



GLOUCESTER  
CATHEDRAL

## **Services and Music**

*March 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:choirs@gloucestercathedral.org.uk)

**SUNDAY 1 MARCH****2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT***Sir Alfred Herbert Brewer, Organist of Gloucester Cathedral 1897-1928, d. 1928*

- 0800 **Eucharist (BCP)** *Chapel of St Paul*
- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Zoom*
- 1015 **Choral Eucharist (CW)** *Nave*  
*Sung by the Cathedral Choir*  
 Setting: *Darke in F*  
 Hymns: 6, 386, 318, 627 t.227  
 Sermon: The Canon Precentor  
 Motet: *Vaughan Williams, Love bade me welcome*  
 Voluntary: *Brewer, Marche héroïque*
- 1500 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*  
*Sung by the Cathedral Choir*  
 Introit: *Vaughan Williams, I got me flowers*  
 Responses: *Alex Hodgkinson*  
 Psalm: 135  
 Canticles: *Brewer in D*  
 Anthem: *Vaughan Williams, Rise heart*  
 Sermon: The Dean  
 Hymn: 582  
 Voluntary: *Vaughan Williams, Rhosymedre*

**MONDAY 2 MARCH**

Chad, bishop, missionary, 672

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: 85  
 Canticles: *Byrd, Second Service*  
 Anthem: *Farrant, Call to remembrance*

**TUESDAY 3 MARCH***Daniel Newcombe, Dean of Gloucester 1730-58, d. 1758*

- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1200 **Prayers for Peace and Justice** *Lady Chapel*
- 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*  
*Sung by the Cathedral Lay Clerks*  
Responses: *Ian Harrold*  
Psalm: 52  
Canticles: *plainsong, Magnificat tone IV; Josquin, Nunc dimittis*  
Anthem: *Ley, God so loved the world*
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**WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH**

- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*  
*Sung by the Cathedral Choir*  
Responses: *Morley (Lord's Prayer: Morley)*  
Psalm: 91  
Canticles: *Sumsion in G*  
Anthem: *J. S. Bach, Ruht wohl (Johannes-Passion)*
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**THURSDAY 5 MARCH**

- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*  
*Sung by the Trinity Singers*  
Responses: *Smith*  
Psalm: 84  
Canticles: *Shera in C*  
Anthem: *L. J. White, A prayer of St Richard of Chichester*

## FRIDAY 6 MARCH

- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*  
*Sung by the Cathedral Choir*  
Responses: *Morley* (Lord's Prayer: *Morley*)  
Psalm: 6  
Canticles: *Tallis*, Short Service  
Anthem: *Hilton*, Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake
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## SATURDAY 7 MARCH Perpetua, Felicity and companions, martyrs, 203

- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Sebroke Chapel*
- 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1630 **Choral Evensong (BCP) attended by the Holst Society** *Quire*  
*Sung by The St Benedict's Singers*  
Responses: *David Terry*  
Psalm: 23  
Canticles: *Bairstow* in E flat  
Anthem: *Holst*, The Day of the Lord  
Hymn: 299

**SUNDAY 8 MARCH****3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

- 0800 **Eucharist (BCP)** *Memorial Chapel*
- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Zoom*
- 1015 **Choral Eucharist (CW)** *Nave*  
*Sung by the Cathedral Choir*  
 Setting: *Berkeley, Missa brevis*  
 Hymns: 368, A&M 762, 175, A&M 806  
 Sermon: The Dean  
 Motet: *Mark Blatchly, O esca viatorum*  
 Voluntary: *J. S. Bach, Prelude and Fugue in B minor (BWV 544)*
- 1500 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*  
*Sung by the Cathedral Choir*  
 Introit: *Farrant, Hide not thou thy face*  
 Responses: *Morley (Lord's Prayer: Morley)*  
 Psalm: 40  
 Canticles: *Morley, First Service*  
 Anthem: *Byrd, Bow thine ear*  
 Hymn: 97ii  
 Voluntary: *Tomkins, A Voluntary*
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**MONDAY 9 MARCH**Verses: *Decani*

- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*  
**with the Collation and Installation of Chapter Canons**  
*Sung by the Cathedral Choir*  
 Responses: *Morley (Lord's Prayer: Morley)*  
 Psalm: 17  
 Canticles: *D. Purcell in E minor*  
 Anthem: *H. Purcell, Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts*

## TUESDAY 10 MARCH

- 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: 64  
Canticles: *Doveton, Evening Service*  
Anthem: *Locke, O Lord, hear my prayer*
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## WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH

- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*  
*Sung by the Cathedral Choir*  
Responses: *Sanders*  
Psalm: 119 vv. 129-152  
Canticles: *Gavin Higgins, Magnificat; Holst, Nunc dimittis*  
Anthem: *J. S. Bach, Eilt, eilt (Johannes-Passion)*
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## THURSDAY 12 MARCH

- 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: 59  
Canticles: *Philip Wilby, Evening Service*  
Anthem: *Simon Lole, O God of mercy*

## FRIDAY 13 MARCH

0830	<b>Morning Prayer (CW)</b>	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1230	<b>Eucharist (CW)</b>	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1730	<b>Choral Evensong (BCP)</b> <i>Sung by the Cathedral Choir</i> Responses: <i>Sanders</i> Psalm: 69 Canticles: <i>Tomkins, Second Service</i> Anthem: <i>Tallis, Salvator mundi</i>	<i>Quire</i>

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## SATURDAY 14 MARCH

0830	<b>Morning Prayer (CW)</b>	<i>Sebroke Chapel</i>
1230	<b>Eucharist (CW)</b>	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1630	<b>Choral Evensong (BCP)</b> <i>Sung by The St Benedict's Singers</i> Responses: <i>Malcolm Archer (Set I)</i> Psalm: 118 Canticles: <i>Blatchly in C</i> Anthem: <i>Malcolm Archer, There is no rose</i> Hymn: 13	<i>Quire</i>

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## SUNDAY 15 MARCH

## MOTHERING SUNDAY

0800	<b>Eucharist (BCP)</b>	<i>Chapel of St John the Baptist</i>
0830	<b>Morning Prayer (CW)</b>	<i>Zoom</i>
1015	<b>Family Eucharist (CW)</b> <i>Sung by The St Benedict's Singers and the Cathedral Junior Choir</i> Setting: <i>James MacMillan, St Anne's Mass</i> Hymns: A&M 138, A&M 313, 411 Sermon: <i>The Canon Precentor</i> Motet: <i>Lindley, Ave Maria</i> Voluntary: <i>J. S. Bach, Fugue on the Magnificat (BWV 733)</i>	<i>Nave</i>
1500	<b>Civic Service</b>	<i>Nave</i>

## MONDAY 16 MARCH

Verses: *Cantoris*

- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*  
*Sung by the Cathedral Choir*  
Responses: *Aston*  
Psalm: 25  
Canticles: *Jonathan White, Collegium Magdalenae Oxoniense*  
Anthem: *Hurford, A Litany to the Holy Spirit*

## TUESDAY 17 MARCH

Patrick, bishop, missionary, patron of Ireland, c. 460

- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*  
*Sung by the Cathedral Lay Clerks*  
Responses: *Lumsden*  
Psalm: 80  
Canticles: *Guy Turner in E*  
Anthem: *Caldara, Laboravi in gemitu meo*

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## WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH

*Cyril, bishop, teacher of the faith, 386*

- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*  
*Sung by the Cathedral Choir and the Choir of St Peter's RC High School*  
Responses: *Ayleward*  
Psalm: 150 (*Stanford*)  
Canticles: *Stanford in B flat*  
Anthem: *Wood, O thou, the central orb*

**THURSDAY 19 MARCH****JOSEPH OF NAZARETH**

- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Thomas Chapel*
- 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*  
**launching the 2026 Three Choirs Festival**  
*Sung by the Trinity Singers*  
Responses: *Smith*  
Psalm: 112  
Canticles: *Vaughan Williams in C*  
Anthem: *Elgar, Ave Maria*
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**FRIDAY 20 MARCH**

Cuthbert, bishop, missionary, 687

- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*  
*Sung by the Cathedral Choir*  
Responses: *Ayleward*  
Psalm: 16  
Canticles: *Byrd, Fauxbourdons*  
Anthem: *Byrd, Prevent us, O Lord*
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**SATURDAY 21 MARCH**

Thomas Cranmer, archbishop, Reformation martyr, 1556

- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Sebroke Chapel*
- 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1630 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*  
*Sung by The St Benedict's Singers*  
Responses: *Nia Llewelyn Jones*  
Psalm: 149  
Canticles: *Hylton Stewart in C*  
Anthem: *Ireland, Ex ore innocentium*  
Hymn: 20

## SUNDAY 22 MARCH

## PASSION SUNDAY

- 0800 **Eucharist (BCP)** *Chapel of St Paul*
- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Zoom*
- 1015 **Choral Eucharist (CW)** *Nave*  
*Sung by the Cathedral Choir*  
Setting: *Rubbra, Missa Cantuariensis*  
Hymns: 125, 581ii, 101, 109  
Sermon: The Canon Chancellor  
Motet: *Rubbra, Up, O my soul*  
Voluntary: *Jonathan Hope, Improvisation on 'Stabat mater dolorosa'*
- 1500 **Annual Legal Service** *Nave*  
*Sung by the Cathedral Choir*  
Canticles: *Howells, Gloucester Service*  
Anthem: *Elgar, Fear not, O land*  
Sermon: The Bishop of Gloucester  
Voluntary: *Elgar, Pomp and Circumstance March No. 4*
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## MONDAY 23 MARCH

Verses: *Decani*

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

**TUESDAY 24 MARCH**

*Walter Hilton, mystic, 1396  
Paul Couturier, priest, ecumenist, 1953  
Oscar Romero, archbishop, martyr, 1980*

- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*  
*Sung by the Cathedral Lay Clerks*  
 Responses: *Bertalot*  
 Psalm: 86  
 Canticles: *Wood in E*  
 Anthem: *Morley, Let my complaint*
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**WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH****ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD  
TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*  
*Sung by the Cathedral Choir*  
 Responses: *Tomkins*  
 Psalm: 146  
 Canticles: *Gipps, Evening Service*  
 Anthem: *Parsons, Ave Maria*
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**THURSDAY 26 MARCH**

*Harriet Monsell, founder of the  
Community of St John the Baptist, 1883*

- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*  
*Sung by the Cathedral Choir*  
 Responses: *plainsong*  
 Psalm: 43  
 Canticles: *plainsong, Magnificat tone VIII  
Gibbons, Nunc dimittis (Short Service)*  
 Anthem: *Alan Bullard, God so loved the world*

**FRIDAY 27 MARCH**

0830	<b>Morning Prayer (CW)</b>	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1230	<b>Eucharist (CW)</b>	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1730	<b>Choral Evensong (BCP)</b> <i>Sung by the Cathedral Lay Clerks</i> Responses: <i>Philip Colls</i> Psalm: 31 Canticles: <i>Arnold, Fauxbourdons (tone V)</i> Anthem: <i>Tomkins, Out of the deep</i>	<i>Quire</i>

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**SATURDAY 28 MARCH**    *Accepted Frewen, Dean of Gloucester 1631-43, d. 1664*

0830	<b>Morning Prayer (CW)</b>	<i>Sebroke Chapel</i>
1015	<b>Children's Service</b> <i>Sung by the Cathedral Junior Choir</i>	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1230	<b>Eucharist (CW)</b>	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1630	<b>Evening Prayer (BCP)</b>	<i>Lady Chapel</i>

**SUNDAY 29 MARCH****PALM SUNDAY**

- 0800 **Eucharist (BCP)** *Memorial Chapel*
- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Zoom*
- 1015 **The Liturgy of Palm Sunday (CW)** *Nave*  
*Sung by the Cathedral Choir*  
 Setting: *Seiber, Missa brevis*  
 Hymns: 128, 112, 129  
 Motet: *Weelkes, Hosanna to the son of David*  
*Byrd, Ne irascaris*  
 Voluntary: *J. S. Bach, Valet will ich dir geben (BWV 735)*
- 1500 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*  
*Sung by the Cathedral Choir*  
 Introit: *Correa, O vos omnes*  
 Responses: *Tomkins*  
 Psalm: 80  
 Canticles: *Byrd, Third Service*  
 Anthem: *Tallis, Miserere nostril*  
 Sermon: The Diocesan Director of Mission and Ministry  
 Hymn: 122ii  
 Voluntary: *J. S. Bach, Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten sein (BWV 641)*

**MONDAY 30 MARCH**

Monday of Holy Week

Verses: *Cantoris*

- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*  
*Sung by the Cathedral Choir*  
 Responses: *plainsong*  
 Psalm: 41  
 Canticles: *Morley, Fauxbourdons*  
 Anthem: *Casals, O vos omnes*
- 1900 **Holy Week Lecture I** *Lady Chapel*  
*In the midst of love: with Jesus through Holy Week*  
 The Venerable Dr Rachel Mann
- 2000 **Compline** *Lady Chapel*  
*Sung by the Saint Cecilia Singers*

**TUESDAY 31 MARCH**

Tuesday of Holy Week

- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*  
*Sung by the Cathedral Lay Clerks*  
Responses: *plainsong*  
Psalm: 55  
Canticles: *Arnold, Fauxbourdons (tone VI)*  
Anthem: *John Duggan, O crux, ave*
- 1900 **Holy Week Lecture II** *Lady Chapel*  
*In the midst of love: with Jesus through Holy Week*  
The Venerable Dr Rachel Mann
- 2000 **Compline** *Lady Chapel*  
*Sung by the Saint Cecilia Singers*