



GLOUCESTER
CATHEDRAL

Services and Music
April 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

WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL

Wednesday 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: 88
 Canticles: *Tomkins, Fauxbourdons*
 Anthem: *J. S. Bach, Mein teurer Heiland (Johannes-Passion)*
- 1900 **Holy Week Lecture III** *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
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THURSDAY 2 APRIL**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1100 **Chrism Eucharist (CW)** *Nave*
 Setting: *David Thorne, Mass of St Thomas*
 Hymns: See order of service
 Sermon: The Bishop of Gloucester
 Motet: *Ireland, Greater love hath no man*
- 1730 **Evening Prayer (BCP)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1930 **The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday and Watch (CW)** *Nave*
Sung by the Trinity Singers
 Setting: *plainsong, tone V*
 Hymns: 134 t.28, 130, 279, 132
 Sermon: The Venerable Dr Rachel Mann
 Motet: *arr. Alan Bullard, Ubi caritas*

FRIDAY 3 APRIL**GOOD FRIDAY**

- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1200 **The Preaching of the Cross and The Liturgy of Good Friday** *Nave*
Sung by the Cathedral Choir
Setting: *Matthew Clark, St Mark Passion*
Sanders, The Reproaches
Motets: *Lotti, Crucifixus*
John IV of Portugal, Crux fidelis
- 1900 **J. S. Bach: St John Passion (BWV 245)** *Nave*
Gloucester Cathedral Choir, with La Serenissima
Tickets start from £10, from www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk
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SATURDAY 4 APRIL**EASTER EVE**

- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Sebroke Chapel*
- 1630 **Evening Prayer (BCP)** *Lady Chapel*
- 2000 **The Liturgy of Easter Eve with Confirmations** *Nave*
Sung by the St Benedict's Singers and Lay Clerks
Setting: *Haydn, Kleine Orgelmesse*
Hymns: 147, 153, 148
Motets: *Scheidt, Surrexit Christus hodie*
arr. Philip Moore, Now the green blade riseth

SUNDAY 5 APRIL**EASTER DAY**

0800	Eucharist (BCP)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
0830	Morning Prayer (CW)	<i>Zoom</i>
1015	Choral Eucharist (CW) <i>Sung by the Cathedral Choir and Junior Choir</i> Setting: <i>Neil Cox, A Gloucestershire Mass</i> Hymns: 147, 138, 160 Sermon: <i>The Bishop of Gloucester</i> Motet: <i>Stanford, Ye choirs of new Jerusalem</i> Voluntary: <i>Vierne, Final (Symphony 1)</i>	<i>Nave</i>
1500	Choral Evensong (BCP) <i>Sung by the Cathedral Choir</i> Introit: <i>Byrd, Haec dies</i> Responses: <i>Tomkins</i> Psalm: 96 Canticles: <i>Stanford in C</i> Anthems: <i>S. Wesley (snr.), In exitu Israel</i> <i>arr. Wood, This joyful Eastertide (in procession)</i> Hymns: <i>NEH 101ii, 143ii</i> Voluntary: <i>Widor, Toccata (Symphony 5)</i>	<i>Quire</i>

MONDAY 6 APRIL

Monday of Easter Week

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

TUESDAY 7 APRIL

Tuesday of Easter Week

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

WEDNESDAY 8 APRIL

Wednesday of Easter Week

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

THURSDAY 9 APRIL

Thursday of Easter Week

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

FRIDAY 10 APRIL

Friday of Easter Week

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

SATURDAY 11 APRIL

Saturday of Easter Week

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 choir of Charterhouse School</i>	
	Introit:	<i>Hogan, There's a man goin' round</i>
	Responses:	<i>Radcliffe</i>
	Psalm:	145
	Canticles:	<i>Stanford in B flat</i>
	Anthem:	<i>Harris, Bring us, O Lord</i>
	Hymn:	154 omitting *

SUNDAY 12 APRIL**2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

- 0800 **Eucharist (BCP)** *Chapel of St John the Baptist*
- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Zoom*
- 1015 **Choral Eucharist (CW)** *Nave*
Sung by the choir of Charterhouse School
Setting: *Palestrina, Missa brevis*
Hymns: 137, 174, 162, 159
Sermon: The Succentor
Motet: *Parsons, Ave Maria*
- 1500 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
Sung by the choir of Charterhouse School
Introit: *David McKee, A Irish Blessing*
Responses: *Radcliffe*
Psalm: 30
Canticles: *Noble in B minor*
Anthem: *Parry, Blest pair of sirens*
Hymn: 150
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MONDAY 13 APRIL *Martin Smith, Organist of Gloucester Cathedral 1743-82, d. 1786*
Verses: *Decani*

- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
Sung by the Cathedral Choir
Responses: *Tomkins*
Psalm: 4
Canticles: *Arnold in A*
Anthem: *arr. Shaw, Christ the Lord is risen*

TUESDAY 14 APRIL

- 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: 9
Canticles: *Humphrey Clucas, Westminster Service*
Anthem: *Eccard, Zu dieser österlichen Zeit*
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WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL

- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
Sung by the Cathedral Choir
Responses: *Ayleward*
Psalm: 33
Canticles: *Kerensa Briggs, Gloucester Service*
Anthem: *Monteverdi, Dixit Dominus (Vespers of 1610)*
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THURSDAY 16 APRIL

Isabella Gilmore, deaconess, 1923

- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Thomas Chapel*
- 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
Sung by the Trinity Singers
Responses: *Smith*
Psalm: 28
Canticles: *Blake in D*
Anthem: *Cope, He is risen*

FRIDAY 17 APRIL

- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
Sung by the Cathedral Choir
Responses: *Ayleward*
Psalm: 22
Canticles: *Byrd, Short Service*
Anthem: *Byrd, Sing joyfully*
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SATURDAY 18 APRIL *Thomas Marshall, Dean of Gloucester 1681-85, d. 1685*

- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Sebroke Chapel*
- 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1630 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
Sung by The St Benedict's Singers
Responses: *David Terry*
Psalm: 24
Canticles: *Nia Llewelyn Jones, The St Benedict's Service*
Anthem: *F. Couperin, Christo resurgenti*
Hymn: 153

TUESDAY 21 APRIL

Anselm, abbot, archbishop, teacher of the faith, 1109

- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
Sung by the Cathedral Lay Clerks
Responses: *Philip Colls*
Psalm: 71
Canticles: *Grayston Ives*, Magdalen College Service
Anthem: *Macpherson*, Thou, O God, art praised in Sion
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WEDNESDAY 22 APRIL

- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
attended by the Worshipful Company of Musicians
Sung by the Cathedral Choir
Responses: *Sumsion*
Psalm: 119 vv. 33-56
Canticles: *Howells*, Gloucester Service
Anthem: *Howells*, A Hymn for St Cecilia
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THURSDAY 23 APRIL GEORGE, MARTYR, PATRON OF ENGLAND, c. 304

- 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: 3
Canticles: *Shera* in C
Anthem: *Mark Blatchly*, O praise God

FRIDAY 24 APRIL

*Mellitus, bishop, 624
Seven Martyrs of the Melanesian Brotherhood, 2003
Alfred Gilbert Goddard Thurlow, Dean of Gloucester 1972-82, d. 1991*

- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
Sung by the Cathedral Choir
Responses: *Sumsion*
Psalm: *77*
Canticles: *Farrant, Short Service*
Anthem: *Gibbons, Almighty and everlasting God*
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SATURDAY 25 APRIL

MARK THE EVANGELIST

- 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: *45*
Canticles: *Helen Lloyd-Terry in G*
Anthem: *Perry, How beautiful are the feet*
Hymn: *612*

SUNDAY 26 APRIL**4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

- 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: 380, 467, 469, 453
 Sermon: The Canon Chancellor
 Motet: *Mozart, Ave verum corpus*
 Voluntary: *Buxtehude, Praeludium in C (BuxWV 137)*
- 1500 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
Sung by the Cathedral Choir
 Introit: *McKie, We wait for thy loving kindness*
 Responses: *Sumsion*
 Psalm: 29
 Canticles: *Stanford in A*
 Anthem: *Monteverdi, Laudate pueri (Vespers of 1610)*
 Sermon: The Dean
 Hymn: 455
 Voluntary: *Stanford, Postlude in D minor*

MONDAY 27 APRIL*Christina Rossetti, poet, 1894**Verses: Decani*

- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
Sung by the Cathedral Lay Clerks
 Responses: *Rose*
 Psalm: 114
 Canticles: *W. Mundy in six parts*
 Anthem: *Viadana, Exultate justi*

TUESDAY 28 APRIL*Peter Chanel, missionary, martyr, 1841*

- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
Sung by the Cathedral Lay Clerks
Responses: *Piers Kennedy*
Psalm: 50
Canticles: *Sumsion in G*
Anthem: *John Duggan, Jubilate Deo*
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WEDNESDAY 29 APRIL*Catherine of Siena, teacher of the faith, 1380*
Thomas Cooper, Dean of Gloucester 1569-71, d. 1594

- 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: 59
Canticles: *S. S. Wesley in E*
Anthem: *S. S. Wesley, Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace*
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THURSDAY 30 APRIL*Pandita Mary Ramabai, translator, 1922*

- 0830 **Morning Prayer (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1230 **Eucharist (CW)** *Lady Chapel*
- 1730 **Choral Evensong (BCP)** *Quire*
Sung by the Trinity Singers
Responses: *Smith*
Psalm: 62
Canticles: *Iain Farrington, The Blues Service*
Anthem: *King, O clap your hands*