



Cathedral Eucharist for Trinity Sunday

Sunday 15th June 2025, 10:30am

Welcome to Coventry Cathedral

We are delighted that you have been able to join us today!

On Trinity Sunday, Christians celebrate the work of God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, three persons yet one God. We rejoice that God exists in relationship, and that each of us is invited to take our place in the dance of perfect love that is shared between Father, Son and Spirit.

The president today is the Reverend Su McClellan, Cathedral Associate Minister. The Very Reverend John Witcombe, Dean of Coventry is deacon. John Lloyd, Cathedral Reader, is sub-deacon. The Reverend Nitano Muller, Canon for Worship and Welcome, is preaching. The choir is directed by Rachel Mahon, Director of Music. The organists are Amelia Parkin and David Rice. The setting today is Missa Festiva by Flor Peeters (1903-1986).

*In this service, we say the words in **bold** together, and invite you to stand and sit as indicated. However, please stay seated if you prefer.*

If you have brought small children, thank you! Feel free to explore the space with them, and to use the toys and books provided.

*We hope you will join us for refreshments after the service.
If this is your first time worshipping with us, please do say hello to the ministers at the end, as we would love to get to know you.*

The Gathering

The Very Reverend John Witcombe, Dean of Coventry, welcomes the congregation.

Hymn

After a short time of silence, the Peace Bell is rung and we STAND to sing.

**I bind unto myself today
the strong name of the Trinity,
by invocation of the same,
the Three in One, and One in Three.**

**I bind unto myself today
the virtues of the star-lit heaven,
the glorious sun's life-giving ray,
the whiteness of the moon at even,
the flashing of the lightning free,
the whirling winds' tempestuous shocks,
the stable earth, the deep salt sea
around the old eternal rocks.**

**I bind unto myself today
the power of God to hold and lead,
his eye to watch, his might to stay,
his ear to hearken to my need;
the wisdom of my God to teach,
his hand to guide, his shield to ward,
the word of God to give me speech,
his heavenly host to be my guard.**

**Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.**

**I bind unto myself the name,
the strong name of the Trinity,
by invocation of the same,
the Three in One, and One in Three,
of whom all nature hath creation,
eternal Father, Spirit, Word.
Praise to the Lord of my salvation:
salvation is of Christ the Lord. Amen.**

*Words from Saint Patrick's Breastplate
5-7th century Gaelic attributed to Saint Patrick (372-466)
translated by Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)
Tune CP 203 St Patrick melody from the Petrie collection of Irish Music (1903)
edited by C.V. Stanford (1852-1924)*

The Greeting

We remain standing. The Reverend Su McClellan, Cathedral Associate Minister, presiding, says,

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you
and also with you.

Prayers of Penitence

The Very Reverend John Witcombe, Dean of Coventry, deacon, says,

Saint Paul says, 'Be imitators of God;
love as Christ loved; do not grieve the Holy Spirit;
put away all anger and bitterness, all slander and malice.'

So let us confess our sins to the Father,
who forgives us in the Son,
and strengthens us through the Spirit.

Silence is kept.

We have not always worshipped God, our creator.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We have not always followed Christ, our Saviour.
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

We have not always trusted in the Spirit, our guide.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The president says,

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

The choir sings:

Glória in excélsis Deo et in terra
pax homínibus bonæ voluntátis.
Laudámus te, benedícimus te,
adorámus te, glorificámus te,
grátias ágimus tibi propter
magnam glóriam tuam, Dómine
Deus, Rex cæléstis, Deus Pater
omnípotens. Dómine Fili
Unigénite, Iesu Christe, Dómine
Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, qui
tollis peccáta mundi, miserére
nobis; qui tollis peccáta mundi,
súscipe deprecaciónem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserére nobis. Quóniam tu solus
Sanctus, tu solus Dóminus, tu
solus Altíssimus, Iesu Christe, cum
Sancto Spíritu: in glória Dei Patris.
Amen.

*Glory be to God on high, and in earth
peace, good will 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, 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.*

The Collect

The president says,

Almighty and everlasting God,
you have given us your servants grace,
by the confession of a true faith,
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity
and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity:
keep us steadfast in this faith,
that we may evermore be defended from all adversities;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The New Testament Reading

We SIT for the reading, read by Hannah Wilson, Ordinand on Placement.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

¹Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Romans 5:1-5

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation

We *STAND*, turning to face the Gospel procession as it passes us. As we prepare to hear the Gospel reading, we join with the choir, singing the words in bold:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!



Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, one God, who was, and who is, and who is to come, the Almighty.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Gospel

The deacon says,

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹² 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

John 16:12-15

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

There may follow a short organ improvisation.

The Sermon

The Reverend Nitano Muller, Canon for Worship and Welcome, preaching, prays and then we SIT. After the sermon time is kept for reflection.

The Affirmation of Faith

We *STAND*. *The president says;*

Let us affirm our faith in the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

We SIT. The president introduces the intercessions.

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

The deacon leads us in prayer:

For all the Christian churches in their search for unity, that their oneness will show forth in the unity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

For peace throughout the world; that all peoples will be able to live without the threat of war, terror, or violence, oppression or prejudice.

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

For Charles our King, for Parliament, and all who serve in politics nationally and locally; that they be filled with wisdom, right judgement, and discernment of the common good.

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

For all couples and families; that the Holy Trinity of love will strengthen their bond, deepen their faith, and bring healing where there is discord.

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

For all who are sick in body, mind or spirit, whether at home, in hospital, in hospice care, or in care homes; especially...

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

For the faithful departed: those who have died recently, and all whose anniversary we keep; especially... may they enjoy the fullness of life with the Blessed Trinity.

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

At the end, the president says,

Merciful Father

**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Community News

The Dean shares community news, upcoming events and notices.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

We STAND. The president says,

Peace to you from God, our heavenly Father.

Peace from his Son Jesus Christ, who is our peace.

Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.

The peace of the triune God be always with you
and also with you.

The deacon says,

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We share the Peace with those around us.

Offertory Hymn

We remain STANDING to sing:

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see;
only thou art holy, there is none beside thee
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Words by Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

Tune CP 202 Nicæa J.B. Dykes (1823-1876)

Prayer of Preparation at the Table

The president says,
Blessed be God,
by whose grace creation is renewed,
by whose love heaven is opened,
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The president says,

The Lord be with you.

and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For with your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit
you are one God, one Lord.

All that you reveal of your glory,
the same we believe of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit, without any difference or inequality.

We, your holy Church, acclaim you,
Father of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.
Three Persons we adore,
one in being and equal in majesty.

And so with angels and archangels,
with cherubim and seraphim,
we sing for ever of your glory:

The choir sings:

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt
cæli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in
excelsis. Benedictus qui venit in
nominee Domini. Hosanna in
excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of thy
glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most
high. Blessed is he that cometh in the
name of the Lord. Hosanna in the
highest.*

The president continues,

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
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.

The deacon says,

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

The president continues,

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once
for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.
Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company
of Mary, Michael and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

Silence is kept.

The Lord's Prayer

We SIT. Please feel free to say the Lord's Prayer in any language or version you prefer.

The president says;

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread, saying,

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

The Invitation to Communion

The president says,

God's holy gifts

for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Agnus Dei

The ministers receive communion as the choir sings:

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, that takest away the
sins of the world, have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the
sins of the world, have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the
sins of the world, grant us thy peace.*

The Giving of Communion

The ministers receive Communion before sharing the bread and wine with the congregation. Please wait in your seat to be directed by a churchwarden or steward. If you wish to receive gluten-free bread, please ask and we will be happy to accommodate. Those who do not intend to receive Communion, but who would prefer to receive a blessing, are asked to carry this booklet as an indication of your preference to the ministers.

The Anthem

The Choir sings;

God be in my head and in my understanding.

God be in mine eyes and in my looking.

God be in my mouth and in my speaking.

God be in mine heart and in my thinking.

God be at my end and in my departing.

Words from the Sarum Primer

Music by John Rutter (b. 1945)

Hymn

We sing:

**Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast,
body of Christ, be thou my saving guest,
blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,
wash me with water flowing from thy side.**

**Strength and protection may thy Passion be,
O blessed Jesu, hear and answer me;
deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,
so shall I never, never part from thee.**

**Guard and defend me from the foe malign,
in death's dread moments make me only thine;
call me and bid me come to thee on high
where I may praise thee with thy saints for ay.**

Words from 14th century Latin

Tune CP 322 Anima Christi William Maher (1823-1877)

The Prayers after Communion

The president says,

Almighty and eternal God,
you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:
hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,
who are three Persons yet one God, now and forever.

Amen.

We pray together:

Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your
Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work
to your praise and glory.

Amen.

The Blessing

The president gives the blessing:

May God the Father, creator of all things, create new hearts within us,
to be filled with the love of His Son Jesus Christ, who loved us even
unto death,
that we may be born again in the Holy Spirit, to share with others the
love we have received,
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy
Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Hymn

We remain STANDING to sing:

**Firmly I believe and truly
God is Three and God is One;
and I next acknowledge duly
manhood taken by the Son.**

**And I trust and hope most fully
in that manhood crucified;
and each thought and deed unruly
do to death, as he has died.**

**Simply to his grace and wholly
light and life and strength belong,
and I love supremely, solely,
him the holy, him the strong.**

**And I hold in veneration,
for the love of him alone,
Holy Church as his creation,
and her teachings as his own.**

**Adoration ay be given,
with and through the angelic host,
to the God of earth and heaven,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Saint John Henry Newman (1801-1890)

Tune CP 426 Halton Holgate William Boyce (1711-1779)

The Dismissal

The deacon says,

**Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.**

Matthew 28:19

**In the name of Christ.
Amen.**

The Voluntary

Please do stay for our organ voluntary, performed today by David Rice.

Fugue in E Flat BWV 552ii by J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

If you would like to make a one-off donation to the Cathedral via your phone, or set up a recurring donation, please use the QR code below. There are also contactless donation points and collection boxes near the entrance.

Thank you for your support.



If you would like to revisit this morning's sermon, please visit this page:
<https://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/worship-music/services/sermons>

We serve refreshments at the back of the Nave after this service, so please feel free to stay for a chat over a cup of tea or coffee!

Daily Services at the Cathedral:

Regular services at the Cathedral follow this pattern. For special services and up-to-date information about one-off cancellations of the services below, please check the calendar on the Cathedral website:
<https://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/full-calendar>

Monday - Friday

8:30 – 9:00am: *Morning Prayer & Holy Communion*

12 – 12:10pm: *The Litany of Reconciliation*

(followed on Thursdays by BCP Holy Communion)

4 – 4:30pm: *Evening Prayer*

(or Wednesday and Thursday during school terms: Choral Evensong, 5:15 - 6pm)

Saturday

12 – 12:10pm: *The Litany of Reconciliation*

Sunday

10:30 – 11:45am: *The Cathedral Eucharist*

4 – 5pm: *Choral Evensong*

JOINING OUR CHOIRS

Do you know a child who loves to sing? Boys and girls between the ages of 7 and 10 are welcome to audition for the Cathedral Boys' and Girls' Choirs. They sing an average of four times per week during term time in recordings, services and concerts. Children receive a world-class music education completely free and even receive scholarship payments. Please get in touch with the Director of Music to learn more:
rachel.mahon@coventrycathedral.org.uk

CHOIR CHAPERONES

An URGENT call for more Volunteer Choir Chaperones. Those interested to please contact Jane Williams.
Thank you.

COMING SOON

Installation of Kate Massey as Canon for Arts & Reconciliation

TODAY - Sunday 15th June at 4pm

Everyone is warmly invited to come along and celebrate the installation of the Reverend Kate Massey, who will be installed as the Cathedral's Canon for Arts & Reconciliation. Please do come and support Kate and her family as they embark on a new journey with us here at the Cathedral.

Summer Organ Recital Series

Monday 16th June, 12:30pm

Our 2025 summer organ recital series continues on the 16th June with a recital from Milkica Radovanovic.

J. S. Bach/A. Vivaldi Organ Concerto in A minor, BWV 593

K. Nystedt Deus, sancta trinitas, op. 28

M. Dupré Symphonie-Passion, op. 23 'Le Monde Dans L'Attente Du Saveur'

Details of the rest of the series can be found here:

<https://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/worship-music/the-organ/organ-recitals>

Wonder

Wednesday 18th June, 7:30pm

Led by Hannah Wilson, our Ordinand on Placement.

Windrush Service

Sunday 22 June, 3pm

Join us for a special service reflecting on the theme “Where are we now?” — a moment to honour the legacy of the Windrush Generation, celebrate their enduring contributions, and reflect on the journey of identity, justice, and belonging. Through prayer, music, and storytelling, we come together in remembrance and hope, acknowledging the past while looking forward to a shared future.

Ordination of Priests & Deacons

Sunday 29 June, 10.30 and 4pm

Bishop Sophie will preside at the ordination of priests in the morning, followed by the ordination of deacons in the afternoon. All are warmly invited to join these services as we prayerfully support those being ordained and their families.

Be a Chorister for a Day

Saturday 5 July, 1.00-4.30pm

Parents and boys are welcome to sign up for this taster day. See what being a chorister is all about - try on a robe, practise some singing, have a tour of the cathedral, meet some of the choristers and even sing a mini service at the end of the day. There will be a tour and information session for parents at the same time. Sign up at the link below:

<https://tinyurl.com/Be-a-Chorister>

Action Rayz Film Screening - Dread Beat an' Blood

Tuesday 17th June, 7pm

In collaboration with Fire and Dust Poetry, Action Rayz Presents an evening of poetry and spoken word, and 1979 documentary Dread Beat an' Blood (1979) Rating 12. The Film follows dub poet master Linton Kwesi Johnson out of the recording studio onto the Brixton streets.

Please book your Pay As You Feel ticket online.

Any Questions can be sent to events@coventrycathedral.org.uk

FREE Monthly Coffee Morning

Wednesday 18th June, 10am - 12noon

Come and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of the Cathedral, with FREE refreshments.

An opportunity to gather, chat with friends and friends unknown, to fulfil our core value of Hospitality.

Cathedral by Night & Free Zine Workshop

Thursday 19th June, 6pm-8pm

Unplug and unwind, pop your phones down and technology away, and wander the Cathedral after hours.

This evening will also include a free Zine & poster making Workshop.
FREE for all.

Vivaldi Four Seasons

Saturday 28th June, 7.30pm-9.30pm

The exceptional musicians of the Piccadilly Sinfonietta perform Vivaldi's masterpiece The Four Seasons and Beethoven's much loved 'Emperor' piano concerto in the beautiful candlelit setting of Coventry Cathedral.

Featuring leading virtuoso violin soloist Victoria Sayles and renowned concert pianist Warren Mailley-Smith, it's a hugely enjoyable Programme to help you celebrate the weekend in style!

Tickets available on the Cathedral What's On page.

A Farewell Presentation for Luke and Alice Fitzgerald

We shall be saying farewell to Luke and Alice on Sunday 13th July before Luke takes up his new post as Director of Music at Pembroke College, Cambridge. They will be greatly missed. During the next few weeks there will be an opportunity to donate towards a leaving gift and to sign a card on the Community Table at the back of the nave.

Many thanks.

The Cathedral Churchwardens.

The artwork on the cover is the icon of the Trinity (c. 1410)
by Saint Andrei Rublev (c. 1360-1430), Trinity Lavra of St. Sergius Old Katholikon,
Sergiyev Posad, Russia.