



# WORCESTER CATHEDRAL

## Services and Music April 2024

Alleluia, Christ is Risen.  
*Christ is Risen indeed, Alleluia.*

If you have 'been around the block' a few times on this Christian journey, I hope that Easter greeting comes as an old familiar friend: a proclamation that enacts the joy it proclaims. We say it over and over again, in tones that shift between the quiet and effervescent. It is sometimes the strong claim of the gospel, and sometimes an overflow of laughter and surprise

What I love most, though, is that it is a dialogue.

The disciples went from the silent terror of the cross, to a jumble of conversion: 'have you heard?', 'What Mary said was...', 'when he broke bread...', 'and then I saw him', 'so many fish...', 'and he was there with us', 'alive...', 'different...', 'the same...' 'Risen'.

The story is too big for us to make sense of alone — or for it to be one story. We need all the different voices, all the different perspectives, and time to make sense of it all.

Alleluia, Christ is Risen.  
*Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia.*

The music listings this month are as eclectic as the conversations about the resurrection. Howells, Stanford, Gabrieli; Taylor Swift, Live Aid, and Oasis. Wonderful, wild variation — culminating on 27 April, with a concert of Will Todd's *Mass in Blue*, with our Youth Choir, choirs from across the city, the RSCM Millennium Youth Choir, and a choir from Vermont (USA). There is something for everyone here, and chance to open yourself to the unexpected, as we travel through the fifty days of 'unremitting joy'.

Kimberly Bohan

Interim 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 2024

In Residence: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins

## Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March

## Easter Day

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

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

Psalms 114, 117

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

Preacher: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins

10.30 am **Sung Eucharist** *(with incense)*

Missa Brevis *Jonathan Dove*

Psalm 118.14-24

Hallelujah *George Frideric Handel*

Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Stephen Edwards

4.00 pm **Evensong**

Responses: *Hunt*

Evening Service in A *Charles Villiers Stanford*

Psalm 66.1-11

Blessed be the God and Father *Samuel Sebastian Wesley*

Hymns 117, 112

6.30 pm **A Service of Readings and Music for Easter** *(sung by the Voluntary Choir)*

Christ the Lord is risen again! *John Rutter*

This joyful Eastertide *Sarah MacDonald*

Lord of the Dance *Sydney Carter arr. John Barnard*

## Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup>

## Tuesday of Easter Week

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

Psalms 112, 147.1-12

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

5.30 pm **Evening Prayer**

Psalm 136

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## Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer**
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
- 1.00 pm **Holy Communion**
- 5.30 pm **Evening Prayer**

## Wednesday of Easter Week

- Psalms 113, 147.13-end
- Psalm 105

VERSE: DECANI

## Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer**
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
- 5.30 pm **Evening Prayer**
- 7.30 pm **Concert**  
Taylor Swift Orchestral Tribute

## Thursday of Easter Week

- Psalms 114, 148
- Psalm 106
- National Concert Orchestra

## Friday 5<sup>th</sup>

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer**
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
- 11.30 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)
- 5.30 pm **Evening Prayer**
- 7.30 pm **Concert**  
Dance Anthems Orchestral Tribute

## Friday of Easter Week

- Psalms 115, 149
- Psalm 107
- National Concert Orchestra

## Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer**
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
- 5.30 pm **Evensong** (*sung by Cantus*)  
Evening Service in B flat *Henry Smart*  
Antiphon *Guy Turner*

## Saturday of Easter Week

- Psalms 116, 150
- Responses: *Sanders*  
Psalm 145  
Hymns 102, 123

# April 2024

In Residence: The Revd Canon Dr Stephen Edwards

## Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>

## The Second Sunday of Easter

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 22.20-31
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (BCP) (*with livestream*)  
Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Stephen Edwards
- 10.30 am **Sung Eucharist** (*sung by Cantus*)  
Collegium Regale *Herbert Howells* Psalm 133  
*Quia vidisti me Hans Leo Hassler*  
Preacher: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins
- 3.00 pm **Worship in the Garden**  
*entering the garden through the 'deliveries' doorway outside the  
Edgar Tower Gate.*
- 4.00 pm **Evensong** (*sung by Cantus*) Responses: *Sanders*  
Evening Service in G *Herbert Howells* Psalm 85  
*Sing ye to the Lord Edward Bairstow* Hymns 181ii, 184
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## Monday 8<sup>th</sup>

## The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 111, 113
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
- 5.00 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalms 131, 146
- 5.30 pm **Eucharist with Hymns** (*with incense*) Psalm 40.6-13  
Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

## Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 5, 6, 8
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
- 12.30 pm **Memorial Service for Duncan Fearnley**
- 5.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalms 9, 10

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## Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> William Law, Priest, Spiritual Writer, 1761

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 119.1-32  
8.00 am **Holy Communion** *(with livestream)*  
1.00 pm **Holy Communion**  
5.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalms 11, 12, 13

VERSE: CANTORIS

## Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 14, 15, 16  
8.00 am **Holy Communion** *(with livestream)*  
5.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalm 18  
7.30 pm **Concert** National Concert Orchestra  
Live Aid Orchestral Tribute

## Friday 12<sup>th</sup>

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 17, 19  
8.00 am **Holy Communion** *(with livestream)*  
11.30 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)  
5.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalm 22  
7.30 am **Concert** National Concert Orchestra  
Oasis Orchestral Tribute

## Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 20, 21, 23  
8.00 am **Holy Communion** *(with livestream)*  
5.30 pm **Evensong** *(sung by the Cranmer Company of Singers)* Responses: *Clucas*  
*The Third Service Philip Moore* Psalms 24, 25  
*O pray for the peace of Jerusalem Herbert Howells* Hymns 118, 114

# April 2024

In Residence: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

## Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>

## The Third Sunday of Easter

*Day of music endowed by John and Shirley Gaston.*

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 77.11-20
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (BCP) *(with livestream)*  
Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Stephen Edwards
- 10.30 am **Sung Eucharist** *(sung by the Cranmer Company of Singers)*  
Missa Brevis *Giovanni Gabrieli* Psalm 4  
*Beati quorum via Charles Villiers Stanford*  
Preacher: The Revd Dr John Fitzmaurice,  
Diocesan Director of Ordinands
- 4.00 pm **Evensong** *(sung by the Cranmer Company of Singers)* Responses: *Clucas*  
Evening Service in *G Francis Jackson* Psalm 142  
*My beloved spake Patrick Hadley* Hymns 101ii (omit 5, 6), 351
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## Monday 15<sup>th</sup>

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 27, 30
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** *(with livestream)*
- 5.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalms 26, 28, 29

## Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>

- 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 17<sup>th</sup>

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 34  
8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)  
1.00 pm **Holy Communion**  
5.30 pm **Evensong** (*Upper voices*) Responses: *Nardone*  
The Berkshire Service *Malcolm Archer* Psalm 119.33-56  
I will worship *George Dyson*

VERSE: DECANI

## Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 37  
8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)  
12.15 pm **Lunchtime Recital** Bromsgrove Preparatory School Chamber Choir  
5.30 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Maxim*  
Evening Service in C *Charles Hylton Stewart* Psalms 39, 40  
Since by man came death *George Frideric Handel*

## Friday 19<sup>th</sup>

### Alphege, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1012

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 31  
8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)  
11.30 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)  
5.30 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Sumsion*  
The Short Service *Nathaniel Patrick* Psalm 35  
Rise up, my love *Healey Willan*

## Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 41, 42, 43  
8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)  
5.30 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Maxim*  
Evening Service in E *Herbert Murrill* Psalms 45, 46  
O sons and daughters *Henry Walford Davies* Hymns 100ii (omit 5, 6), 111  
7.30 pm **Concert**  
Organ Spectacular

# April 2024

In Residence: The Revd Canon Dr Stephen Edwards

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>**

**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 119.89-96

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

Preacher: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins

10.30 am **Sung Eucharist**

Missa Brevis *Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina*

Psalm 23

Alleluia. I heard a voice *Thomas Weelkes*

Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Stephen Edwards

2.15 pm **Scouts St George's Day Service**

4.00 pm **Evensong**

Responses: *Sumsion*

Evening Canticles *Ruth Gipps*

Psalm 81.9-end

Let all mortal flesh keep silence *Edward Bairstow*

Hymns 257, 368

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

O sons and daughters, let us sing *Traditional arr. Nicholas Freestone*

Sing, choirs of heaven *Richard Shephard*

Preacher: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins

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**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

*Day of music endowed by David and Carole Newman.*

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

Psalm 44

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

5.30 pm **Evensong**

Responses: *Clucas*

Evening Service in E minor *Daniel Purcell*

Psalms 47, 49

The secret of Christ *Richard Shephard*

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**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 **Evening Prayer**

Psalms 3, 11

7.30 pm **Royal Grammar School Concert**



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## Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>

7.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Psalm 119.57-80
8.00 am	<b>Holy Communion</b> (with livestream)	
1.00 pm	<b>Holy Communion</b>	
5.30 pm	<b>Evensong</b> (Upper voices) Evening Service in F Sydney Watson All things bright and beautiful John Rutter	Responses: Nardone Psalms 59, 60, 67

VERSE: CANTORIS

## Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>

## Mark the Evangelist

Day of music endowed by Betty Judge.

7.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Psalm 37.23-41, 148
8.00 am	<b>Holy Communion</b> (with livestream)	
12.15 pm	<b>Lunchtime Recital</b>	Charlie Gurnham (organ)
5.30 pm	<b>Evensong</b> Fauxbourdon Service Healey Willan God be in my head John Rutter	Responses: Clucas Psalm 45 Hymn 163

## Friday 26<sup>th</sup>

7.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Psalms 51, 54
8.00 am	<b>Holy Communion</b> (with livestream)	
11.30 am	<b>Holy Communion</b> (BCP)	
5.30 pm	<b>Evensong with Valediction of King's Scholars</b> Evening Service in G Herbert Sumsion Antiphon Ralph Vaughan Williams	Responses: Sumsion Psalm 38 Hymn 318

## Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>

7.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Psalm 68
8.00 am	<b>Holy Communion</b> (with livestream)	
5.30 pm	<b>Evensong</b> (Lower voices) Evening Service in E Charles Wood Upon this Holy Eastertide Johannes Eccard	Responses: Cleobury Psalms 65, 66 Hymns 124, 104
7.30 pm	<b>Concert</b> Mass in Blue Will Todd	Youth Choral Worcestershire Worcester Cathedral Youth Choir RSCM Millennium Youth Choir MMU High School Choir, Vermont, USA Will Todd Ensemble

# April 2024

In Residence: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins

## Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>

## The Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 44.16-end
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (BCP) (*with livestream*)  
Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan
- 10.30 am **Sung Eucharist** Psalm 22.25-end  
Messe Brève in C *Charles Gounod*  
Os justi meditabitur *Anton Bruckner*  
Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan
- 4.00 pm **County Civic Service** (*sung by the RSCM Millennium Youth Choir*)  
Evening Service in D *Charles Wood* Responses: *Lloyd*  
Be thou my vision *Bob Chilcott* Psalm 96  
*Cathedral Choir singing evensong at St John the Baptist, Hagley.*
- 6.30 pm **Evening Worship** (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)  
Jesus is Lord *Martin How*  
Rejoice, the Lord is King *Malcolm Archer*  
Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Stephen Edwards
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## Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Catherine of Siena, Teacher of the Faith, 1380

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 71
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
- 5.30 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Sanders*  
Evening Service in F *George Dyson* Psalms 72, 75  
We wait for thy loving kindness *William McKie*

## Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 73
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
- 5.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalm 74

# May 2024

## Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> 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** (*with livestream*)  
1.00 pm **Holy Communion**  
5.30 pm **Evensong** (*Upper voices*) Responses: Plainsong  
Evening Service in F *Kenneth Long* Psalm 149  
Give us the wings of faith *Mark Blatchly* Hymn 464  
7.00 pm **St Richard's Hospice 40th Anniversary Service**

VERSE: DECANI

## Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>

## Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher of the Faith, 373

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 78.1-39  
8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)  
5.30 pm **Evensong** Responses: Rose  
Evening Service in D flat *Sydney Nicholson* Psalm 78.41-end  
Laudate nomen Domini *Christopher Tye*  
7.30 pm **Concert** London Concertante  
Music from the Movies by Candlelight

## Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 55  
8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)  
11.30 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)  
5.30 pm **Evensong** Responses: Sanders  
Fauxbourdon Service *David Cooper* Psalm 69  
Dum transisset sabbatum *John Taverner*

## Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>

## English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Era

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 76, 79  
8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)  
5.30 pm **Evensong** Responses: Rose  
Evening Service in D *Herbert Brewer* Psalms 81, 84  
As truly as God is our Father *William Mathias* Hymns 108, 446

# May 2024

In Residence: The Revd Canon Dr Stephen Edwards

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>**

**The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

*Day of music endowed by Sue Brooks.*

7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 104.26-32

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

Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Stephen Edwards

10.30 am **Sung Eucharist**

Messe Solennelle *Jean Langlais*

Psalm 98

Ubi caritas *David Briggs*

Preacher: The Revd Canon John Paul Hoskins

3.00 pm **Worship in the Garden**

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

4.00 pm **Evensong**

Responses: *Sanders*

The Three Choirs Service *Bob Chilcott*

Psalm 45

Set me as a seal upon thine heart *William Walton*

Hymns 115, 424

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

A grateful heart *Mary Plumstead*

O be joyful in the Lord *Benjamin Britten*

Preacher: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

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