

# Service Scheme April 2026

## 19 Sunday

The Third  
Sunday of  
Easter

*Services today are  
sung by the Advent  
Singers*

**08:30 Holy Communion**

**10:30 The Cathedral Eucharist** ♦

Setting: Messe Breve No 7 *Charles Gounod*

Motet: Jesu, joy of man's desiring *J S Bach*

Voluntary: Litanies *Jehan Alain*

**15:00 Choral Evensong** ♦

Canticles: *C V Stanford in C*

Anthem: O Thou, the central orb *Charles Wood*

Voluntary: Rhapsody No 1 in D flat *Herbert Howells*

**17:30 King's School Service**

*Hymns on service sheet*

Gradual psalm: *116 (vv 1-7)*

Preacher: *The Canon Precentor*

Responses: *John Sanders*

Hymns: *114, 121*

Psalms: *100, 101*

*Special order of service*

## 20 Monday

**08:15 Morning Prayer**

**12:30 Holy Communion**

**17:30 Choral Evensong** ♦

Canticles: The Short Service *Adrian Batten*

Anthem: Haec dies *Thomas Morley*

Responses: *Thomas Tallis*

Psalm: *104*

## 21 Tuesday

*Anselm, Abbot of Le  
Bec, Archbishop of  
Canterbury,  
Teacher, 1109*

**08:15 Morning Prayer**

**12:30 Holy Communion**

**17:30 Choral Evensong** ♦

Canticles: *Charles Wood in D*

Anthem: Blessed be the God and father *S S Wesley*

Responses: *John Reading*

Hymn: *221 (tune ii)*

Psalm: *106*

## 22 Wednesday

**08:15 Morning Prayer**

**12:30 Holy Communion**

**17:30 Evening Prayer** ♦

## 23 Thursday

**St George**

**08:15 Morning Prayer**

**12:30 Holy Communion**

**13:10 Organ Recital**

Anthony Gritten (*Royal Academy of Music*)

**17:30 Sung Eucharist** ♦

Setting: *Harold Darke in A minor*

Motet: Give us the wings of faith *Ernest Bullock*

Preacher: *The Dean*

*Hymns on service sheet*

Gradual psalm: *126*

## 24 Friday

**08:15 Morning Prayer**

**12:30 Holy Communion**

**17:30 Choral Evensong** ♦

Canticles: The Second Service *Timothy Noon*

Anthem: Christo resurgenti *François Couperin*

Responses: *Peter Aston (Set 2)*

Psalm: *119 (vv 1-32)*

## 25 Saturday

**Mark the  
Evangelist**

**08:15 Morning Prayer**

**16:15 Choral Evensong**

Canticles: The Second Service *Thomas Tomkins*

Anthem: Almighty God, who hast instructed *Thomas Tomkins*

Voluntary: Fantasia in C *William Byrd*

Responses: *Richard Ayleward*

Hymn: *163*

Psalm: *119 (vv 73-104)*

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<b>26 Sunday</b>	<b>08:30 Holy Communion</b>		
<b>The Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>10:30 The Cathedral Eucharist</b> ♦		
	Setting: The Little Organ Mass <i>Josef Haydn</i>		<i>Hymns on service sheet</i>
	Motet: The King of love my shepherd is <i>Edward Bairstow</i>		Gradual psalm: 23
	Voluntary: Imperial March <i>Edward Elgar</i>		Preacher: <i>The Canon Missioner</i>
	<b>15:00 Choral Evensong</b> ♦		
	Canticles: T A Walmisley in D minor		Responses: <i>Richard Ayleward</i>
	Anthem: Worthy is the Lamb & Amen Chorus <i>G F Handel</i>		Hymns: 206, 471
	Voluntary: Prelude and fugue in G (BWV 541) <i>J S Bach</i>		Psalm: 119 (vv 145-176)
	<b>18:00 Said Compline</b>		
<b>27 Monday</b>	<b>08:15 Morning Prayer</b>		
	<b>12:30 Holy Communion</b>		
	<b>17:30 Choral Evensong</b> ♦		
	Canticles: <i>C V Stanford in B flat</i>		Responses: <i>Grayston Ives</i>
	Anthem: And I saw another angel <i>C V Stanford</i>		Psalms: 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131
<b>28 Tuesday</b>	<b>08:15 Morning Prayer</b>		
	<b>12:30 Holy Communion</b>		
	<b>17:30 Choral Evensong</b> ♦		
	Canticles: Collegium Regale <i>Herbert Howells</i>		Responses: <i>Philip Radcliffe</i>
	Anthem: If ye love me <i>James MacMillan</i>		Psalms: 136, 137, 138
<b>29 Wednesday</b>	<b>08:15 Morning Prayer</b>		
<i>Catherine of Sienna, Teacher, 1380</i>	<b>12:30 Holy Communion</b>		
	<b>17:30 Evening Prayer</b> ♦		
<b>30 Thursday</b>	<b>08:15 Morning Prayer</b>		
	<b>12:30 Holy Communion</b>		
	<b>13:10 Organ Recital</b>		
	Thomas Coxhead ( <i>Newport Cathedral</i> )		
	<b>17:30 Choral Evensong</b> ♦		
	Canticles: <i>Daniel Purcell in E minor</i>		Responses: <i>Thomas Ebdon</i>
	Anthem: Teach me, O Lord <i>William Byrd</i>		Psalms: 147, 148, 149, 150
<b>1 Friday</b>	<b>08:15 Morning Prayer</b>		
<b>MAY Philip and James, Apostles</b>	<b>12:30 Holy Communion</b>		
	<b>17:30 Choral Evensong</b> ♦		
	Canticles: <i>Herbert Sumsion in G</i>		Responses: <i>David Terry</i>
	Anthem: How beautiful are the feet <i>G F Handel</i>		Hymn: 164 (tune 358ii)
			Psalms: 6, 7, 8
<b>2 Saturday</b>	<b>08:15 Morning Prayer</b>		
<i>Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher, 373</i>	<b>16:15 Choral Evensong</b>		
	Canticles: <i>S S Wesley in E</i>		Responses: <i>Bernard Rose</i>
	Anthem: My beloved spake <i>Charlotte Bray</i>		Hymn: 220 (tune ii)
	Voluntary: Twilight; Evening (Summer Sketches) <i>Edwin Lemare</i>		Psalms: 12, 13, 14

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## 3 Sunday

The Fifth  
Sunday of  
Easter

**08:30 Holy Communion**

**10:30 The Cathedral Eucharist** ♦

Setting: Mass in A minor *Imogen Holst*

*Hymns on service sheet*

Motet: My beloved spake *Charlotte Bray*

Gradual psalm: 31 (vv 1-6)

Voluntary: Praeludium in E (BuxWV 141) *Dietrich Buxtehude*

Preacher: *The Dean*

**15:00 Choral Evensong** ♦

Canticles: The Cheshire Service *Philip Moore*

Responses: *Bernard Rose*

Anthem: And I saw a new heaven *Edgar Bainton*

Hymns: 381, 401

Voluntary: Saraband (In Modo Elegiaco) *Herbert Howells*

Psalm: 18

**18:00 Sung Compline**

Introit: Peace I leave with you *Amy Beach*

Hymn: 244

Canticle: Nunc dimittis *Kathryn Rose*

Psalm: 4

Anthem: Most glorious Lord of life *William Harris*

## 4 Monday

*English Saints and  
Martyrs of the  
Reformation Era*

**08:15 Morning Prayer**

**12:30 Holy Communion**

**17:30 Choral Evensong** sung by *Melbourne Parish Church Choir* ♦

Canticles: Magnificat (The Short Service) *Orlando Gibbons*

Responses: *Richard Ayleward*

Nunc dimittis *Gustav Holst*

Hymn: 199 (tune 205)

Anthem: If ye be risen again with Christ *Orlando Gibbons*

Psalm: 23

## 5 Tuesday

**08:15 Morning Prayer**

**12:30 Holy Communion**

**17:30 Choral Evensong** ♦

Canticles: *Charles Wood in G*

Responses: *Humphrey Clucas*

Anthem: God be in my head *John Rutter*

Psalms: 27, 28, 29

## 6 Wednesday

**08:15 Morning Prayer**

**12:30 Holy Communion**

**17:30 Evening Prayer** ♦

## 7 Thursday

**08:15 Morning Prayer**

**12:30 Holy Communion**

**13:10 Organ Recital**

Daniel Mathieson (*Chester Cathedral*)

**17:30 Choral Evensong** ♦

Canticles: The First Service *Adrian Batten*

Responses: *Richard Ayleward*

Anthem: Christ now is risen *Melchior Vulpius*

Psalm: 37

## 8 Friday

*Julian of Norwich,  
Spiritual Writer,  
c. 1417*

**08:15 Morning Prayer**

**12:30 Holy Communion**

**17:30 Choral Evensong** ♦

Canticles: *Herbert Sumsion in D*

Responses: *Harrison Oxley*

Anthem: Litany to the Holy Spirit *Peter Hurford*

Hymn: 222 (tune 313)

Psalms: 41, 42 & 43

## 9 Saturday

**08:15 Morning Prayer**

**16:15 Choral Evensong** with installation of *St John Chaplain*

Canticles: *Herbert Howells in G*

Responses: *Joanna Forbes L'Estrange*

Anthem: God is gone up *Gerald Finzi*

Hymn: 132 (tune 226)

Voluntary: Fanfare *Kenneth Leighton*

Psalms: 47, 48, 49

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## 10 Sunday

The Sixth  
Sunday of  
Easter

**08:30 Holy Communion**

**10:30 The Cathedral Eucharist** ♦

Setting: Missa in Honorem Sancti Dominici *Edmund Rubbra*

Motet: I give to you a new commandment *Peter Nardone*

Voluntary: Alla Marcia *John Ireland*

*Hymns on service sheet*

Gradual psalm: 66 (vv 7-18)

Preacher: *The Canon Precentor*

**15:00 Choral Evensong** ♦

Canticles: *Francis Jackson in G*

Anthem: The secret of Christ *Richard Shephard*

Voluntary: Paeon *Philip Moore*

Responses: *Joanna Forbes L'Estrange*

Hymns: 349, 408

Psalms: 53, 54, 55

**18:00 Sung Compline**

Introit: God be in my head *Herbert Howells*

Canticle: Nunc dimittis (tone ii) *David Bevan*

Anthem: Terra tremuit *Pompeo Cannicciari*

Hymn: 245

Psalm: 31 (vv 7-16)

## 11 Monday

**08:15 Morning Prayer**

**12:30 Holy Communion**

**17:30 Choral Evensong** ♦

Canticles: *Sydney Watson in E*

Anthem: Ave verum *Colin Mawby*

Responses: *Ben Parry*

Psalms: 59, 60, 61

## 12 Tuesday

**08:15 Morning Prayer**

**12:30 Holy Communion**

**17:30 Choral Evensong** ♦

Canticles: *C V Stanford in G*

Anthem: Since by man came death *G F Handel*

Responses: *William Smith*

Psalms: 67

## 13 Wednesday

**08:15 Morning Prayer**

**12:30 Holy Communion**

**17:30 Evening Prayer** ♦

## 14 Thursday

ASCENSION DAY

**08:15 Morning Prayer**

**12:30 Holy Communion**

**13:10 Organ Recital**

Benjamin Chewter (*London*)

**17:30 Sung Eucharist** ♦

Setting: *John Ireland in C*

Motet: O Rex gloriae *Luca Marenzio*

*Hymns on service sheet*

Gradual psalm: 47

## 15 Friday

Matthias the  
Apostle

**08:15 Morning Prayer**

**12:30 Holy Communion**

**17:30 Choral Evensong** ♦

Canticles: Collegium Magdalенаe Oxoniense *Jonathan White*

Anthem: Gaudent in coelis *Richard Dering*

Responses: *Plainsong*

Hymn: 165 (tune 318)

Psalm: 78

## 16 Saturday

**08:15 Morning Prayer**

**16:15 Choral Evensong** to celebrate 30 years of the girls' choir

Canticles: Collegium Regale *Herbert Howells*

Anthem: I was glad *Hubert Parry*

Voluntary: Maestoso-Con moto (Sonata 1) *Basil Harwood*

Responses: *Joanna Forbes L'Estrange*

Hymn: 336

Psalms: 82, 83, 84, 85

# Service Scheme May 2026

## 17 Sunday

The Seventh  
Sunday of  
Easter /  
Sunday after  
Ascension

**08:30 Holy Communion**

**10:30 The Cathedral Eucharist** ♦

Setting: Missa Brevis *G P da Palestrina*

Motet: Come down, O love divine *William Harris*

Voluntary: Allegro appassionato (Sonata 1) *Basil Harwood*

*Hymns on service sheet*

Gradual psalm: 68 (vv 1-6)

Preacher: *The Dean*

**15:00 Choral Evensong** ♦ *to celebrate 30 years of the girls' choir*

Canticles: *George Dyson in D*

Anthem: Te Deum *Howard Skempton (premiere)*

Voluntary: Celebration *Cecilia McDowall*

Responses: *Joanna Forbes L'Estrange*

Hymns: 135, 443

Psalm: 89

**18:00 Sung Compline**

Introit: Psallite Domino *William Byrd*

Canticle: Nunc dimittis (tone iii) *T L de Victoria*

Anthem: O Lord, the maker of all thing *William Mundy*

Hymn: 128 (tune ii)

Psalm: 91 (vv 10-16)

## 18 Monday

**08:15 Morning Prayer**

**12:30 Holy Communion**

**17:30 Choral Evensong** ♦

Canticles: *William Mundy à 3*

Anthem: De dedicatione Templi *Ammon Blasius Tyrolensis*

Responses: *Stephen Cleobury*

Psalms: 93, 94

## 19 Tuesday

*Dunstan, Archbishop  
of Canterbury,  
Restorer of Monastic  
Life, 988*

**08:15 Morning Prayer**

**12:30 Holy Communion**

**17:30 Choral Evensong** ♦

Canticles: *George Dyson in F*

Anthem: I will sing with the spirit *John Rutter*

Responses: *Kenneth Leighton*

Hymn: 226

Psalms: 98, 99, 100, 101

## 20 Wednesday

*Alcuin of York,  
Deacon, Abbot of  
Tours, 804*

**08:15 Morning Prayer**

**12:30 Holy Communion**

**17:30 Evening Prayer** ♦

## 21 Thursday

**08:15 Morning Prayer**

**12:30 Holy Communion**

**13:10 Organ Recital**

Alexander Lanigan-Palotai (*Chester Cathedral*)

**17:30 Choral Evensong** ♦

Canticles: *T T Noble in A minor*

Anthem: Listen sweet dove *Grayston Ives*

Responses: *Philip Moore (Set 3)*

Psalm: 104

## 22 Friday

**08:15 Morning Prayer**

**12:30 Holy Communion**

**17:30 Choral Evensong** ♦

Canticles: The Durham Service *Christopher Totney*

Anthem: If God be for us *G F Handel*

Responses: *David Terry*

Psalms: 108, 109

## 23 Saturday

**08:15 Morning Prayer**

**16:15 Choral Evensong** *sung by The Cavendish Choir*

Canticles: The St Martin's Service *Lucy Walker*

Anthem: O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit *Thomas Tallis*

Voluntary: Gregory's Dare *Jeremy Dickson*

Responses: *Jeremy Dickson*

Hymn: 240

Psalm: 114

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## 24 Sunday

08:30 Holy Communion

### Pentecost

10:30 The Cathedral Eucharist ♦

*Services today are sung by The Cavendish Choir*

Setting: Gloria (Communion Service in A minor) *Harold Darke*

*Hymns on service sheet*

Sanctus & Agnus Dei (Missa Brevis) *Willem Andriessen*

Preacher: *The Canon Precentor*

Motet: Veni Sancte Spiritus *Plainsong with fauxbourdons*

Voluntary: Toccata *Hendrik Andriessen*

15:00 Choral Evensong ♦ *at the beginning of the civic year*

Canticles: *C V Stanford in C*

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Anthem: Whitsunday Hymn *Ralph Vaughan Williams*

Responses: *Jeremy Dickson*

Voluntary: Toccata (Plymouth Suite) *Percy Whitlock*

Psalm: *150*

18:00 Taizé Service

## 25 Monday

08:15 Morning Prayer

*The Venerable Bede, Monk at Jarrow, Scholar, Historian, 735*

12:30 Holy Communion

17:30 Evening Prayer ♦

## 26 Tuesday

08:15 Morning Prayer

*Augustine, first Archbishop of Canterbury, 605*

12:30 Holy Communion

17:30 Evening Prayer ♦

## 27 Wednesday

08:15 Morning Prayer

12:30 Holy Communion

17:30 Evening Prayer ♦

## 28 Thursday

08:15 Morning Prayer

12:30 Holy Communion

13:10 Organ Recital

*Graham Eccles (St Asaph)*

17:30 Evening Prayer ♦

## 29 Friday

08:15 Morning Prayer

12:30 Holy Communion

17:30 Evening Prayer ♦

## 30 Saturday

08:15 Morning Prayer

*Josephine Butler, Social Reformer, 1906*

16:15 Evening Prayer