

Choral Evensong

Sunday 3rd August, 2025

Seventh Sunday after Trinity



Welcome to this service of Choral Evensong, led by the Reverend Su McClellan, Cathedral Associate Minister. Mr Donald Parr, Cathedral Lay Reader, will be preaching. We are delighted to be joined today by the Choir of Holy Trinity, Southport. The choir is directed by Daniel Mansfield, and the organist is Frederick Harvey.

The Responses are by Bernard Rose (1916-96).

Introit

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth.

from John 14

Music by Thomas Tallis (c.1505-1585)

Psalm 106:1-10

1. O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious ♦
and his mercy endureth for ever.
2. Who can express the noble acts of the Lord ♦
or shew forth all his praise?
3. Blessed are they that alway keep judgement ♦
and do righteousness.
4. Remember me, O Lord, according to the favour that thou bearest
unto thy people ♦
O visit me with thy salvation;
5. That I may see the felicity of thy chosen ♦
and rejoice in the gladness of thy people, and give thanks with thine
inheritance.
6. We have sinned with our fathers ♦
we have done amiss, and dealt wickedly.
7. Our fathers regarded not thy wonders in Egypt, neither kept they
thy great goodness in remembrance ♦

but were disobedient at the sea, even at the Red sea.

8. Nevertheless, he helped them for his Name's sake ♦
that he might make his power to be known.

9. He rebuked the Red sea also, and it was dried up ♦
so he led them through the deep, as through a wilderness.

10. And he saved them from the adversaries' hand ♦
and delivered them from the hand of the enemy.

The First Lesson

⁴When the days of weeping for him were past, Joseph addressed the household of Pharaoh, 'If now I have found favour with you, please speak to Pharaoh as follows: ⁵My father made me swear an oath; he said, "I am about to die. In the tomb that I hewed out for myself in the land of Canaan, there you shall bury me." Now therefore let me go up, so that I may bury my father; then I will return.' ⁶Pharaoh answered, 'Go up, and bury your father, as he made you swear to do.' ⁷So Joseph went up to bury his father. With him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his household, and all the elders of the land of Egypt, ⁸as well as all the household of Joseph, his brothers, and his father's household. Only their children, their flocks, and their herds were left in the land of Goshen. ⁹Both chariots and charioteers went up with him. It was a very great company. ¹⁰When they came to the threshing-floor of Atad, which is beyond the Jordan, they held there a very great and sorrowful lamentation; and he observed a time of mourning for his father for seven days. ¹¹When the Canaanite inhabitants of the land saw the mourning on the threshing-floor of Atad, they said, 'This is a grievous mourning on the part of the Egyptians.' Therefore the place was named Abel-mizraim;^[a] it is beyond the Jordan. ¹²Thus his sons did for him as he had instructed them. ¹³They carried him to the land of Canaan and buried him in the cave of the field at Machpelah, the field near Mamre, which Abraham bought as a burial site from Ephron the Hittite. ¹⁴After he had buried his father, Joseph returned to Egypt with his brothers and all who had gone up with him to bury his father. ¹⁵Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against

us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' ¹⁶ So they approached^[b] Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷ "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept,^[c] fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹ So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them. ²² So Joseph remained in Egypt, he and his father's household; and Joseph lived for one hundred and ten years. ²³ Joseph saw Ephraim's children of the third generation; the children of Machir son of Manasseh were also born on Joseph's knees. ²⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am about to die; but God will surely come to you, and bring you up out of this land to the land that he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.' ²⁵ So Joseph made the Israelites swear, saying, 'When God comes to you, you shall carry up my bones from here.' ²⁶ And Joseph died, being one hundred and ten years old; he was embalmed and placed in a coffin in Egypt.

Genesis 50:4-End

The Magnificat

St John's Service by Hebert Howells (1892-1983)

The Second Lesson

¹ Pursue love and strive for the spiritual gifts, and especially that you may prophesy. ² For those who speak in a tongue do not speak to other people but to God; for nobody understands them, since they are speaking mysteries in the Spirit. ³ On the other hand, those who prophesy speak to other people for their building up and encouragement and consolation. ⁴ Those who speak in a tongue build up themselves, but those who prophesy build up the church. ⁵ Now I would like all of you to speak in tongues, but even more to prophesy. One who prophesies is greater than one who speaks in tongues, unless

someone interprets, so that the church may be built up. ⁶ Now, brothers and sisters, if I come to you speaking in tongues, how will I benefit you unless I speak to you in some revelation or knowledge or prophecy or teaching? ⁷ It is the same way with lifeless instruments that produce sound, such as the flute or the harp. If they do not give distinct notes, how will anyone know what is being played? ⁸ And if the bugle gives an indistinct sound, who will get ready for battle? ⁹ So with yourselves; if in a tongue you utter speech that is not intelligible, how will anyone know what is being said? For you will be speaking into the air. ¹⁰ There are doubtless many different kinds of sounds in the world, and nothing is without sound. ¹¹ If then I do not know the meaning of a sound, I will be a foreigner to the speaker and the speaker a foreigner to me. ¹² So with yourselves; since you are eager for spiritual gifts, strive to excel in them for building up the church. ¹³ Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray for the power to interpret. ¹⁴ For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unproductive. ¹⁵ What should I do then? I will pray with the spirit, but I will pray with the mind also; I will sing praise with the spirit, but I will sing praise with the mind also. ¹⁶ Otherwise, if you say a blessing with the spirit, how can anyone in the position of an outsider say the 'Amen' to your thanksgiving, since the outsider does not know what you are saying? ¹⁷ For you may give thanks well enough, but the other person is not built up. ¹⁸ I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you; ¹⁹ nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind, in order to instruct others also, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

1 Corinthians 14:1-19

The Nunc Dimittis

St John's Service by Hebert Howells (1892-1983)

The Collect of the Day

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of thy name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Anthem

We praise thee, O God, we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.
To thee all angels cry aloud: the heavens, and all the powers therein.
To thee cherubim and seraphim continually do cry,
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts;
heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.
The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.
The noble army of martyrs praise thee.
The holy church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee;
the Father of an infinite majesty;
thine honourable, true and only Son;
also the Holy Ghost, the comforter.
Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst not abhor
the Virgin's womb.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting.
O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage.
Govern them and lift them up for ever.
Day by day we magnify thee;
and we worship thy Name, ever world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted, let me never be confounded.

Te Deum Laudamus

Music by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

The Hymn

**O strength and stay upholding all creation,
who ever dost thyself unmoved abide,
yet day by day the light in due gradation
from hour to hour through all its changes guide;**

**Grant to life's day a calm unclouded ending,
an eve untouched by shadows of decay,
the brightness of a holy death-bed blending
with dawning glories of the eternal day.**

**Hear us, O Father, gracious and forgiving,
through Jesus Christ thy co-eternal Word,
who with the Holy Ghost by all things living
now and to endless ages art adored.**

*Words by Saint Ambrose (340-397)
translated by John Ellerton (1826-1893) and F.J.A. Hort (1828-1892)
Tune CPI8 Strength and Stay by J.B. Dykes (1823-1876)*

Voluntary

Please do stay for the organ voluntary, performed by Frederick Harvey.

Fugue et Hymne sur 'Ave Maris Stella' (Op.58) by Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

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<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:

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Alternatively, you can contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team led by Sarah Price: 024 7652 1345 or safeguarding@coventry.anglican.org

COMING SOON

Summer Organ Recital Series

Monday 4th August, 12:30pm

Our 2025 summer organ recital series continues with a recital from
Pierre Zevort.

L. Marchand Grand dialogue en ut

F. Couperin Cromorne en taille

L. Vierne Cathédrales

A. Guilmant Choral et fugue (Sonata no. 5)

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

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

Proud to be Coventry Cathedral

Saturday, 9th August

We will be joining in with the Coventry Pride celebrations on Saturday 9th August 2025. The day begins with the Coventry PRIDE 2025 march.

At the time of writing, the march route and start time are yet to be confirmed, but we are anticipating it will leave from the city centre in the late morning and so we are planning to gather at the Cathedral at 10.30am. We will be donning glitter (if you wish!) and carrying a

banner which reads "Proud to be Coventry Cathedral". The march ends at Fargo Village, where we will join in with the rest of the day's celebrations, hosting a stall which shares the Cathedral's message of welcome and hospitality. If you would like to participate or if you have any questions; please email

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ruth.lubranolavadera@coventry.anglican.org and we will keep you updated with plans for the day.

Hiroshima Day Remembrance

Wednesday, 6 August, 6pm

This year's Hiroshima Day Remembrance will begin in the cathedral, there will be a reading of letters between Hiroshima and Coventry and the Sadako story will be told by means of a performance by pupils from Cardinal Newman Roman Catholic School. As ever there will be the making of paper cranes for peace and readings by the committee.

South Asia Heritage Sunday

Sunday, 17 August at 10.30am

We will mark *South Asia Heritage Sunday*, celebrating the vibrant cultures and contributions of South-Asian communities within our cathedral family. We warmly encourage members of South-Asian heritage to wear traditional dress as part of the celebration. After the service, join us for a special time of fellowship featuring exciting and delicious food from across the South Asian region. All are welcome – come and share in the colour, flavour, and richness of this joyful occasion!

Cathedral's Summer Holiday Program

Theme: "All our Feelings"

Bring your little ones to the Cathedral over the summer to explore all we have to offer through games, crafts and fun activities for the family.

Let's Play! Brave and Afraid

7th August, 10.30am-3pm

Teddy Zipline (£2 A GO, Spectators FREE)

Bring your own Picnic!

Let's Watch and Make!

14th August, 10.30am-12.30pm

"Inside Out" (Please book online)

Let's Play! Excited and Calm

21st August, 10.30am-12pm

FREE yoga & Zumba (Please book online)

Let's Play! Together and Alone

28th August, 10.30am-12pm

FREE Games, Crafts and Activities