

MARCH 2025

# *Services & Music*



**BRISTOL CATHEDRAL**

*The*  
**LORD MAYOR'S CHAPEL**

Here

with

*you,*

yesterday,

today,

and tomorrow

## From the Minor Canon for Worship & Liturgy

On Wednesday 6 March we enter into the season of Lent. A time where we remember Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness, resisting temptation. It is a holy time where we consider our own lives – our faults and vices – and seek to grow in our discipleship by following Jesus' example of discipline and resisting temptation. I encourage you to come and mark this occasion at our Ash Wednesday Eucharist services with the imposition of ashes at 12.30pm or 6.00pm. May this season of Lent be a time where we prepare ourselves for events of Holy Week.

On Sunday 9 March, we are delighted to be commissioning Bishop Bosco, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Clifton, as an Ecumenical Canon here at the Cathedral. We will welcome him during Evensong at 3.30pm. An Ecumenical Canon is a person who is recognised and honoured as a partner in the Gospel and is associated with the life and work of the Cathedral and Diocese. Do come along to support him.

On Sunday 30 March we celebrate Mothering Sunday. As always, we will be celebrating mothers, mother figures and women during this service with small gifts of flowers. This year, however, we are also focusing on the Cathedral's role as the "Mother Church" of the diocese, and are pleased to be welcoming a number of visiting groups from parishes in the diocese to this service. Do make them welcome!

Our regular pattern of services will run throughout Lent:

*I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy word.*

*Common Worship Ash Wednesday Liturgy*

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## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

BCP: SEXAGESIMA

FEBRUARY

### 23 Sunday

7.40am Morning Prayer

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) (Preacher: Canon Neville Boundy)

10.00am **Said Eucharist** with Hymns

Preacher *The Revd Canon Roxanne F. Eversley* Hymns  
*Canon Librarian, Southwark Cathedral* 265 Regent Square

Setting Mass of St Thomas *Thorne* 272 All for Jesus

Voluntary *Praeludium in a Buxtehude* 466 Moscow

11.00am **Said Mattins** (BCP) in the Lord Mayor's Chapel Hymns

Preacher *Canon Neville Boundy* 349 Nativity

Psalm Psalm 83.1-2, 13-end 285 England's Lane

Voluntary *Symphonie No. 2, Op. 13 – Finale Widor* 466 Moscow

3.30pm Evening Prayer

Psalm Psalm 147

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### 24 Monday

Verses | Cantoris

*Feria*

8.15am Morning Prayer; 12.30pm Eucharist

5.15pm **Choral Evensong**

Responses *Byrd* Psalm 118.1-12

Canticles *Purcell* in g Hymn 400 Au fort de ma détresse

Anthem *Thy word is a lantern Purcell*

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FEBRUARY

**25 Tuesday**

*Feria*

8.15am Morning Prayer; 12.30pm Eucharist

5.15pm Choral Evensong

Responses *Tomkins*

Psalm 119.57-64

Canticles *First Service Morley*

Hymn 241 *Te lucis ante terminum*

Anthem *Out of the deep Morley*

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**26 Wednesday**

*Feria*

8.15am Morning Prayer; 12.30pm Eucharist

5.15pm Choral Evensong *sung by the Boy Choristers*

Responses *Noon*

Psalm 119.129-136

Canticles *Dyson in c & Burgon in F*

Hymn 391 *Gwalchmai*

Anthem *O for a closer walk with God Caesar*

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**27 Thursday**

George Herbert, Priest, Poet, 1633

8.15am Morning Prayer; 12.30pm Eucharist

5.15pm Evening Prayer (*Psalms 123, 124, 125*)

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**28 Friday**

*Feria*

8.15am Morning Prayer; 12.30pm Eucharist

5.15pm Choral Evensong *sung by the Lay Clerks*

Responses *Tallis*

Psalms 134, 135

Canticles *Collegium Regale Clucas*

Hymn 245 *Ar hyd y nos*

Anthem *Prayer Wilby*

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MARCH

**01 Saturday**

David, Bishop of Menevia, Patron of Wales, c.601

8.15am Morning Prayer; 12.30pm Eucharist

3.30pm Evensong Explained *attended by Chorister for the Day participants*

Responses *Rose*

Psalm 6

Canticles *Collegium Regale Howells*

Hymn 408 *Blaenwern*

Anthem *Seek him that maketh the seven stars Dove*

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# SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

## BCP: QUINQUAGESIMA

MARCH

### 02 Sunday

7.40am Morning Prayer

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) (Preacher: The Dean)

10.00am Cathedral Eucharist

Preacher	Canon Jonnie Parkin	Hymns
Setting	Missa Brevis Walton	381 Ewing
Motet	Set me as a seal Walton	295 Picardy
Voluntary	Introduction et Allegro (Symphonie 6) Vierne	178 Carlisle

11.00am Choral Mattins (BCP) in the Lord Mayor's Chapel

Preacher	The Dean	Psalm 77.11-end (195)
Introit	O taste and see Vaughan Williams	Venite (328)
Responses	Ayleward	Hymns
Te Deum	Set 3	440 Lobe den Herren (omit*)
Jubilate	Ireland in F	178 Carlisle
Anthem	The Lord bless you and keep you Rutter	494 Nun Danket
Voluntary	Nun Danket, alle Gott op. 65 no. 13 Karg-Elert	

3.30pm Choral Evensong

Preacher	The Revd Mel Takáč	
Responses	Tomkins	Psalm 89.1-19
Canticles	Darke in F	Hymns (HPP)
Anthem	Hail, gladdening light Wood	249 Eisenach
Voluntary	Fantasia in G Parry	194 Turners Hill

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### 03 Monday

Verses | Decani

Feria

8.15am Morning Prayer; 12.30pm Eucharist

5.15pm Choral Evensong

Responses	Radcliffe	Psalm 18.1-15
Canticles	Jesus College Service Mathias	Hymn 486 Fulda
Anthem	Save us, O Lord Bairstow	

## 04 Tuesday

*Feria*

8.15am Morning Prayer; 12.30pm Eucharist

5.15pm Choral Evensong

Responses *Clucas*

Psalm 22.1-21

Canticles *D. Purcell in e*

Hymn 478 *Lasst uns erfreuen*

Anthem *O Lorde, the maker of al thing Joubert*

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## 05 Wednesday

ASH WEDNESDAY

8.15am Morning Prayer; 12.30pm Eucharist

5.15pm Evening Prayer (*Psalm 51*)

6.00pm Choral Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes

*Special Order of Service*

Preacher *The Dean*

Hymns

Setting *Mass a 5 Byrd*

67 *Aus der tiefe*

Motet *Miserere, mei Deus Allegri*

70 *Southwell*

*Ave verum corpus Byrd*

76 *Breslau*

Voluntary *Praeludium in c BWV546(i) J. S. Bach*

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## 06 Thursday

*Feria*

8.15am Morning Prayer; 12.30pm Eucharist

5.15pm Evening Prayer (*Psalms 32, 33*)

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## 07 Friday

Perpetua, Felicity and their Companions, Martyrs at Carthage, 203

8.15am Morning Prayer; 12.30pm Eucharist

5.15pm Choral Evensong sung by the Lay Clerks

Responses *Leighton-Jones*

Psalm 37.1-20

Canticles *Dearnley in falsibordone*

Hymn *Ave Regina Caelorum*

Anthem *Laboravi in gemitu meo Caldara*

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## 08 Saturday

*Edward King, Bishop of Lincoln, 1910; Felix, Bishop, Apostle to the East Angles, 647;*

*Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, Priest, Poet, 1929*

8.15am Morning Prayer; 12.30pm Eucharist

3.30pm Evening Prayer (*Psalm 41*)

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# 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH

## 09 Sunday

7.40am Morning Prayer

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) (Preacher: The Revd Paul Barrett)

10.00am Cathedral Eucharist

Hymns

Preacher Canon Neil Patterson *You came to raise Bow Brickhill [94]*

Setting Missa Brevis Cox 68 St Raphael

Motet A Litany Walton 382 Song 13

Voluntary Introduction and Allegro (First Sonata) Price

11.00am Choral Mattins (BCP) in the Lord Mayor's Chapel

Preacher The Revd Paul Barrett Psalm 91.1-12 (230)

Introit Call to remembrance Farrant Venite (228)

Responses Reading Hymns

Benedicite Lloyd 67 Aus der tiefe

Benedictus Stanford in C 83 Caswall

Anthem Wash me thoroughly S S Wesley 64 Abridge

Voluntary Processional Mathias

3.30pm Choral Evensong with the Installation of an Ecumenical Canon

*Special Order of Service*

Preacher The Bishop of Bristol

Responses Radcliffe Psalm 119.73-88

Canticles Second Service Gibbons

Anthem When David heard that Absalom was slain Weelkes

Voluntary Finale Price

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## 10 Monday

Verses | Cantoris

*Feria*

8.15am Morning Prayer; 12.30pm Eucharist

5.15pm Choral Evensong

Responses Radcliffe Psalm 53

Canticles Sixth Service Weelkes Hymn 64 Abridge

Anthem O Lord, in thy wrath Gibbons

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MARCH

**11 Tuesday**

*Feria*

8.15am Morning Prayer; 12.30pm Eucharist

5.15pm Choral Evensong

Responses *Clucas*

Psalm 59

Canticles *Walmisley in d*

Hymn 73 St Francis Xavier

Anthem *Wash me throughly S. S. Wesley*

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**12 Wednesday**

*Feria*

8.15am Morning Prayer; 12.30pm Eucharist

5.15pm Choral Evensong *sung by the Boy Choristers*

Responses *Fox*

Psalm 65

Canticles *Sumsion in G*

Hymn 331 Eventide

Anthem *Crux fidelis Handel arr. Higginbottom*

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**13 Thursday**

*Feria*

8.15am Morning Prayer; 12.30pm Eucharist

5.15pm Evening Prayer (*Psalm 69 [omit 23-29]*)

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**14 Friday**

*Feria*

8.15am Morning Prayer; 12.30pm Eucharist

5.15pm Choral Evensong *sung by the Lay Clerks*

Responses *Sanders*

Psalm 73

Canticles *Short Service Weelkes*

Hymn Ave Regina Caelorum

Anthem *Let my complaint Morley*

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**15 Saturday**

*Feria*

8.15am Morning Prayer; 12.30pm Eucharist

3.30pm Evening Prayer (*Psalm 78.1-40*)

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## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH

### 16 Sunday

7.40am Morning Prayer

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) (Preacher: Canon Neil Patterson)

10.00am Cathedral Eucharist sung by the Cathedral Consort

Preacher	<i>The Revd Mel Takáč</i>	Hymns
Setting	Missa Alme Pater Millington	148 (omit *) Leoni
Motet	Tantum ergo Duruflé	76 Breslau
Voluntary	Prelude in c BWV546(i) J. S. Bach	379 Wychbold

11.00am Holy Communion in the Lord Mayor's Chapel

(Common Worship Order One, Traditional Language)

Preacher	Canon Neil Patterson	Hymns
Psalm	25.13-end (75)	76 Breslau (omit *)
Setting	Mass a 4 Byrd	337 Martydom
Motet	O salutaris hostia Rossini	275 Liebster Jesu
Voluntary	Elegy Thalben-Ball	382 Song 13

3.30pm Choral Evensong sung by the Cathedral Consort

Preacher	Canon Jonnie Parkin	
Responses	<i>Piccolo</i>	Psalm 135
Canticles	Watson in E	Hymns (HPP)
Anthem	Lord, let me know mine end Greene	133 Erhalt uns, Herr
Voluntary	Fugue in c BWV546(ii) J. S. Bach	134 Thorn Tree

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### 17 Monday

Verses | Decani

Patrick, Bishop, Missionary, Patron of Ireland, c.460

8.15am Morning Prayer; 12.30pm Eucharist

5.15pm Choral Evensong

Responses	<i>Radcliffe</i>	Psalm 89.1-19
Canticles	Service for Trebles Weelkes	Hymn 159 (omit vv 3 & 4)
Anthem	Call to remembrance Farrant	St Patrick's Breastplate

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## 18 Tuesday

*Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, Teacher of the Faith, 386*

8.15am Morning Prayer; 12.30pm Eucharist

5.15pm First Choral Evensong of Joseph of Nazareth Psalm 132

Responses *Clucas* Hymn 37

Canticles Fourth Service *Batten* A Virgin Unspotted

Anthem O pray for the peace of Jerusalem *Howells*

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## 19 Wednesday

*Joseph of Nazareth*

8.15am Morning Prayer; 12.30pm Eucharist

5.15pm Choral Evensong sung by the Girl Choristers

Responses *Nixon* Psalm 112

Canticles *Bairstow* in E flat Hymn 160 *Coelites Plaudant* [190ii]

Anthem *Ubi caritas Panufnik*

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## 20 Thursday

*Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 687*

8.15am Morning Prayer; 12.30pm Eucharist

5.15pm Evening Prayer (*Psalm 104.1-23*)

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## 21 Friday

*Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, Reformation Martyr, 1556*

8.15am Morning Prayer; 12.30pm Eucharist

5.15pm Choral Evensong sung by the Lay Clerks

Responses *Moore* Psalm 106.1-27

Canticles *Lang* in G Hymn *Ave Regina Caelorum*

Anthem *God so loved the world Ley*

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## 22 Saturday

*Feria*

8.15am Morning Prayer; 12.30pm Eucharist

3.30pm Evening Prayer (*Psalm 108*)

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## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH

### 23 Sunday

7.40am Morning Prayer

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) (Preacher: Canon Neville Boundy)

10.00am Cathedral Eucharist

Preacher	<i>The Dean</i>		Hymns
Setting	<i>Darke in E</i>	291 (omit vv 6 & 8)	Gonfalon royal [128]
Motet	Remember not, Lord, our offences	<i>Purcell</i>	310 Offertorium
Voluntary	Fantasia and Fugue in c	<i>BWV 537 J. S. Bach</i>	414 Caithness

11.00am Choral Mattins (BCP) in the Lord Mayor's Chapel

Preacher	<i>Canon Neville Boundy</i>		Psalm 9.13-end (39)
Introit	Deliver us, O Lord	<i>Batten</i>	Venite (40)
Responses	<i>Sanders</i>		Hymns
Benedicite	<i>Lloyd</i>		59 Jena
Benedictus	<i>Stanford in C</i>		374 St Peter
Anthem	Geistliches Lied	<i>Brahms</i>	376 Kingsfold
Voluntary	Adoration	<i>Price</i>	

3.30pm Choral Evensong

Preacher	<i>The Revd Dr Minty Hull</i>		
Responses	<i>Clucas</i>		Psalm 12
Canticles	Collegium Magdalenae Oxoniense	<i>Leighton</i>	Hymns (HPP)
Anthem	Drop, drop slow tears	<i>Leighton</i>	135 Erhalt uns. Herr
Voluntary	Paeon	<i>Leighton</i>	136 Khandallah

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### 24 Monday

Verses | Cantoris

*Walter Hilton of Thurgarton, Augustinian Canon, Mystic, 1396; Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador, Martyr, 1980; Paul Courtourier, Priest, Ecumenist, 1953*

8.15am Morning Prayer; 12.30pm Eucharist

5.15pm First Choral Evensong of The Annunciation of Our Lord  
to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Responses	<i>Radcliffe</i>		Psalm 85
Canticles	<i>Howells in G</i>		Hymn 185 Abbots Leigh
Anthem	Ave Maria	<i>Parsons</i>	

## 25 Tuesday

THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8.15am Morning Prayer; 12.30pm Eucharist

1.15pm Lunchtime Recital *Simon Watterton (piano)*

5.15pm Choral Evensong

Responses *Clucas*

Psalm 146

Canticles *Second Service Byrd*

Hymn 161 St Botolph [385]

Anthem *Ave Regina McDowall*

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## 26 Wednesday

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

8.15am Morning Prayer; 12.30pm Eucharist

5.15pm Choral Evensong *sung by the Boy Choristers*

Responses *Noon*

Psalm 119.145-152

Canticles *Dyson in c*

Hymn 61 *Christe qui lux*

Anthem *Wash me thoroughly Handel*

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## 27 Thursday

*Feria*

8.15am Morning Prayer; 12.30pm Eucharist

5.15pm Evening Prayer (*Psalms 126, 127, 128*)

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## 28 Friday

*Feria*

8.15am Morning Prayer; 12.30pm Eucharist

5.15pm Choral Evensong *sung by the Lay Clerks*

Responses *Harris*

Psalm 136

Canticles *Andreas in falsibordone*

Hymn *Ave Regina Caelorum*

Anthem *Ne irasaris Byrd*

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## 29 Saturday

*Feria*

8.15am Morning Prayer; 12.30pm Eucharist

3.30pm Evening Prayer (*Psalm 142*)

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# 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

## Mothering Sunday

MARCH

### 30 Sunday

7.40am Morning Prayer

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) (Preacher: Canon Jonnie Parkin)

10.00am Cathedral Eucharist

*Special Order of Service*

Preacher *The Revd Dr Minty Hull*

Setting *Missa Sancti Pauli Vann*

Motet *Ave Maria Biebl*

Voluntary *Fantasia and Fugue in g BWV 542 J. S. Bach*

11.00am Choral Mattins (BCP) in the Lord Mayor's Chapel

Preacher *Canon Jonnie Parkin* Psalm 122 (Howells)

Introit *Ave Maris Stella Hassler* Venite (223)

Responses *Smith* Hymns

Benedicite *Lloyd* 383 Aberystwyth (omit \*)

Benedictus *Stanford in C* 75 Innsbruck

Anthem *Ave Maria K. Rose* 186 Woodlands

Voluntary *Fuga sopra il Magnificat BWV 733 J. S. Bach*

3.30pm Choral Evensong

Preacher *Canon Neil Patterson*

Responses *Radcliffe* Psalm 30

Canticles *Gray in f* Hymns (HPP)

Anthem *Ave Maria Bruckner* 312 Paddockhurst

Voluntary *Fuga sopra il Magnificat BWV 733 J. S. Bach* 301 Song 67

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### 31 Monday

Verses | Decani

*John Donne, Priest, Poet, 1631*

8.15am Morning Prayer; 12.30pm Eucharist

5.15pm Choral Evensong

Responses *Radcliffe* Psalm 149

Canticles *Jackson in G* Hymn 65 Gute bäume bringen

Anthem *Miserere nostri Tallis*

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## 01 Tuesday

*Frederick Denison Maurice, Priest, Teacher of the Faith, 1872*

8.15am Morning Prayer; 12.30pm Eucharist

1.15pm Lunchtime Recital *Dursley Male Voice Choir*

5.15pm Choral Evensong

Responses *Clucas*

Psalm 8

Canticles First Service *Weelkes*

Hymn 76 *Breslau*

Anthem *In ieuinio et fletu Tallis*

*The Cathedral Choir is on holiday until Palm Sunday*

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## 02 Wednesday

*Feria*

8.15am Morning Prayer; 12.30pm Eucharist

5.15pm Evening Prayer (*Psalm 14*)

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## 03 Thursday

*Feria*

8.15am Morning Prayer; 12.30pm Eucharist

5.15pm Evening Prayer (*Psalm 18.28-51*)

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## 04 Friday

*Feria*

8.15am Morning Prayer; 12.30pm Eucharist

5.15pm Evening Prayer (*Psalms 28, 29*)

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## 05 Saturday

*Feria*

8.15am Morning Prayer; 12.30pm Eucharist

5.15pm Choral Evensong *sung by the choir of Holy Trinity Church, Hereford*

Responses *Sumsion*

Psalm 23

Canticles *Wood in D*

Hymn 70 *Southwell*

Anthem *Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks Howells*

# Services

## Bible Translation

The Cathedral uses the NRSV Anglicised Edition translation of the bible for all services except BCP Holy Communion on Sundays. Reading selections are taken from the Common Worship Lectionary, with Evensong readings taken from the Pillar Lectionary. At the Lord Mayor's Chapel, the King James Version is used, and readings are taken from the BCP readings of the day.

## Choir

Unless otherwise specified, all choral services are sung by the Cathedral Choir or, at the Lord Mayor's Chapel, the chapel choir.

## Communion

If it is your custom to receive communion in your own church, you are welcome to receive here, whatever your denomination. You may choose not to receive wine from the common cup, recognising that some people are still vulnerable. For the safety of all please do not intinct (dip the bread/host) into the chalice.

## Feast Days Key

On each day there is an indication of whether it is a day of significance.

The different significances are indicated as follows:

- *Feria (no commemoration or otherwise)*
- *Commemoration*
- Lesser Festival
- **Festival**
- **PRINCIPAL FEAST**

For Festivals and Principal Feasts, (and the evening service the day before) the altar colours will reflect the occasion, and Festal Responses are said or sung at the close of the evening service.

## Hymns

Hymns are taken from the *New English Hymnal*, except where it indicates "HPP", which refers to the **blue Hymns for Prayer + Praise** often used at Sunday Evensong.

## Incense

On some feast days, incense is used during the service. This is indicated by the † symbol.

## Live-Streaming

Weekday Morning Prayer is live streamed on our social media channels.

## Photography and Recording

No photography or recording of any other kind may take place during services, concerts, or rehearsals without the express permission of the Chapter.



## Psalms

The traditional BCP Coverdale translation is used at Evening Prayer and Evensong. Common Worship translation is used at all other services. The congregation sit for the psalms, standing for “Glory be to the Father...” at the end of the last psalm.

## Service Length

Said Morning Prayer lasts approximately 15 minutes.

Said Lunchtime Eucharist lasts approximately 30 minutes.

Evensong lasts around 40 minutes; Evening Prayer around 20 minutes.

BCP Communion lasts around 40 minutes.

The Eucharist on a Sunday lasts around one hour.

On a Sunday, Evensong lasts around one hour, incorporating a sermon.

## Translations of Anthems not in English

Translations of weekday anthems sung in languages other than English can be found at the back of this booklet.

## Service Locations

On Sundays, the 8.00am BCP Holy Communion is held at the High Altar, and the 10.00am Eucharist in the Nave.

Morning Prayer is held every day in the Newton Chapel.

Evensong or Evening Prayer is held in the Nave, except Evening Prayer on Saturdays, which is held in the Berkeley Chapel, and Friday Evensongs in Lent, which are held in the Eastern Lady Chapel.

12.30pm Eucharist Locations	
Mon	Eastern Lady Chapel
Tue	Sub Croft Chapel
Wed	Newton Chapel
Thu	Berkeley Chapel
Fri	Eastern Lady Chapel
Sat	Eastern Lady Chapel

Service locations may change at short notice: please speak to a vergers or one of the welcome team to confirm the location of the day’s services.

## About the Cathedral Choir

Bristol Cathedral Choir lies at the heart of the worshipping life of the Cathedral, sustaining a pattern of worship that reaches back nearly nine hundred years. Our choristers have the joy and privilege of enabling people to worship God through music and singing. A choir has been singing on the site of the Cathedral since the Augustinian monastery was founded in 1140. When the church formally became Bristol Cathedral in 1542 its statutes required that provision be made for the development and maintenance of the choir, whose role was to sing the praises of God. The passing of the centuries has modified but not destroyed the pattern. The choir consists of around 28 choristers, all of whom are educated at Bristol Cathedral Choir School, 16 probationers, educated at Primary Schools across Bristol and the surrounding area, four university-age Choral Scholars, and six professional Lay Clerks. Each year the Cathedral recruits four boys and four girls who are currently in Year 4 to become probationers when they reach Year 5. If you are interested in finding out more about your child becoming a chorister, please contact the Music & Liturgy Officer, Tim Popple: [tim.popple@bristol-cathedral.co.uk](mailto:tim.popple@bristol-cathedral.co.uk).

## About us

The original foundation of Bristol Cathedral was an abbey established in 1140. It was built just outside the original walls of Bristol on high ground overlooking the river. The new monastery was dedicated to St Augustine of Canterbury, but followed the rule of Augustine of Hippo, a Bishop from North Africa who established communities in which priests lived an ordered life, but one that was not detached from the needs of local people.

The architecture of the building was initially characterised by a particularly elaborate variety of the Romanesque style, with rounded arches and rich carvings that can still be seen in the Chapter House. However, between the 13<sup>th</sup> and early 16<sup>th</sup> centuries a sequence of rebuilding projects transformed the church into a Gothic one, with its familiar pointed arches. The most important of these was the unique and beautiful ‘hall church’ east end begun in 1298.

The nave of the church was in the middle of being rebuilt just when Henry VIII dissolved the country’s monasteries and confiscated their assets. However, Bristol was an important place – England’s second city – and in 1542 the truncated building, its building works abandoned, was designated the Cathedral of the Holy and Undivided Trinity, Bristol.

The people of Bristol themselves funded the rebuilding of the nave, from 1868. Like many other institutions in Bristol, these donations would have been substantially built on the legacy of trade in sugar, tobacco and cotton, which until earlier in the century had depended on the labour of enslaved Africans. We acknowledge and repent the human impact of this legacy, together with the experience of racism that flows from it, and are working to address it.

Monuments to the aristocrats and traders of Bristol are all around you, but also notice the stained-glass windows commemorating the sacrifice of ordinary volunteers during the Second World War, and remember the many unnamed artisans and craftspeople who shaped this building, and ordinary citizens buried in its vaults.

Cathedrals are places of prayer and welcome for everyone, and we seek to be a place of welcome for all, to be here for the people of Bristol and beyond.

**THE LORD MAYOR’S CHAPEL** dates back to 1220 initially built as part of a hospital founded by Maurice and Henry de Gaunt, grandsons of Robert Fitzharding, founder of the Abbey of St Augustine (which would later become Bristol Cathedral). At the dissolution of the monasteries in 1541, the Chapel was purchased by the Mayor of Bristol, at which point it became the Lord Mayor’s Chapel. It has remained in the ownership of the City Council (and its predecessors) ever since, and since April 2023 has been in the care of Bristol Cathedral.

# Translations of Anthems not in English

## Ave Regina

*Sung by the Lay Clerks each Friday in Lent.*

Ave, Regina caelorum,  
Ave, Domina Angelorum:  
Salve, radix, salve, porta  
Ex qua mundo lux est orta:  
Gaude, Virgo gloriosa,  
Super omnes speciosa,  
Vale, o valde decora,  
Et pro nobis Christum exora.

*Hail, O Queen of Heaven.  
Hail, O Lady of Angels  
Hail! thou root, hail! thou gate  
From whom unto the world a light has arisen:  
Rejoice, O glorious Virgin,  
Lovely beyond all others,  
Farewell, most beautiful maiden,  
And pray for us to Christ.  
Marian Antiphon, Compline*

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## Friday 7 March

Laboravi in gemitu meo  
Laboravi in gemitu meo;  
lavabo per singulas noctes lectum meum::  
lacrimis meis stratum meum rigabo.

*Antonio Caldara 1670-1736  
I am weary of my groaning;  
every night wash I my bed:  
and water my couch with my tears.  
Psalm 6.7*

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## Wednesday 12 March

### Crux fidelis

Crux fidelis inter omnes,  
arbor una nobilis,  
nulla silva talem profert,  
fronde flore germine,  
dulce lignum, dulces claves,  
dulce pondus sustinet.

*G. F. Handel 1685-1759 arr Higginbotham  
Faithful Cross! above all other,  
one and only noble Tree!  
None in foliage, none in blossom,  
none in fruit your peer may be;  
sweetest wood, and sweetest iron!  
sweetest weight is hung on you.  
St Venantius Fortunatus c.530-600*

## Wednesday 19 February

### Ubi caritas

Roxanna Panufnik b.1968

Ubi caritas et amor,

*Wherever charity and love are to be found,*

Deus ibi est.

*God is there.*

Congregavit nos

*The love of Christ has*

in unum Christi amor.

*brought us together as one.*

Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.

*Let us rejoice and be glad in him.*

Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.

*Let us fear and love the living God;*

Et ex corde diligamus

*and let us love one another*

nos sincero. Amen.

*with sincerity in our heart. Amen.*

*Antiphon at the foot washing, Maundy Thursday*

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## Monday 24 March

### Ave Maria

Robert Parsons c.1530-70

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum. *Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.*

Benedicta tu in mulieribus,

*Blessed art thou among women,*

et benedictus fructus ventris tui. Amen.

*and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. Amen.*

*after St Luke 1.28*

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## Tuesday 25 March

### Ave Regina

Cecilia McDowall b.1951

*See previous page.*

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## Friday 28 March

### Ne irascaris

William Byrd 1540-1623

Ne irascaris Domine satis,

*Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,*

et ne ultra memineris

*and do not remember*

iniquitatis nostrae.

*our iniquity forever.*

Ecce, respice;

*Behold and see;*

populus tuus omnes nos.

*we are all your people.*

Civitas sancti tui facta est deserta.

*Your holy cities have become a wilderness.*

Sion deserta facta est,

*Zion has become a wilderness,*

Jerusalem desolata est.

*Jerusalem a desolation.*

*Isaiah 64.9-10*

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## Sunday 30 March

### Ave Maria

Anton Bruckner 1824-96

Ave Maria, gratia plena,  
Dominus tecum.  
Benedicta tu in mulieribus,  
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.  
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,  
ora pro nobis peccatoribus,  
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

*Hail Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with you.  
Blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and in the hour of our death. Amen.  
after Luke 1.28, 42*

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Monday 31 March

**Miserere nostri**

*Thomas Tallis c.1505-85*

Miserere nostri Domine, miserere nostri.

*Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.  
Psalm 123.3*

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Tuesday 1 April

**In ieiunio et fletu**

*Thomas Tallis c.1505-85*

In ieiunio et fletu, orabant sacerdotes:

*Fasting and weeping, the priests prayed:*

Parce, Domine, parce populo tuo,

*Spare, O Lord, spare your people,*

et ne des hereditatem tuam

*and do not give your inheritance*

in perditionem.

*over to perdition.*

Inter vestibulum et altare

*Between the porch and the altar,*

plorabant sacerdotes, dicentes:

*the priests wept, saying:*

Parce populo tuo.

*Spare your people.*

*after Joel 2.12, 17*

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