

SOUTHWARK
◆ CATHEDRAL ◆

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
WITH WASHING OF FEET

MAUNDY THURSDAY
17 APRIL 2025
6.30PM

SOU

THW

ARK

WELCOME TO SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL

A MEMBER OF THE



ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Please ensure that all electronic devices are switched to silent.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Photography and video recording of the Choir is not permitted.

You are welcome to take photographs of the Cathedral but please do not take any photographs or videos during the service.

HEARING LOOP

Please switch your device to 'T'.

POSTURE

The instructions in this booklet are not prescriptive. Please sit if that is more appropriate for you.

LIVESTREAMING

Please note that this service is livestreamed. If you would prefer not to appear in the livestream, please sit in the North Transept.

DONATIONS



There are several donation points in the Cathedral where you can make your donation, or you can simply scan the QR code, or text SOUTHWARK (Amount) to 70085 (one standard rate message is also charged). Thank you very much for your generous support of the Cathedral.

You can also support the Cathedral by buying your books from the ethical online bookseller bookshop.org and designating Southwark Cathedral shop for the 30% of purchase price donation they offer us.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

WITH WASHING OF FEET

PRESIDENT

The Very Rev'd Dr Mark Oakley, Dean of Southwark



DEACON

Canon Wendy Robins, Chancellor



SUBDEACON

Canon Jeremy Clark-King, Treasurer



PREACHER

The Rt Rev'd Rob Wickham



CHOIR

The Cathedral Choir



SETTING

Missa brevis (Gloria)

William Walton (1902-1983)

Mass XVIII (Sanctus, Benedictus, Agnus Dei)

Please stand as the Procession enters.

THE ENTRANCE HYMN

NEH 439i



Praise to the Holiest in the height,
And in the depth be praise,
In all his words most wonderful,
Most sure in all his ways.

O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
A second Adam to the fight
And to the rescue came.

O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
Which did in Adam fail,
Should strive afresh against the foe,
Should strive and should prevail;

And that a higher gift than grace
Should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence and his very self,
And essence all-divine.

And in the garden secretly,
And on the cross on high,
Should teach his brethren, and inspire
To suffer and to die.

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
And in the depth be praise,
In all his words most wonderful,
Most sure in all his ways.

TUNE: GERONTIUS

J. B. Dykes (1823-1876)

TEXT:

John Henry Newman (1801-1890)

THE GATHERING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you

All and also with you.

The President welcomes the congregation and introduces the celebration.

THE PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Our Lord Jesus Christ says:

'If you love me, keep my commandments.'

'Unless I wash you, you have no part in me.'

Let us confess to almighty God our sins against his love,
and ask him to cleanse us.

Silence is kept.

Have mercy on us, O God,
in your great goodness;
according to the abundance of your compassion
blot out our offences.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Against you only have we sinned
and done what is evil in your sight.
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Purge us from our sin and we shall be clean;
wash us and we shall be whiter than snow.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

**All Holy God,
 holy and strong,
 holy and immortal,
 have mercy upon us.**

THE ABSOLUTION

May the Father forgive you
by the death of his Son
and strengthen you
to live in the power of the Spirit
all your days.

All Amen.

Please be seated when the President sits. The Choir sings:

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory be to God on high
And in earth peace, goodwill towards men,

We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee, for thy great glory
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Please stand.

THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

God our Father,
you have invited us to share in the supper
which your Son gave to his Church
to proclaim his death until he comes:
may he nourish us by his presence,
and unite us in his love;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

Exodus 12.1-4, 11-14

Read by **Jessica Kingsley**

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

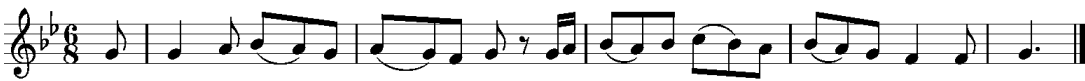
This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 116.10-17

The response is:



The cup of bless - ing which__we bless, is it not__ a shar - ing of__ the blood of Christ?

How shall I repay the Lord
for all the benefits he has given to me
I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon the name of the Lord. **R**

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.
Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his faithful servants. **R**

O Lord I am your servant,
your servant the child of your handmaid
you have freed me from my bonds.
I will offer to you a sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the Lord. **R**

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in the midst of you O Jerusalem. **R**

THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 11.23-26

Read by Philip Feakin

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

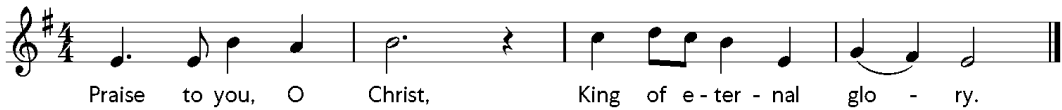
This is the word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand and turn to face the Gospel as the Procession moves into the Nave.



Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

All Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

I give you a new commandment, says the Lord:
Love one another as I have loved you.

All Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

THE GOSPEL

John 13.1-17, 31b-35

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand. Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rt Rev'd Rob Wickham

THE WASHING OF THE FEET

During the Anthem, the President washes the feet of members of the congregation, recalling the Lord's action in the Upper Room.

THE ANTHEM

Ubi caritas • Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.

Congregavit nos in unum

Christi amor.

Exsultemus et in ipso

iucundemur.

Timeamus et amemus

Deum vivum.

Et ex corde diligamus

nos sincero.

Where love and charity are, God is there.

The love of Christ has gathered us
into one.

Let us rejoice
and be glad in him.

Let us fear and love
the living God.

And with a sincere heart
may we love one another.

THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Lord Jesus Christ,

you have taught us

that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters

we do also for you:

give us the will to be the servant of others

as you were the servant of all,

and gave up your life and died for us,

but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

All

Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In the power of the Spirit let us pray to the Father
through Christ the Saviour of the world.

Please be seated or kneel.

The prayers are led by **Heather Boothe, Commissioned Lay Pastoral Minister**

Father,
on this, the night he was betrayed,
your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet.
We commit ourselves to follow his example of love and service.
Lord, hear us

All and humble us.

On this night, he prayed for his disciples to be one.
We pray for the unity of your Church.
Lord, hear us

All and unite us.

On this night, he prayed for those
who were to believe through his disciples' message.
We pray for the mission of your Church.
Lord, hear us

All and renew our zeal.

On this night, he commanded his disciples to love,
but suffered rejection himself.
We pray for the rejected and unloved.
Lord, hear us

All and fill us with your love.

On this night, he reminded his disciples
that if the world hated them it hated him first.
We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith.
Lord, hear us

All and give us your peace.

On this night, he accepted the cup of death
and looked forward to the new wine of the kingdom.
We remember those who have died in the peace of Christ.
Lord, hear us

All and welcome all your children into paradise.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Please stand.

THE PEACE

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.'

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

During the Hymn, bread and wine are presented at the Altar.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

NEH 307



Sweet Sacrament divine,
Hid in thine earthly home,
Lo, round thy lowly shrine,
With suppliant hearts we come;
Jesu, to thee our voice we raise
In songs of love and heartfelt praise:
Sweet Sacrament divine. *(repeat)*

Sweet Sacrament of peace,
Dear home for every heart,
Where restless yearnings cease
And sorrows all depart;
There in thine ear all trustfully
We tell our tale of misery:
Sweet Sacrament of peace. *(repeat)*

Sweet Sacrament of rest,
Ark from the ocean's roar,
Within thy shelter blest
Soon may we reach the shore;
Save us, for still the tempest raves,
Save, lest we sink beneath the waves:
Sweet Sacrament of rest. (repeat)

Sweet Sacrament divine,
Earth's light and jubilee,
In thy far depths doth shine
Thy Godhead's majesty;
Sweet light, so shine on us, we pray
That earthly joys may fade away:
Sweet Sacrament divine. (repeat)

TUNE: DIVINE MYSTERIES

Francis Stanfield
(1835-1914)

TEXT:

Francis Stanfield
(1835-1914)

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

At this Eucharist we are one with our crucified and risen Lord.
We know that it was not only our ancestors
but we who were redeemed
and brought forth from slavery to freedom,
from mourning to feasting.
We know that as he was with them in the Upper Room
so our Lord is here with us now.

**All Until the Kingdom of God comes,
let us celebrate this feast.**

Blessèd are you, Lord God of the universe,
You bring forth bread from the earth.

All Blessèd be God for ever.

Blessèd are you, Lord God of the universe,
You create the fruit of the vine.

All Blessèd be God for ever.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

- The Lord be with you
All and also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
All We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now we give you thanks
because, having loved his own who were in the world,
he loved them to the end;
and on the night before he suffered,
sitting at table with his disciples,
he instituted these holy mysteries,
that we, redeemed by his death
and restored to life by his resurrection,
might be partakers of his divine nature.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

The Choir sings:

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra
gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit in
nomine Domini:
Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy
Lord God of Sabaoth.
Heaven and earth
are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessèd is he who comes in the name
of the Lord:
Hosanna in the highest.

The President continues:

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Jesus Christ is Lord.

**All Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

**All Blessing and honour and glory and power
 be yours for ever and ever.
 Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us so we pray.

Please pray in whichever language you feel most comfortable.

All Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.	Baba wa... Notre Père... 天におられる私たちの父よ... Nna anyi... Fader vår... Pai nosso... हे हमारे स्वर्गबासी पिता... Padre nuestro... 我們在天上的父... Отче наш... 하늘에 계신 우리 아버지... Πάτερ ἡμῶν... اے ہمارے باپ
--	--

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,

**All we proclaim the Lord's death
 until he comes.**

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessèd are those who are called to his supper.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
 but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Please be seated. If you wish to receive Holy Communion or a blessing, please follow the directions of the Stewards. If you wish to receive from the chalice, please go to the point of administration after receiving the host. Please do not dip the host into the chalice. If you would like to receive a blessing, please bow your head.

Members of all Christian churches are welcome to receive Communion. Whatever your faith tradition or background, you are most welcome to draw near for a blessing.

During the distribution of Communion, the Choir sings:

AGNUS DEI

Agnus Dei, qui tollis
peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis
peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis
peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

O Lamb of God, who takes away the
sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, who takes away the
sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, who takes away the
sin of the world,
grant us thy peace.

Followed by:

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM

Christus factus est • Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

Christus factus est
pro nobis obediens
usque ad mortem,
mortem autem crucis.
Propter quod et Deus
exaltavit illum et dedit illi nomen,
quod est super omne nomen.

Christ became obedient
for us unto death,
even to the death,
death on the cross.
Therefore God exalted Him
and gave Him a name
which is above all names.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand.

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Lord Jesus Christ,
we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament
you have given us the memorial of your passion:
grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries
of your body and blood
that we may know within ourselves
and show forth in our lives
the fruit of your redemption,
for you are alive and reign, now and for ever.

All Amen.

THE PROCESSION TO THE ALTAR OF REPOSE

During the Hymn, the Blessèd Sacrament is taken in procession to the Lady Chapel where the Watch will be kept.

NEH 268



Of the glorious body telling,
O my tongue, its mysteries sing,
And the blood, all price excelling,
Which the world's eternal King,
In a noble womb once dwelling,
Shed for this world's ransoming.

Given for us, for us descending,
Of a virgin to proceed,
God in worldly nature sending
Wide the promised Gospel seed.
Till his sojourn drew to ending,
Which he closed in wondrous deed.

At the last great supper lying
Circled by his chosen band,
Duly with the law complying,
First he finished its command,
Then, immortal food supplying,
Gave himself by his own hand.

Word-made-flesh, the bread he taketh
For his very flesh to be.
Then pure wine his blood he maketh:
And if senses fail to see,
Faith alone the true heart waketh
To behold the mystery.

Therefore we, before him bending,
This great sacrament revere:
Types and shadows have their ending,
For the newer rite is here;
Faith, our outward sense befriending,
Makes the inward vision clear.

Glory let us give and blessing
To the Father and the Son,
Honour, might and praise addressing,
While eternal ages run;
Ever too his love confessing,
Who, from both, with both is one. Amen.

TUNE: PANGE LINGUA

iii mode melody

TEXT: St Thomas Aquinas (1227-1274)

tr. J. M. Neale (1818-1866) et al., edited

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

As the Altar is stripped, the Choir sings:

Psalm 22.1-21

My God, my God, look upon me; why hast thou forsaken me:
and art so far from my health, and from the words of my complaint?

O my God, I cry in the day-time, but thou hearest not:
and in the night-season also I take no rest.

And thou continuest holy:
O thou worship of Israel.

Our fathers hoped in thee:
they trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver them.

They called upon thee, and were holpen:
they put their trust in thee, and were not confounded.

But as for me, I am a worm, and no man:
a very scorn of men, and the outcast of the people.

All they that see me laugh me to scorn:
they shoot out their lips, and shake their heads, saying,

He trusted in God, that he would deliver him:
let him deliver him, if he will have him.

But thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb:
thou wast my hope, when I hanged yet upon my mother's breasts.

I have been left unto thee ever since I was born:
thou art my God, even from my mother's womb.

O go not from me, for trouble is hard at hand:
and there is none to help me.

Many oxen are come about me:
fat bulls of Basan close me in on every side.

They gape upon me with their mouths:
as it were a ramping and a roaring lion.

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint:
my heart also in the midst of my body is even like melting wax.

My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaveth to my gums:
and thou shalt bring me into the dust of death.

For many dogs are come about me:
and the council of the wicked layeth siege against me.

They pierced my hands and my feet; I may tell all my bones:
they stand staring and looking upon me.

They part my garments among them:
and casts lots upon my vesture.

But be not thou far from me, O Lord:
thou art my succour, haste thee to help me.

Deliver my soul from the sword:
my darling from the power of the dog.

Save me from the lion's mouth:
thou hast heard me also from among the horns of the unicorns.

THE WATCH

Matthew 26.36-46

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I go over there and pray.' He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, 'I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.' And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.' Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, 'So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.' Again he went away for the second time and prayed, 'My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.' Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, 'Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

No response is made.

Members of the congregation are warmly invited to spend time in silent prayer tonight at the Lady Chapel in the Retrochoir, where we may 'watch with Christ' at our own Garden of Gethsemane. 'The Watch' continues until 10.00pm. The doors of the Cathedral in the Millennium Courtyard will remain open until 10.00pm, and you are welcome to come and go as you wish.

Please keep silence.

Please leave the Cathedral by the Millennium Courtyard. Please consider supporting us by giving using the contactless donation points if you have not set up a regular payment. Thank you for joining us. We look forward to welcoming you back.

SERVICES DURING HOLY WEEK

Services marked by an * are livestreamed on the Cathedral's YouTube page:
<https://www.youtube.com/@southwarkcathedral2224/streams>

Preachers are indicated in *italics*.

FRIDAY 18 APRIL

GOOD FRIDAY

9.00am	Morning Prayer*
10.00am	Good Friday Liturgy at St Hugh's
12.00pm	The Preaching of the Passion*
1.30pm	The Liturgy of Good Friday*
4.00pm	Evening Prayer

SATURDAY 19 APRIL

HOLY SATURDAY

9.00am	Morning Prayer & Litany*
4.00pm	Evening Prayer
8.00pm	Easter Vigil
	<i>The Bishop of Southwark,</i>
	<i>The Rt Rev'd Christopher Chessun</i>

SUNDAY 20 APRIL

EASTER DAY

8.30am	Morning Prayer*
9.00am	Eucharist
	<i>The Very Rev'd Dr Mark Oakley, Dean of Southwark</i>
9.30am	Eucharist with Lighting of the Easter Fire at St Hugh's
	<i>The Rev'd Delorine Green</i>
11.00am	Choral Eucharist*
	<i>The Very Rev'd Dr Mark Oakley, Dean of Southwark</i>
3.00pm	Choral Evensong*
	<i>The Rt Rev'd Rob Wickham</i>

Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England, material from which is included in this service, is copyright © The Archbishops' Council 2000.

All words covered by the Christian Copyright Licensing have been reproduced under CCL licence no. 223439 and livestreaming licence 145859.

The Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches in the USA: Scripture quotations from The New Revised Standard Version of the Bible © 1989 The Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches in the USA. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

SOUTHWARK

◆ CATHEDRAL ◆

making space for love
with heart, mind, and soul

It is good to welcome you to Southwark Cathedral. Set on the south bank of the River Thames, in one of the most vibrant and diverse communities in London, this building has been a constant witness in a place of change.

The first church was built on this site around the year 606. First a convent, then a monastery, it became in 1106 the Augustinian Priory of St Mary Overie ('over-the-river'). With Westminster Abbey and St Bartholomew the Great in Smithfield, it is one of the three remaining great monastic churches of London. At the Reformation, the Priory became a parish church, and it remains so for the people of Bankside. In 1905, as south London was rapidly expanding, the church was consecrated as the Cathedral for the new Diocese of Southwark.

The Cathedral has a momentous and significant history and has had links with many famous and influential characters including St Thomas Becket, Geoffrey Chaucer, William Shakespeare and Charles Dickens. It has also been a Cathedral for those who feel on the edges of faith or society, our welcome reaching out to all people in their beautiful God-given diversity.

Here, our Christian faith is captured in our vision to 'make space for love: with heart, mind, and soul'. Faith requires our hearts to stand up for social justice, upholding integrity and kindness, and supporting the vulnerable and oppressed. It challenges our thinking, inviting our minds to be enquiring, honest, and generous. Faith also seeks to deepen our inner lives, with the arts and creativity, by sharing in the life of our community, and by learning the arts of prayer and attention. In Jesus Christ we see the human face of God, and our faith in him is our joy and our life.

We really hope you enjoy being here with us today and that we will see you again very soon.

Southwark Cathedral
London Bridge
London
SE1 9DA

+44 (0)20 7367 6700
southwarkcathedral.org.uk

subscribe to our weekly newsletter on our website