

Swiss Archdeaconry Choir Festival 2026, Repertoire

This is to give you details of the Swiss Archdeaconry Choir Festival, which this year will be taking place in Basel on 4-6 September. We will start with an evening rehearsal on Friday, with further rehearsals on Saturday leading to Choral Evensong at 17h30, concluding with a Choral Eucharist at 10h00 on Sunday morning. The programme is in the attached document, and repeated below. It is a wonderful opportunity to work for a weekend with a top professional choir director, this year Matthew Martin of Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge.

Please would you share this invitation with your directors of music, and widely in your congregations. There will be groups from the choirs in Basel, Geneva and Zürich, and any individual singers for whom it is convenient can join the rehearsals that will be taking place there. It will be even better if there are enough from your chaplaincy to organise local practices. However, we want people to come from as many of the chaplaincies as possible, so individuals are most welcome. The music will all be compiled in a single pdf to enable participants to study it at home before coming to the festival.

Please would you ask anyone interested in singing to contact me directly, and I will ensure that they receive all necessary further information - in any event we would be grateful if you could put the Festival, and in particular the two services, in your calendars of forthcoming events. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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EVENSONG Saturday 5th September 2026, 17:30 Heiliggeistkirche Basel

Introit: Matthew Martin, *Vidi Aquam*

Preces and Responses: Sarah MacDonald

Canticles: George Dyson, Evening Service in F

Anthem: C.V. Stanford, *For lo I raise up*, Op. 145

Philip Moore: Lord of all hopefulness

Hymns and Psalm to follow

CHORAL EUCHARIST Sunday 6th September 2026, 10:00 Predigerkirche Basel

Introit: Matthew Martin, *Vidi Aquam*

Mass setting:

Lassus Missa super Bell' Amfitrit' altera, Kyrie/Sanctus/Agnus Dei

Communion Motet: Giovanni Croce, *In spirito humilitatis*

Hymns to follow