

GLOUCESTER  
CATHEDRAL

# **The Holy Eucharist**

*The Second Sunday of Lent*

Sunday, 1 March 2026  
10.15 a.m.  
The Nave

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# Welcome

Welcome to Gloucester Cathedral. There has been a place of worship on this site for over 1,300 years. Today, we join with the generations of people who have gone before us and with the whole company of heaven in the worship of God.

The Eucharist, which means ‘thanksgiving’, is perhaps the most important act of worship for Christians because it recalls the death and resurrection of Jesus, fulfilling his command at the Last Supper to remember him. Outwardly, the Eucharist takes the form of sharing bread and wine; inwardly, Christ is made present to us in a special way, and we are given a taste of the heavenly banquet, which God has prepared for those who love him.

If you are new and would like to discover more about congregational life, please do introduce yourself to a member of the clergy at the end of the service. There is also information about being part of the cathedral congregation on the website. You can contact the Cathedral clergy by emailing: [clergy@gloucestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:clergy@gloucestercathedral.org.uk)



*The service is sung by The Cathedral Lay Clerks*

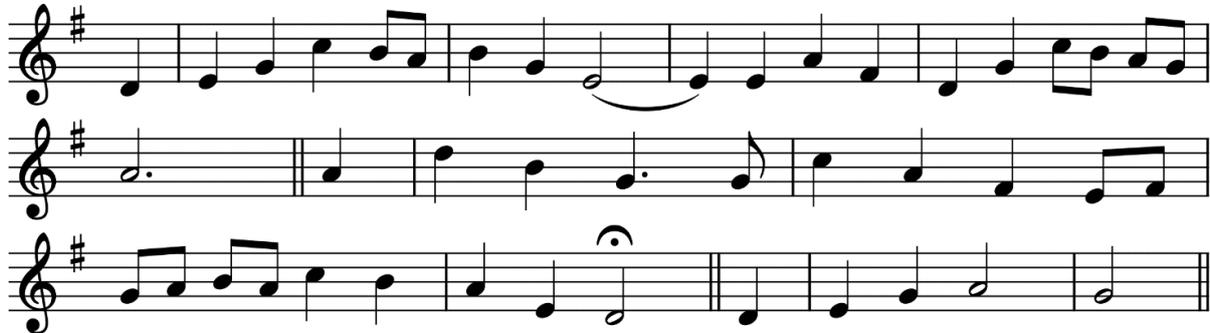
*The musical setting of the Eucharist is  
COMMUNION SERVICE IN F by Harold Darke*

*The president is the Dean  
The Very Reverend Andrew Zihni*

*The preacher is the Canon Precentor  
The Reverend Canon Craig Huxley-Jones*

# ¶ *The Gathering*

*At 10.15 a.m., the congregation stands to sing the processional hymn*



**New every morning is the love  
our waking and uprising prove;  
through sleep and darkness safely brought,  
restored to life and power and thought.**

**New mercies, each returning day,  
hover around us while we pray;  
new perils past, new sins forgiven,  
new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.**

**If on our daily course our mind  
be set to hallow all we find,  
new treasures still, of countless price,  
God will provide for sacrifice.**

**The trivial round, the common task,  
will furnish all we need to ask,  
room to deny ourselves, a road  
to bring us daily nearer God.**

**Only, O Lord, in thy dear love  
fit us for perfect rest above;  
and help us this and every day,  
to live more nearly as we pray.**

*Words, John Keble 1792-1866  
Tune, GONFALON ROYAL; P. C. Buck 1871-1947 (Tune II)*

*The president says*

+ In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*All* **Amen.**

## **The Greeting**

*The president greets the people*

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you

*All* **and also with you.**

*The president gives a welcome and introduces the service.*

## **Prayers of Preparation**

*All* **Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## Prayers of Penitence

*The deacon says*

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.  
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,  
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

*All* **Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy  
forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly,  
love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.**

*The choir sings*

Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy.
Christe eleison.	Christ, have mercy.
Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy.

*The president gives the absolution*

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
+ pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

## The Collect

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer, saying*

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty God,  
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,  
that they may return to the way of righteousness:  
grant to all those who are admitted  
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,  
that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession,  
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

*The congregation sits.*

## ¶ *The Liturgy of the Word*

### Old Testament Reading

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So, Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

*12.1-4a*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*The congregation stands to sing*



**Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart,  
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;  
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my Wisdom, be thou my true Word,  
be thou ever with me and I with thee, Lord;  
be thou my great Father, and I thy true child,  
be thou in me dwelling, by love reconciled.**

**Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;  
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;  
be thou my soul's Shelter, be thou my strong tower:  
O raise thou me heavenward, great power of my power.**

**Riches I heed not, nor earth's empty praise:  
be thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
be thou and thou only the first in my heart;  
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

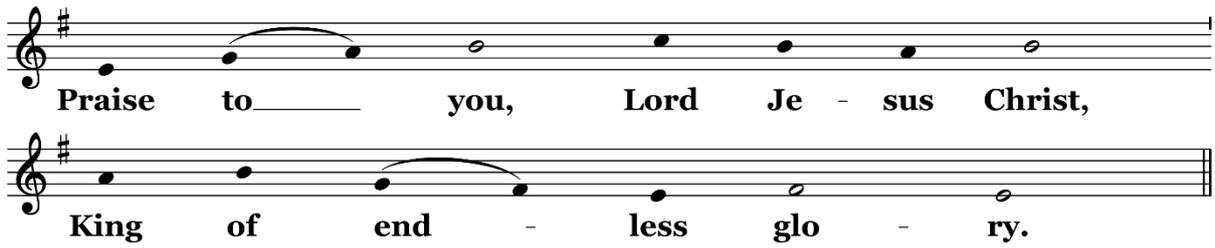
**High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,  
O grant me its joys, after victory is won;  
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.**

*CP 386 Words, Irish 8<sup>th</sup> Century, tr. Mary Byrne 1880-1931  
versified by Eleanor Hull, 1860-1935*

*Tune, SLANE; Irish traditional melody harmonised by Erik Routley 1917-1982*

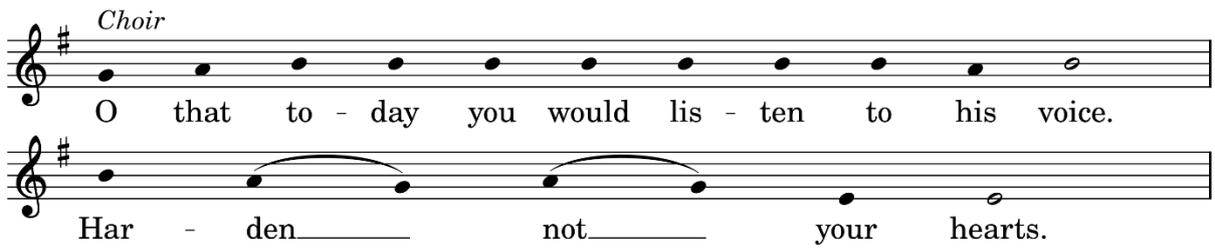
# Gospel Reading

*The choir sings the acclamation and all repeat*



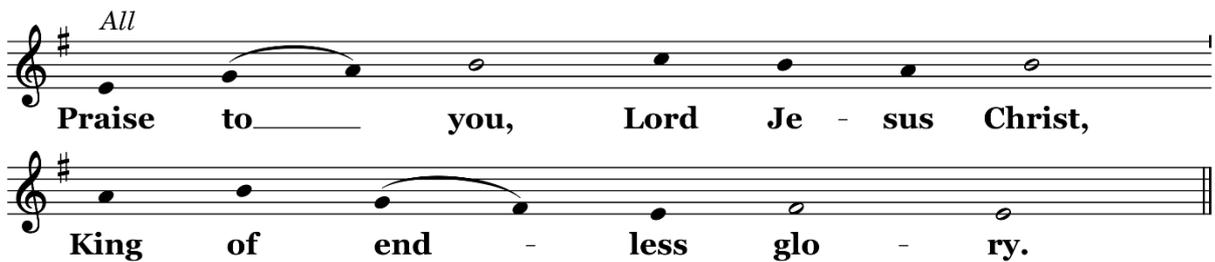
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of endless glory.

*Choir*



O that today you would listen to his voice.  
Harden not your hearts.

*All*



Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of endless glory.

*When the Gospel is announced, the deacon says*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.



Glory to you, O Lord.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.'

Do not be astonished that I said to you, “You must be born from above.” The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.’ Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can these things be?’ Jesus answered him, ‘Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?’

‘Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

3.1-17

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## Sermon

*The congregation sits.*

# The Creed

*The congregation stands and the president says*

Let us declare our faith in God.

*All* **We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

## The Prayers of Intercession

*The president says*

With confidence and trust let us pray to the Father.

*The congregation sits.*

For the mission of the Church,  
that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel  
to the ends of the earth,  
let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion

*All* **in your mercy, hear us.**

For those preparing for baptism [and confirmation] ...  
and for their teachers and sponsors,  
let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion

*All* **in your mercy, hear us.**

For peace in the world ...  
that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow  
among nations and peoples,  
let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion

*All* **in your mercy, hear us.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer ...  
for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger;  
that they may be relieved and protected,  
let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion

*All* **in your mercy, hear us.**

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God,  
let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion

*All* **in your mercy, hear us.**

In communion with all those who have walked in the way of holiness ...  
let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion

*All* **in your mercy, hear us.**

*At the end, the president says*

God our Father,

in your love and goodness

you have taught us to come close to you in penitence

with prayer, fasting and generosity;

accept our Lenten discipline,

and when we fall by our weakness,

raise us up by your unfailing mercy;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

## ¶ *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

### **The Peace**

*The congregation stands.*

*The president introduces the Peace*

Since we are justified by faith,

we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

who has given us access to his grace.

*Romans 5.1-2*

The peace of the Lord be always with you

*All* **and also with you.**

*The deacon says*

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

## Preparation of the Table

*As the altar is prepared, the congregation remains standing to sing the offertory hymn*



**O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray  
that all thy church might be for ever one,  
grant us at every Eucharist to say  
with longing heart and soul, 'Thy will be done':  
O may we all one bread, one body be,  
through this blest sacrament of unity.**

**For all thy church, O Lord, we intercede;  
make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;  
draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,  
by drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace:  
thus may we all one bread, one body be,  
through this blest sacrament of unity.**

**We pray thee too for wanderers from thy fold;  
O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep,  
back to the faith which saints believed of old,  
back to the church which still that faith doth keep:  
soon may we all one bread, one body be,  
through this blest sacrament of unity.**

**So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,  
may we be one with all thy church above,  
one with thy saints in one unbroken peace,  
one with thy saints in one unbounded love:  
more blessed still, in peace and love to be  
one with the Trinity in Unity.**

*Words, William Turton 1856-1938  
Tune, SONG 1; Orlando Gibbons 1583-1625*





And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Peter, Benedict, Kyneburga, and all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.



*The congregation sits.*

## The Lord's Prayer

Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom  
and teach us to pray

*All* **Our Father,**  
**who art in heaven,**  
**hallowed be thy name;**  
**thy kingdom come;**  
**thy will be done;**  
**on earth as it is in heaven.**  
**Give us this day our daily bread.**  
**And forgive us our trespasses,**  
**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**  
**And lead us not into temptation;**  
**but deliver us from evil.**  
**For thine is the kingdom,**  
**the power and the glory,**  
**for ever and ever.**  
**Amen.**

Notre Père...

Vater Unser...

Onze Vader...

Padre Nuestro...

Ojcze Nasz...

Baba Yetu...

E to matou Matua...

Ein Tad...

## Breaking of the Bread

*The president breaks the consecrated bread, saying*

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

*All* **Though we are many, we are one body,**  
**because we all share in one bread.**

## Giving of Communion

*The president says the invitation to communion*

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

*All* **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,**  
**but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*The president and people receive Communion.*

*If it is your custom to receive Communion in your own church, you are welcome to do so today. If you would rather receive a blessing, please bring this order of service with you so that we may know how best to minister to you.*

*Communion is offered in both bread and wine, though you may wish to receive the bread only. For hygiene reasons, intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) is prohibited.*

*If you require a gluten free wafer, please tell the ministers.*

*Those watching the live stream may wish to use this prayer*

Lord Jesus, you made yourself known in the breaking of the bread,  
I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul:  
since I cannot at this moment receive Communion,  
come at least spiritually into my heart;  
I embrace you as if you were already there  
and unite myself wholly to you,  
Never permit me to be separated from you.  
Amen.

*The choir sings the *Angus Dei**

O Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us thy peace.

*The Choir sings the Communion motet*

Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back,  
Guilty of dust and sin.

But quick-ey'd Love, observing me grow slack  
From my first entrance in,  
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning,  
If I lack'd anything.

A guest, I answer'd, worthy to be here:  
Love said, You shall be he.  
I the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear,  
I cannot look on thee.  
Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,  
Who made the eyes but I?

Truth, Lord, but I have marr'd them: let my shame  
Go where it doth deserve.  
And know you not, says Love, who bore the blame?  
My dear, then I will serve.  
You must sit down, says Love, and taste my meat:  
So I did sit and eat.

*Words, George Herbert 1593-1633*  
*Music, Ralph Vaughan Williams 1872-1958*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer*

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty God,  
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:  
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,  
and inwardly in our souls;  
that we may be defended from all adversities  
which may happen to the body,  
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

*All* **God of our pilgrimage,  
you have fed us with the bread of heaven.  
Refresh and sustain us  
as we go forward on our journey,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## ¶ *The Dismissal*

*The congregation stands to sing*



**Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,  
and publish abroad his wonderful name;  
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol:  
his kingdom is glorious, and rules over all.**

**God ruleth on high, almighty to save;  
and still he is nigh, his presence we have;  
the great congregation his triumph shall sing,  
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.**

**Salvation to God who sits on the throne!  
Let all cry aloud, and honour the Son.  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,  
fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.**

**Then let us adore, and give him his right:  
all glory and power, all wisdom and might,  
and honour and blessing, with angels above,  
and thanks never-ceasing, and infinite love.**

*Words, Charles Wesley 1707-1788  
Tune, LAUDATE DOMINUM (GAUNTLETT); H. J. Gauntlett 1805-1876*

## **The Blessing**

*The president says*

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,  
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
+ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

## **The Dismissal**

*The deacon says*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*The congregation remains standing as the choir and ministers depart.*

*The organist plays*

Marche héroïque

Herbert Brewer

# Notices

## **Lent Groups: Finding Sanctuary – the Rule of Benedict for Lenten Living**

This year's Lent Groups will explore four core aspects of Benedictine life: hospitality, obedience, stability and conversion of life. The groups will run online on Tuesdays (24 February, 3, 10, 17 March) at 7.30 p.m. on Zoom and in the Lady Chapel on Sundays (22 February, 1, 8, 15 March) at 11.45 a.m., *though please note that the session on 24 February will begin at the later time of 12.30 p.m.* Register by emailing [congregation@gloucestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:congregation@gloucestercathedral.org.uk) stating which course you would like to join.

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## **Prayers for Peace and Justice**

*Tuesday 3 March, 12.00 noon, Lady Chapel and WhatsApp*

Twenty minutes of spoken and silent prayer for issues of peace and justice. The principal focus will be the victims of slavery in all its forms as 25 March is International Day of Remembrance for the Victims of Slavery. To join using WhatsApp email [reception@gloucestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:reception@gloucestercathedral.org.uk) with your mobile phone number and, to submit a prayer, email [clergy@gloucestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:clergy@gloucestercathedral.org.uk)

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## **Cathedral Community Coffee Morning**

*Wednesday 4 March, 10.30–11.30 a.m., Monk's Kitchen*

All welcome for coffee and friendly conversation. Contact Barbara Merrick on 01452 504376 or [congregation@gloucestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:congregation@gloucestercathedral.org.uk)

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## **The Holst Society AGM Recital, with James Gilchrist and Ashok Gupta**

*Saturday 7 March, 2.00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m., the Chapter House*

Works by Dowland, Britten, Elwyn-Edwards, Clarke, Herbert, Holst, Dring and Vaughan Williams. Tickets £20, through the Holst Society [www.holstsociety.org](http://www.holstsociety.org)

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## **Cathedral Book Club**

*Monday 9 March, 2.00 p.m.–3.00 p.m., Laud Room*

This month we will meet for a discussion of *A Time to Keep Silent* by Patrick Leigh Fermor.

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## **Sip and Study: Cathedral Lectio Group**

*Tuesday 10 March, 2.30 p.m.–3.45 p.m., Prinknash Abbey*

Join our monthly gathering using Lectio Divina to reflect on Scripture. Arrive any time from 1.00 p.m. for lunch, coffee or cake. No previous experience needed. Contact Dorothy Marshall [congregation@gloucestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:congregation@gloucestercathedral.org.uk)

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## **Children's Service**

*28 March at 10.15 a.m. in the Lady Chapel with the Junior Choir*

Join us for this month's Children's Service, led by our Junior Choir. This service is aimed at families with young children. There will be lots of lovely music and an interactive sermon.

This service offers inclusive and engaging worship for children of all ages. It strengthens community bonds while giving young singers valuable performance opportunities. It forms part of the Cathedral's *In Tune* Campaign. All are welcome!

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## **Bach's St John Passion**

*Good Friday 3 April, 7.00 p.m.*

Considered of the most dramatic and powerful choral works ever written, the Cathedral Choir performs this profound masterpiece in the awe-inspiring setting of Gloucester Cathedral, accompanied by the acclaimed period-instrument ensemble La Serenissima. Tickets start from £10. Scan the QR code to book.



## **Ministry of the Word and Eucharistic Ministry**

We are looking to expand our team of readers, intercessors, chalice assistants and servers. If any of these ministries are of interest to you, please speak with Canon Craig or email [precentor@gloucestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:precentor@gloucestercathedral.org.uk)

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## **Cathedral Baptisms and Confirmations**

*Pentecost Sunday, 24 May, 10.15 a.m.*

As ever, Bishop Rachel will be with us on Pentecost Sunday to baptise and confirm members of our congregation. Preparation for young people (school years 8 – 13) will be offered by Canon Craig; preparation for adults will be offered by Dean Andrew. Children below school year 8 are welcome to prepare for baptism and admission to Holy Communion. If you would like to be prepared, please email [clergy@gloucestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:clergy@gloucestercathedral.org.uk)

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## **Red Vestments Appeal**

We are hoping to acquire a new set of red vestments that can be used particularly at large scale services in the cathedral. If you would be interested in supporting this project, please contact Lloyd by email [lloyd.wood@gloucestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:lloyd.wood@gloucestercathedral.org.uk)

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