

Said BCP Evening Prayer
Sunday 17th August, 2025
Ninth Sunday after Trinity



Welcome to this service of Evening Prayer according to the Book of Common Prayer, led by the Reverend Kate Massey, Canon for Arts and Reconciliation. Margaret East, Cathedral Reader, will be preaching. The organist is Corinne Hepburn. The service begins on page 4 of the purple service booklet.

Psalm 119:17-32

17 O do good to your servant that I may live, ♦
and so shall I keep your word.

18 Open my eyes, that I may see ♦
the wonders of your law.

19 I am a stranger upon earth; ♦
hide not your commandments from me.

20 My soul is consumed at all times ♦
with fervent longing for your judgements. R

21 You have rebuked the arrogant; ♦
cursed are those who stray from your commandments.

22 Turn from me shame and rebuke, ♦
for I have kept your testimonies.

23 Rulers also sit and speak against me, ♦
but your servant meditates on your statutes.

24 For your testimonies are my delight; ♦
they are my faithful counsellors. R

25 My soul cleaves to the dust; ♦
O give me life according to your word.

26 I have acknowledged my ways and you have answered me; ♦
O teach me your statutes.

27 Make me understand the way of your commandments, ♦
and so shall I meditate on your wondrous works.

28 My soul melts away in tears of sorrow; ♦
raise me up according to your word. *R*

29 Take from me the way of falsehood; ♦
be gracious to me through your law.

30 I have chosen the way of truth ♦
and your judgements have I laid before me.

31 I hold fast to your testimonies; ♦
O Lord, let me not be put to shame.

32 I will run the way of your commandments, ♦
when you have set my heart at liberty.

The First Lesson

⁹ ‘Whom will he teach knowledge,
and to whom will he explain the message?
Those who are weaned from milk,
those taken from the breast?
¹⁰ For it is precept upon precept, precept upon precept,
line upon line, line upon line,
here a little, there a little.’^[a]

¹¹ Truly, with stammering lip
and with alien tongue
he will speak to this people,
¹² to whom he has said,
‘This is rest;
give rest to the weary;
and this is repose’;
yet they would not hear.
¹³ Therefore the word of the LORD will be to them,
‘Precept upon precept, precept upon precept,
line upon line, line upon line,
here a little, there a little’;^[b]
in order that they may go, and fall backwards,
and be broken, and snared, and taken.

¹⁴ Therefore hear the word of the LORD, you scoffers
who rule this people in Jerusalem.

¹⁵ Because you have said, 'We have made a covenant with death,
and with Sheol we have an agreement;
when the overwhelming scourge passes through
it will not come to us;

for we have made lies our refuge,
and in falsehood we have taken shelter';

¹⁶ therefore thus says the Lord GOD,
See, I am laying in Zion a foundation stone,
a tested stone,

a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation:
'One who trusts will not panic.'

¹⁷ And I will make justice the line,
and righteousness the plummet;
hail will sweep away the refuge of lies,
and waters will overwhelm the shelter.

¹⁸ Then your covenant with death will be annulled,
and your agreement with Sheol will not stand;
when the overwhelming scourge passes through
you will be beaten down by it.

¹⁹ As often as it passes through, it will take you;
for morning by morning it will pass through,
by day and by night;

and it will be sheer terror to understand the message.

²⁰ For the bed is too short to stretch oneself on it,
and the covering too narrow to wrap oneself in it.

²¹ For the LORD will rise up as on Mount Perazim,
he will rage as in the valley of Gibeon
to do his deed—strange is his deed!—
and to work his work—alien is his work!

²² Now therefore do not scoff,
or your bonds will be made stronger;
for I have heard a decree of destruction
from the Lord GOD of hosts upon the whole land.

Isaiah 28:9-22

Hymn: *The Magnificat*

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:
unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name:
make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might:
powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:
firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore.**

*Words by Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024)
Tune CP 362 Woodlands Walter Greatorex (1877-1949)*

The Second Lesson

¹ We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; ² for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³ For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, ⁴ begging us earnestly for the privilege[□] of sharing in this ministry to the saints— ⁵ and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us, ⁶ so that we might urge Titus that, as he had already made a beginning, so he should also complete this generous undertaking among you. ⁷ Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. ⁸ I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others.

⁹ For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

2 Corinthians 8:1-9

The Nunc Dimittis

Found on page 7 of the purple Evensong booklet

The Collect of the Day

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as be rightful; that we, who cannot do any thing that is good without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Hymn

**Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**

**Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.**

**Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.**

**Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.**

Words by Jan Struther (1901-1953)

*Tune CP 507 Slane Irish traditional melody
harmonized by Erik Routley (1917-1982)*

Voluntary

*Please do stay for the voluntary, performed today by Corinne Hepburn
Cantilene from Sonata No. 11 in D Minor
by Josef Rheinberger (1839 – 1901)*

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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: *BCP Evening Prayer (Choral Evensong during term time)*

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COMING SOON

Summer Organ Recital Series

Monday, 18th August, 12:30pm

Our 2025 summer organ recital series continues with a recital from
Hannah Gill.

E. L. Diemer - Fiesta

G. Jackson - Herzliebster Jesu, was hast du verbrochen

J. van Oortmerssen - Nun ruhen alle Wälder

K. Leighton - Paean

B. Britten, arranged by A. Lapwood - Extracts from Four Sea Interludes

A. Wammes – Fiducie

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

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

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!

Intern's Last Sunday

24 August, 10.30am

Join us next Sunday, as we bid farewell to our Reconciliation Interns- Mine and Alwine, who have formed such a wonderful part of our Cathedral family over the last year. The Preacher at this service will be The Revd Antje Biller, Board Member of the German CCN and Mine's mom. There will be an opportunity over coffee, following the service to greet them.

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! 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