: *Harris*, Holy is the true light
Hymn: 23
Sermon: The Reverend Jacqueline Henson
Voluntary: *Mendelssohn*, Prelude and Fugue in D minor, op. 37 no. 3

MONDAY 16 NOVEMBER Margaret, queen, philanthropist, 1093
Edmund Rich, archbishop, 1240

Verses: *Cantoris*

0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*

1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*

1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
Sung by the Cathedral Choir
Responses: *Smith*
Psalm: 72
Canticles: *Noble* in B minor
Anthem: *Rachmaninov*, Bogoroditse dyevo

TUESDAY 17 NOVEMBER Hugh, bishop, 1200

0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*

1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*

1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
Sung by The St Benedict's Singers and Cathedral Lay Clerks
Responses: *Smith*
Psalm: 67
Canticles: *Bryan Kelly* in C
Anthem: *Mendelssohn,* How lovely are the messengers

WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER Elizabeth, princess, philanthropist, 1231

0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*

1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*

1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
Sung by the Cathedral Choir
Responses: *Janet Wheeler*
Psalm: 119 vv. 81-104
Canticles: *Morley*, First Service
Anthem: *Nicholas Olsen*, Ave Maria

1945 **Organ Concert** given by James Anderson-Besant (Truro Cathedral)
Doors open at 6:45pm; preceded by a pre-concert talk at 7:15pm.
Tickets available from www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk

THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER

Hilda, abbess, 680
Mechtild, beguine, mystic, 1280

0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*

1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*

1800 **Teenage Voices Project Concert** *Nave*

FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER

Edmund, king, martyr, 870
Priscilla Lydia Sellon, a restorer of the religious life in the Church of England, 1876

0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*

1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*

1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
Sung by the Cathedral Choir
Responses: *Janet Wheeler*
Psalm: 69
Canticles: *Tomkins*, Second Service
Anthem: *Handl*, Ecce concipies

SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER

0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Sebroke Chapel*

1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*

1600 **Evening Prayer (BCP)** *Lady Chapel*

1630 **Handel's Messiah** *sung by the Cathedral Choir*
For more information and for tickets, visit www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk

SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER **CHRIST THE KING**

0800 **Eucharist (BCP)** *Chapel of St Andrew*

0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Zoom*

1015 **Family Eucharist (CW)** *Nave*
Sung by The St Benedict's Singers
Setting: *David Thorne*, Mass of St Thomas
Hymns: 166, 172, 594, 590
Sermon: The Canon Missioner
Motets: *David Blackwell*, Lead Me, Lord
Bob Chilcott, Be Thou My Vision
Voluntary: *Vierne*, Final (1re symphonie)

1500 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
Sung by the Cathedral Choir
Introit: *Radcliffe*, O bone Jesu
Responses: *Janet Wheeler*
Psalm: 93
Canticles: *S. S. Wesley* in E
Anthem: *Byrd*, Laetentur coeli
Hymn: 172
Sermon: The Reverend William Hamilton-Box
Voluntary: *S. S. Wesley*, Choral Song and Fugue

MONDAY 23 NOVEMBER Clement, bishop, martyr, c. 100
Verses: *Decani*

0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*

1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*

1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
Sung by the Cathedral Choir
Responses: *Janet Wheeler*
Psalm: 85
Canticles: *Stanford* in B flat
Anthem: *S. S. Wesley*, Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace

TUESDAY 24 NOVEMBER

0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*

1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*

1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
Sung by the Cathedral Lay Clerks
Responses: *Tallis*
Psalm: 101
Canticles: *Sumsion* in G
Anthem: *Locke*, Let God arise

WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER
Catherine, martyr, 4th century
Isaac Watts, hymn writer, 1748
Henry Law, Dean of Gloucester 1862-84, d. 1884

0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*

1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*

1800 **Junior Voices Project Concert** *Nave*

THURSDAY 26 NOVEMBER *John Plumptre, Dean of Gloucester 1808-25, d. 1825*

0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*

1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*

1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
Sung by the Trinity Singers
Responses: *David Halls*
Psalm: 132
Canticles: *Sumsion* in A
Anthem: *Melanie DeMore*, Blessed be!

FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER

0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*

1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*

1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
Sung by the Cathedral Choir
Responses: *Alex Hodgkinson*
Psalm: 102
Canticles: *Weelkes*, Short Service
Anthem: *Parsons*, Ave Maria

SATURDAY 28 NOVEMBER

0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Sebroke Chapel*

1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*

1730 **Evening Prayer (BCP)** *Lady Chapel*

1900 **Bach's Christmas Oratorio** *sung by Gloucester Choral Society*
For more information and for tickets, visit ***www.gloucesterchoral.com***

SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER **1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

0800 **Eucharist (BCP)** *Chapel of St Peter and Paul*

0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Zoom*

1015 **Choral Eucharist (CW)** *Nave*
Sung by Cathedral Choir
Setting: *Seiber*, Missa brevis
Hymns: 29, 25, 410, 64
Sermon: The Canon Precentor
Motet: *Alison Willis*, There is no rose
Voluntary: *Dupré,* Le monde dans l'attente du Sauveur (Symphonie-Passion)

1800 **Advent Carol Service** *Nave and Quire*

MONDAY 30 NOVEMBER **ANDREW THE APOSTLE**

Verses: *Cantoris*

0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*

1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*

1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*

Sung by the Cathedral Choir

Responses: *Alex Hodgkinson*

Psalm: 24

Canticles: *Wise* in F

Anthem: *James MacMillan*, O radiant dawn