



GLOUCESTER
CATHEDRAL

Services and Music
May 2026

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 begins 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 can 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 50 children in years two to five, which meets weekly for a singing rehearsal. They also perform in services and concerts, most notably in our Family Eucharist, once a month.

The St Benedict Singers was launched in September 2025. Young people can join SBS from school year 4 and will leave at the end of school year 9, when they will be encouraged to progress into the Cathedral Youth Choir. The choir regularly joins with the Youth Choir for services, helping to ease the transition between the choirs. The choir also combines with the choristers and Youth Choir for major cathedral concerts.

The Trinity Singers is one of the best of its kind in the country. Founded as Gloucester Cathedral Youth Choir in 1999 and relaunched in its current form in 2025, it is made up of talented young singers in School Years 10 to 13, from schools and colleges all around Gloucestershire, who perform to a very high standard.

For more information email choirs@gloucestercathedral.org.uk

FRIDAY 1 MAY**PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES**

Verses: *Decani* *Daniel Roseingrave, Organist of Gloucester Cathedral, 1679-81, d. 1727*

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: 149

Canticles: *Hooper, Short Service*

Anthem: *Victoria, Gaudent in coelis*

SATURDAY 2 MAY

Athanasius, bishop, teacher of the faith, 373

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

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

1630 **Evening Prayer (BCP)** *Lady Chapel*

SUNDAY 3 MAY**5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

- 0800 **Eucharist (BCP)** *Chapel of St John the Baptist*
- 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: 3, 600, 606
 Sermon: The Canon Precentor
 Motet: *Malcolm Archer, Be thou my vision*
 Voluntary: *Hollins, Triumphal March*
- 1500 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Nave*
Sung by the Cathedral Lay Clerks
 Introit: *Locke, Let God arise*
 Responses: *Frikki Walker*
 Psalm: 147
 Canticles: *Howells in E*
 Anthem: *Eccard, In dieser österlichen Zeit*
 Sermon: The Dean
 Hymn: 314
 Voluntary: *Howells, Psalm-Prelude 'Sing unto the Lord a new song'*
(Set 2 No. 3)

MONDAY 4 MAY

English saints and martyrs of the Reformation Era

Verses: *Cantoris*

- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1730 **Evening Prayer (BCP)** *Lady Chapel*

TUESDAY 5 MAY

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| 0830 | Morning Prayer (CW) | <i>Lady Chapel</i> |
| 1230 | Eucharist (CW) | <i>Lady Chapel</i> |
| 1730 | Choral Evensong (BCP) <i>Sung by the Cathedral Lay Clerks</i> Responses: <i>Rose</i> Psalm: 74 Canticles: <i>Wood in G</i> Anthem: <i>Wood, Great Lord of lords</i> | <i>Quire</i> |

WEDNESDAY 6 MAY *Richard Senhouse, Dean of Gloucester 1621-24, d. 1626*

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| 0830 | Morning Prayer (CW) | <i>Lady Chapel</i> |
| 1230 | Eucharist (CW) | <i>Lady Chapel</i> |
| 1730 | Service of Thanksgiving for Nursing and Midwifery <i>Sung by the Cathedral Choir</i> Anthems: <i>Durufié, Ubi caritas</i> <i>John Rutter, For the beauty of the earth</i> | <i>Nave</i> |

THURSDAY 7 MAY

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| 0830 | Morning Prayer (CW) | <i>Lady Chapel</i> |
| 1230 | Eucharist (CW) | <i>Lady Chapel</i> |
| 1730 | Choral Evensong (BCP) <i>Sung by the Trinity Singers</i> Responses: <i>Smith</i> Psalm: 104 vv. 1-15 Canticles: <i>Vaughan Williams in C</i> Anthem: <i>Meirion Wynn Jones, Holy Spirit, truth divine</i> | <i>Quire</i> |

FRIDAY 8 MAY

Julian of Norwich, spiritual writer, c. 1417

- 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: 66
Canticles: *Morley, Short Service*
Anthem: *Mundy, O Lord, the maker of all things*
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SATURDAY 9 MAY

- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Sebroke Chapel*
- 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1630 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
Sung by The St Benedict's Singers
Responses: *Philip Colls*
Psalm: 149
Canticles: *Mark Blatchly in C*
Anthem: *Bob Chilcott, Be thou my vision*
Hymn: 18

SUNDAY 10 MAY**6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

- 0800 **Eucharist (BCP)** *Chapel of St Paul*
- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Zoom*
- 1015 **Choral Eucharist (CW)** *Nave*
Sung by the Cathedral Choir
Setting: *Lassus, Missa Bell' Amfitrit' altera*
Hymns: 555, 179, 278, 612
Sermon: The Director of Mission and Ministry
Motet: *A. Gabrieli, O sacrum convivium*
Voluntary: *Dupré, Résurrection (Symphonie-Passion)*
- 1500 **Service of Thanksgiving for the
National Foundation for Retired Service Animals** *Nave*
Sung by the Cathedral Choir
Psalm: 104
Anthem: *Goodall, The Lord is my shepherd*
Haydn, Achieved is the glorious work (The Creation)
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MONDAY 11 MAY*Verses: Decani*

- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
Sung by the Cathedral Choir
Responses: *Radcliffe*
Psalm: 85
Canticles: *Dyson in F*
Anthem: *S. S. Wesley, Blessed be the God and Father*

TUESDAY 12 MAY

Gregory Dix, priest, monk, scholar, 1952

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: 128

Canticles: *Doveton, Evening Service*

Anthem: *Byrd, Viri Galilei*

WEDNESDAY 13 MAY

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

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

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

Sung by the Cathedral Choir

Responses: *Radcliffe*

Psalm: 24

Canticles: *Howells, Collegium Regale*

Anthem: *Finzi, God is gone up*

THURSDAY 14 MAY**ASCENSION DAY**

- 0700 **Choral Eucharist (CW)** *Quire*
Setting: *Darke* in F
Hymns: *166, 172, 283, 191*
Sermon: *The Dean*
Motets: *Philips, Ascendit Deus*
Fleming, The Lord ascendeth up on high
- 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: *8*
Canticles: *Grayston Ives* in D
Anthem: *Praetorius (arr. Alan Bullard), The Lord ascendeth up on high*
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FRIDAY 15 MAY**MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE**

- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
Sung by the Cathedral Choir
Responses: *Radcliffe*
Psalm: *80*
Canticles: *Patrick, Short Service*
Anthem: *Tomkins, When David heard*

SATURDAY 16 MAY

Caroline Chisholm, social reformer, 1877
Edward Bickersteth, Dean of Gloucester 1885, d. 1906

- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Sebroke Chapel*
- 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
(note time) *Sung by the Cathedral Choirs of Gloucester, Hereford and Worcester*
 Responses: *Radcliffe*
 Psalm: 97
 Canticles: *Kerensa Briggs, Gloucester Service*
 Anthem: *Robert Hamilton, Lord, I call upon thee*
 Hymn: 469
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SUNDAY 17 MAY

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Edward Jenner of Berkeley, physician, 1823

- 0800 **Eucharist (BCP)** *Memorial Chapel*
- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Zoomf*
- 1015 **Choral Eucharist (CW)** *Nave*
Sung by the Cathedral Choir
 Setting: *Mozart, Missa brevis in F (K. 192)*
 Hymns: 398, 311, 318, 172
 Sermon: *The Cathedral Curate*
 Motet: *Mozart, Ave verum corpus*
- 1500 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
Sung by the Cathedral Choir
 Introit: *Farrant, Call to remembrance*
 Responses: *Radcliffe*
 Psalm: 47
 Canticles: *Morley, First Service*
 Anthem: *Monteverdi, Lauda Jerusalem (Vespers of 1610)*
 Sermon: *The Canon Precentor*
 Hymn: 598

MONDAY 18 MAY

Verses: *Cantoris*

- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
Sung by the Cathedral Choristers
Responses: *Aston*
Psalm: 99
Canticles: *K. Partington* in B flat
Anthem: *Hurford*, Litany to the Holy Spirit
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TUESDAY 19 MAY

Dunstan, archbishop, monastic reformer, 988

- 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: 32
Canticles: *Iain Farrington*, The Blues Service
Anthem: *King*, O clap your hands
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WEDNESDAY 20 MAY

Alcuin, deacon, abbot, 804

- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
Sung by the Cathedral Choir
Responses: *Radcliffe*
Psalm: 46
Canticles: Magnificat: *King*, Gloucester Service
Nunc dimittis: *Gavin Higgins*
Anthem: *Monteverdi*, Laetatus sum (Vespers of 1610)

THURSDAY 21 MAY*Helena, protector of the Holy Places, 330*

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| 0830 | Morning Prayer (CW) | <i>Lady Chapel</i> |
| 1230 | Eucharist (CW) | <i>Lady Chapel</i> |
| 1730 | Choral Evensong (BCP) <i>Sung by the Trinity Singers</i> Responses: <i>plainsong</i> Psalm: 139 Canticles: <i>Statham</i> in E minor Anthem: <i>Rosemary Field</i> , All creatures of our God and King | <i>Quire</i> |

FRIDAY 22 MAY

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| 0830 | Morning Prayer (CW) | <i>Lady Chapel</i> |
| 1230 | Eucharist (CW) | <i>Lady Chapel</i> |
| 1730 | Evening Prayer (BCP) | <i>Lady Chapel</i> |

SATURDAY 23 MAY

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| 0830 | Morning Prayer (CW) | <i>Sebroke Chapel</i> |
| 1230 | Eucharist (CW) | <i>Lady Chapel</i> |
| 1630 | Choral Evensong (BCP) <i>Sung by Gloucester Choral Society</i> Introit: <i>Tallis</i> , If ye love me Responses: <i>Hunt</i> Psalm: 150 (Stanford) Canticles: <i>Blair</i> in B minor Anthem: <i>Elgar</i> , The Spirit of the Lord (The Apostles) Hymn: 174 | <i>Quire</i> |

SUNDAY 24 MAY**PENTECOST**

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| 0800 | Eucharist (BCP) | <i>Memorial Chapel</i> |
| 0830 | Morning Prayer (CW) | <i>Zoom</i> |
| 1015 | Choral Eucharist (CW) <i>Sung by the Cathedral Lay Clerks</i> Setting: <i>Palestrina, Missa brevis</i> Hymns: 175i, 178, 183, 191 Sermon: The Bishop of Gloucester Motet: <i>Attwood, Come, Holy Ghost</i> | <i>Nave</i> |
| 1500 | Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Baroness Fritchie DBE <i>Sung by the Cathedral Lay Clerks</i> Anthem: <i>Parry, My soul, there is a country</i> <i>Parry, I was glad</i> Voluntary: <i>Elgar, Allegro maestoso (Sonata in G)</i> | <i>Quire</i> |

MONDAY 25 MAY

The Venerable Bede, monk, scholar, historian, 735
Aldhelm, bishop, 709
Robert Frampton, Dean of Gloucester 1673-81, d. 1708

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| 0830 | Morning Prayer (CW) | <i>Lady Chapel</i> |
| 1230 | Eucharist (CW) | <i>Lady Chapel</i> |
| 1730 | Evening Prayer (BCP) | <i>Lady Chapel</i> |

TUESDAY 26 MAY

Augustine, archbishop, 605
John Calvin, reformer, 1564
Philip Neri, founder of the Oratorians, spiritual guide, 1595

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| 0830 | Morning Prayer (CW) | <i>Lady Chapel</i> |
| 1230 | Eucharist (CW) | <i>Lady Chapel</i> |
| 1730 | Evening Prayer (BCP) | <i>Lady Chapel</i> |

WEDNESDAY 27 MAY

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| 0830 | Morning Prayer (CW) | <i>Lady Chapel</i> |
| 1230 | Eucharist (CW) | <i>Lady Chapel</i> |
| 1730 | Evening Prayer (BCP) | <i>Lady Chapel</i> |

THURSDAY 28 MAY

Lanfrac, monk, archbishop, scholar 1089

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| 0830 | Morning Prayer (CW) | <i>Lady Chapel</i> |
| 1230 | Eucharist (CW) | <i>Lady Chapel</i> |
| 1730 | Evening Prayer (BCP) | <i>Lady Chapel</i> |

FRIDAY 29 MAY

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| 0830 | Morning Prayer (CW) | <i>Lady Chapel</i> |
| 1230 | Eucharist (CW) | <i>Lady Chapel</i> |
| 1730 | Evening Prayer (BCP) | <i>Lady Chapel</i> |

SATURDAY 30 MAY

*Josephine Butler, social reformer, 1906
Joan of Arc, visionary, 1431
Apolo Kivebulaya, priest, evangelist, 1933*

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| 0830 | Morning Prayer (CW) | <i>Sebroke Chapel</i> |
| 1230 | Eucharist (CW) | <i>Lady Chapel</i> |
| 1630 | Choral Evensong (BCP) | <i>Quire</i> |
| | <i>Sung by the Abermore Singers</i> | |
| | Introit: <i>Wood, Oculi omnium</i> | |
| | Responses: <i>Ayleward</i> | |
| | Psalm: <i>97, 98</i> | |
| | Canticles: <i>Murrill in E</i> | |
| | Anthem: <i>Wood, Expectans expectavi</i> | |
| | Hymn: <i>201</i> | |

SUNDAY 31 MAY

TRINITY SUNDAY

- 0800 **Eucharist (BCP)** *Memorial Chapel*
- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Zoom*
- 1015 **Choral Eucharist (CW)** *Nave*
Sung by David McKee (baritone)
Setting: *Duruflé, Messe cum júbilo*
Hymns: 586, 202, 203, 200 t.347
Sermon: The Canon Chancellor
Motet: *Vaughan Williams, Love bade me welcome*
- 1500 **Evening Prayer (BCP)** *Lady Chapel*