



WORCESTER CATHEDRAL

Services and Music April 2025

The earliest Christians commemorated the resurrection of Jesus every Sunday. But within a hundred years or so, the feast of Easter was established as a special annual celebration of the resurrection, with the date continuing to be linked to the Jewish Passover.

Easter began at sunset on the Saturday evening with a vigil throughout the night, ending at dawn with the singing of Alleluias. It quickly became a common practice for new Christians to be initiated into the life of the Church at this Easter celebration, with the preceding season of Lent originating as a time of preparation by the catechumens for their baptism.

By the middle of the fourth century, pilgrims were coming to Jerusalem to share in the 'Great Week' of what we now call Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Day. A woman named Egeria has left us an account of her pilgrimage to Jerusalem in about 381, including a description of the various prayers and devotions she encountered there during Great Week.

These liturgies and customs gradually became widespread throughout the Church. Many of the main features of the services celebrated here in Worcester during Holy Week would have been recognisable to Egeria and her contemporaries. So do come and join other pilgrims here in Worcester Cathedral as we walk alongside Jesus through Holy Week to Easter!

John Paul Hoskins

Dean:

Canon Precentor:

Director of Music:

Stephen Edwards

John Paul Hoskins

Samuel Hudson

All choral services are sung by the cathedral choir unless otherwise stated.

March/April 2025

In Residence: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

Sunday 30th

The Fourth Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 84, 85
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (BCP) (*with livestream*)
Preacher: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins
- 10.30 am **Sung Eucharist**
Kronstorfer Messe *Anton Bruckner* Psalm 127.1-4
Ave maris stella *Edvard Grieg* Preacher: The Dean
- 4.00 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Jackson*
Collegium Regale *Herbert Howells* Psalm 32
Ne irascaris, Domine *William Byrd* Hymns 457, 461
- 6.30 pm **Evening Worship** (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)
St Anne Mass *James MacMillan*
Like a mother with her child *Piers Maxim*
Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan
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Monday 31st

Day of music endowed by the Foundation for Sport and the Arts.

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 27, 30
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
- 5.30 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Clucas*
The Short Service *Samuel Hudson* Psalms 26, 28, 29
O nata lux *Thomas Tallis* Hymn 61

Tuesday 1st April

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 32, 36
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
- 5.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalm 33

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Wednesday 2nd

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 34
8.00 am	Holy Communion (<i>with livestream</i>)	
1.00 pm	Holy Communion	
5.30 pm	Evensong (<i>Upper voices</i>)	Responses: Plainsong
	Plainsong Canticles	Psalm 119.33-56
	My song is in sighing <i>Martin Dalby</i>	Hymn 61

VERSE: DECANI

Thursday 3rd

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 37
8.00 am	Holy Communion (<i>with livestream</i>)	
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>Clucas</i>
	Evening Service in E minor <i>Daniel Purcell</i>	Psalms 39, 40
	Drop, drop, slow tears <i>Orlando Gibbons</i>	Hymn 61

Friday 4th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 31
8.00 am	Holy Communion (<i>with livestream</i>)	
11.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
5.30 pm	Evensong (<i>Lower voices</i>)	Responses: <i>Tallis</i>
	The Fauxbourdon Service <i>Sarah MacDonald</i>	Psalm 35
	Out of the deep <i>Thomas Tomkins</i>	Hymn 61

Saturday 5th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 41, 42, 43
8.00 am	Holy Communion (<i>with livestream</i>)	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalms 45, 46
7.30 pm	Concert	Worcester Cathedral Choir
	St John Passion <i>Johann Sebastian Bach</i>	

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In Residence: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins

Sunday 6th

The Fifth Sunday of Lent Passion Sunday

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 111, 112
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (BCP) *(with livestream)*
Preacher: The Revd Dr John Fitzmaurice
- 10.30 am **Eucharist with Hymns** Psalm 126
Preacher: The Revd Charmian Manship
- 3.00 pm **Worship in the Garden**
*entering the garden through the 'deliveries' doorway outside the
Edgar Tower Gate.*
- 4.00 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalm 35
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Monday 7th

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 44
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** *(with livestream)*
- 5.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalms 47, 49

Tuesday 8th

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 48, 52
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** *(with livestream)*
- 5.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalm 50

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Wednesday 9th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 119.57-80
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
1.00 pm	Holy Communion	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalms 59, 60, 67

VERSE: CANTORIS

Thursday 10th William Law, Priest, Spiritual Writer, 1761

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 56, 57, 63
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalms 61, 62, 64

Friday 11th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 51, 54
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
11.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Psalm 38

Saturday 12th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 68
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
5.30 pm	Evensong <i>(sung by Da Capo)</i>	Responses: Adams
	Evening Service <i>David Hamilton</i>	Psalms 65, 66
	O Lord, in thy wrath rebuke me not <i>Orlando Gibbons</i>	Hymns 242, 84

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HOLY WEEK

In Residence: The Dean

Sunday 13th

Palm Sunday

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

Psalms 61, 62

8.00 am **Holy Communion** (BCP) (*with livestream*)

Preacher: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins

10.30 am **The Liturgy of Palm Sunday**

Hosanna to the Son of David *Thomas Weelkes*

Missa de Angelis *David Bednall*

Psalm 31.10-20

Ave verum corpus *Edward Elgar*

The congregation meets in Cathedral Square for the blessing of palms, followed by the procession into the Cathedral, the dramatic reading of the Passion, and the Eucharist.

4.00 pm **Evensong**

Responses: *Hunt*

Evening Service in G *Francis Jackson*

Psalm 69.1-19

Solus ad victimam *Kenneth Leighton*

Hymns 425, 439i

6.30 pm **Music and Readings for Holy Week** (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)

Ex ore innocentium *John Ireland*

Ubi caritas *arr. Alan Bullard*

Were you there? *arr. Nicholas Freestone*

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Monday 14th

Day of music endowed by John and Shirley Gaston.

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

Psalm 41

8.00 am **Holy Communion** *(with livestream)*

11.00 am **Chrism Eucharist**

Communion Service in C and F *Charles Villiers Stanford*

Psalm 23

I give to you a new commandment Peter Nardone

Preacher: The Bishop of Dudley

The clergy and lay ministers of the diocese renew their commitment to ministry, and oils are blessed for baptism, confirmation, ordination and the anointing of the sick.

5.30 pm **Evensong** *(Lower voices)*

Responses: *Tallis*

Evening Service in the Dorian mode *Thomas Tallis*

Psalm 25

Laboravi in gemitu meo Antonio Caldara

Hymn 79

8.00 pm **Compline** *(sung by the Chamber Choir)*

Preacher: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins

The ancient and beautiful service of Compline or Night Prayer, with a short address.

Tuesday 15th

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

Psalm 27

8.00 am **Holy Communion** *(with livestream)*

5.30 pm **Evening Prayer**

Psalm 55.12-23

8.00 pm **Compline** *(sung by the Youth Choir)*

Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

The ancient and beautiful service of Compline or Night Prayer, with a short address.

Tuesday of Holy Week

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Wednesday 16th

Wednesday of Holy Week

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 102
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
- 1.00 pm **Holy Communion**
- 5.30 pm **Evensong** Responses: Rose
- The Penitential Canticles *Adrian Lucas* Psalm 88
- Let mine eyes run down with tears *Henry Purcell* Hymn 79
- 8.00 pm **Compline** (*Lower voices*) Preacher: The Dean
- The ancient and beautiful service of Compline or Night Prayer, with a short address.*

VERSE: DECANI

Thursday 17th

Maundy Thursday

- 8.00 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 42, 43
- 12.15 pm **Devotional Performance** (*sung by the Youth Choir*)
- Stabat Mater Paul Carr*
- 5.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalm 39
- 8.00 pm **The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday** (*with incense*)
- Missa Brevis Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina* Psalm 116.10-end
- Ubi caritas et amor Maurice Duruflé*
- Tantum ergo Maurice Duruflé*
- Preacher: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins
- This Eucharist commemorates the Last Supper, and includes the procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the altar of repose for the watch, a time of silent prayer commemorating the Lord's agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. The Cathedral remains open until midnight for those who wish to take part in the watch.*

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Friday 18th

Good Friday

8.00 am **Morning Prayer and Litany**

Psalm 69

1.30 pm **The Liturgy of Good Friday**

Psalm 22

The Passion according to St John Tomas Luis de Victoria

The Reproaches John Sanders

O vos omnes Pablo Casals Preacher: The Revd Dr John Fitzmaurice

The Liturgy includes the choral recitation of the Passion, prayers of intercession, the veneration of the cross, and concludes with the giving of Holy Communion.

5.30 pm **Evening Prayer**

Psalms 130, 143

Saturday 19th

Easter Eve

8.00 am **Morning Prayer**

Psalm 142

5.30 pm **Evening Prayer**

Psalm 116

8.00 pm **The Easter Liturgy** *(with incense)*

Mass in G Franz Schubert

Hallelujah George Frideric Handel

Preacher: The Dean

The Easter Liturgy service begins with a vigil, followed by the lighting of the Easter candle, and the baptism or confirmation of candidates from across the diocese. All take part in the renewal of baptismal vows, and the first Eucharist of Easter.

April 2025

In Residence: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

Sunday 20th

Easter Day

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 114, 117
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion (BCP)** (*with livestream*) Preacher: The Dean
- 10.30 am **Sung Eucharist** (*with incense*)
Missa Brevis Zoltán Kodály Psalm 118.14-24
This joyful Eastertide William Harris Preacher: The Bishop of Dudley
- 4.00 pm **Evensong** Responses: Rose
Collegium Magdalenae Oxoniense Kenneth Leighton Psalm 66.1-11
Blessed city, heavenly Salem Edward Bairstow Hymns 112, 117
- 6.30 pm **Music and Readings for Easter** (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)
Jesus Christ is risen today Richard Lloyd
This joyful Eastertide arr. Harrison Oxley
Haec Dies Colin Mawby
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Monday 21st

Monday of Easter Week

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 111, 117, 146
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
- 5.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalm 135

Tuesday 22nd

Tuesday of Easter Week

Day of music endowed by David and Carol Newman.

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 112, 147.1-12
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
- 5.30 pm **Evensong** (*sung by the Tasmanian Symphony Chorus*)
The St James' Service Joseph Twist Responses: Leighton Jones
This joyful Eastertide Charles Wood Psalm 136

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Wednesday 23rd

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

Psalms 113, 147.13-end

8.00 am **Holy Communion** *(with livestream)*

1.00 pm **Holy Communion**

5.30 pm **Evensong** *(sung by the Tasmanian Symphony Chorus)*

Magnificat *David Bevan*

Responses: *Leighton Jones*

Nunc dimittis *Gustav Holst*

Psalm 105

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain *Georg Frideric Handel*

Wednesday of Easter Week

VERSE: CANTORIS

Thursday 24th

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

Psalms 114, 148

8.00 am **Holy Communion** *(with livestream)*

5.30 pm **Evening Prayer**

Psalm 106

Thursday of Easter Week

Friday 25th

Day of music endowed by Betty Judge.

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

Psalms 115, 149

8.00 am **Holy Communion** *(with livestream)*

11.30 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)

3.00 pm **Concert**

Enchanted Voices

The Princess Prom

5.30 pm **Evening Prayer**

Psalm 107

7.00 pm **Concert**

Enchanted Voices

The Princess Prom

Friday of Easter Week

Saturday 26th

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

Psalms 116, 150

8.00 am **Holy Communion** *(with livestream)*

5.30 pm **Evensong** *(sung by the Oakville Singers)*

Responses: *Dibble*

Evening Service in G *Charles Villiers Stanford*

Psalm 145

The Lord is my shepherd *Franz Schubert*

Hymns 108, 105ii

Saturday of Easter Week

April 2025

In Residence: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins

Sunday 27th

The Second Sunday of Easter

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 136.1-16
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (BCP) (*with livestream*)
Preacher: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins
- 10.30 am **Sung Eucharist** (*sung by the Oakville Singers*)
Messe Solennelle *Louis Vierne* Psalm 150
I give to you a new commandment *Peter Nardone*
Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan
- 2.15 pm **Scouts' St George's Day Service**
- 4.00 pm **Evensong** (*sung by the Oakville Singers*) Responses: *Dibble*
If ye love me, keep my commandments *Thomas Tallis*
Evening Service in G *Ivor Atkins* Psalm 16
They that go down to the sea in ships *Herbert Sumson*
Hymns 101ii, 400 (t.311)
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Monday 28th

George, Martyr, Patron of England, c. 304

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 5, 146
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
- 5.30 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Hunt*
Evening Service in D *Ernest Moeran* Psalms 3, 11
My soul, there is a country *C. Hubert H. Parry* Hymn 162

Tuesday 29th

Mark the Evangelist

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 37.23-end, 148
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
- 5.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalm 45

April/May 2025

Wednesday 30th

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 119.1-32
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
1.00 pm	Holy Communion	
5.30 pm	Evensong <i>(Upper voices)</i>	Responses: <i>Nardone</i>
	Evening Service in E flat <i>Edward Bairstow</i>	Psalms 11, 12, 13
	I will worship <i>George Dyson</i>	

VERSE: DECANI

Thursday 1st May **Philip and James, Apostles**

Day of music endowed by Les and Carol West.

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 139, 146
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
12.15 pm	Lunchtime Recital	
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>Rose</i>
	Fauxbourdon Service <i>Healey Willan</i>	Psalms 149
	Jesu, the very thought of thee <i>Edward Bairstow</i>	Hymn 164

Friday 2nd **Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher of the Faith, 373**

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 17, 19
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
11.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
5.30 pm	Evensong attended by King's Scholars	Responses: <i>Hunt</i>
	Evening Service in E <i>Sydney Watson</i>	Psalms 22
	Rise up, my love <i>Healey Willan</i>	Hymn 103

Saturday 3rd

7.30 am	Morning Prayer	Psalms 20, 21, 23
8.00 am	Holy Communion <i>(with livestream)</i>	
5.30 pm	Evensong	Responses: <i>Hunt</i>
	The Second Service <i>William Byrd</i>	Psalms 24, 25
	Dum transisset sabbatum <i>John Taverner</i>	
		Hymns 100ii (omit vv 5, 6), 111

May 2025

In Residence: The Dean

Sunday 4th

The Third Sunday of Easter

7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 80.1-8

8.00 am **Holy Communion** (BCP) (*with livestream*) Preacher: The Dean

10.30 am **Sung Eucharist**

Missa Sanctae Margaretae *Gabriel Jackson* Psalm 30

O sons and daughters *Henry Walford Davies*

Preacher: The Revd Canon Brian Gant

3.00 pm **Worship in the Garden**

*entering the garden through the 'deliveries' doorway outside the
Edgar Tower Gate.*

4.00 pm **Evensong**

Responses: Rose

Evening Service in B minor *Herbert Howells* Psalm 86

Sing ye to the Lord *Edward Bairstow* Hymns 106 (t.219), 114

6.30 pm **Evening Worship** (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)

Sing, choirs of heaven *Richard Shephard*

Lord of the Dance *Sydney Carter arr. John Barnard* Preacher: The Dean
