

# Choral Evensong

## Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2025

### Feast of Saint Michael & All Angels



*Welcome to this service of Choral Evensong, led by the Reverend Nitano Muller, Canon for Worship and Welcome. The Reverend Kate Massey, Canon for Arts and Reconciliation, is preaching.*

*The Choir is directed by Rachel Mahon, Director of Music. The organist is Liam Condon, Assistant Director of Music. The responses are those by Philip Moore (1943-).*

#### Introit

Factum est silentium in coelo,  
dum committeret bellum draco  
cum Michaele Archangelo.  
Audita est vox milia milium  
dicentium: Salus, honor, et virtus,  
omnipotenti Deo. Alleluia.

*There was silence in heaven, when  
the dragon contended fiercely with  
the Archangel Michael. Then a  
mighty voice burst from ten  
thousand tongues saying: blessing,  
honour and glory, Almighty God, be  
unto thee. Alleluia.*

*from Revelation 12  
Music by Richard Dering (c. 1580 - 1630)*

#### Installation of Musicians

*By The Reverend Nitano Muller, Canon for Worship and Welcome, together with Rachel Mahon, Director of Music.*

#### Psalm 148

1. O praise the Lord of heaven ♦  
praise him in the height.
2. Praise him, all ye angels of his ♦  
praise him, all his host.
3. Praise him, sun and moon ♦  
praise him, all ye stars and light.
4. Praise him, all ye heavens ♦  
and ye waters that are above the heavens.
5. Let them praise the Name of the Lord ♦

for he spake the word, and they were made; he commanded, and they were created.

6. He hath made them fast for ever and ever ♦  
he hath given them a law which shall not be broken.

7. Praise the Lord upon earth ♦  
ye dragons, and all deeps;

8. Fire and hail, snow and vapours ♦  
wind and storm, fulfilling his word;

9. Mountains and all hills ♦  
fruitful trees and all cedars;

10. Beasts and all cattle ♦  
worms and feathered fowls;

11. Kings of the earth and all people ♦  
princes and all judges of the world;

12. Young men and maidens, old men and children, praise the Name of the Lord ♦

for his Name only is excellent, and his praise above heaven and earth.

13. He shall exalt the horn of his people; all his saints shall praise him ♦  
even the children of Israel, even the people that serveth him.

## **The First Lesson**

<sup>4</sup>On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was standing on the bank of the great river (that is, the Tigris), <sup>5</sup>I looked up and saw a man clothed in linen, with a belt of gold from Uphaz around his waist. <sup>6</sup>His body was like beryl, his face like lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and the sound of his words like the roar of a multitude. <sup>7</sup>I, Daniel, alone saw the vision; the people who were with me did not see the vision, though a great trembling fell upon them, and they fled and hid themselves. <sup>8</sup>So I was left alone to see this great vision. My strength left me, and my complexion grew deathly pale, and I retained no strength. <sup>9</sup>Then I heard the sound of his words; and when I heard the sound of his words, I fell into a trance, face to the ground. <sup>10</sup>But then a hand touched me and roused me to my hands and knees. <sup>11</sup>He said to me, 'Daniel, greatly beloved, pay attention to the words that I am going to speak to you. Stand on your feet, for I have now been sent to you.' So

while he was speaking this word to me, I stood up trembling. <sup>12</sup>He said to me, 'Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. <sup>13</sup>But the prince of the kingdom of Persia opposed me for twenty-one days. So Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, and I left him there with the prince of the kingdom of Persia, <sup>14</sup>and have come to help you understand what is to happen to your people at the end of days. For there is a further vision for those days.' <sup>15</sup> While he was speaking these words to me, I turned my face towards the ground and was speechless. <sup>16</sup>Then one in human form touched my lips, and I opened my mouth to speak, and said to the one who stood before me, 'My lord, because of the vision such pains have come upon me that I retain no strength. <sup>17</sup>How can my lord's servant talk with my lord? For I am shaking, no strength remains in me, and no breath is left in me.' <sup>18</sup> Again one in human form touched me and strengthened me. <sup>19</sup>He said, 'Do not fear, greatly beloved, you are safe. Be strong and courageous!' When he spoke to me, I was strengthened and said, 'Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me.' <sup>20</sup>Then he said, 'Do you know why I have come to you? Now I must return to fight against the prince of Persia, and when I am through with him, the prince of Greece will come. <sup>21</sup>But I am to tell you what is inscribed in the book of truth. There is no one with me who contends against these princes except Michael, your prince.

*Daniel 10: 4-End*

## **The Magnificat**

*Evening Service in D Major by George Dyson (1883 – 1964)*

## **The Second Lesson**

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; <sup>2</sup>and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' <sup>3</sup>And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. <sup>4</sup>And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. <sup>5</sup>Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has

conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.’<sup>6</sup> Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. <sup>7</sup>He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. <sup>8</sup>When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup>They sing a new song:

‘You are worthy to take the scroll

and to open its seals,

for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation;

<sup>10</sup> you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.’ <sup>11</sup> Then I looked, and I heard the voice

of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup>singing with full voice,

‘Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered

to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might

and honour and glory and blessing!’

<sup>13</sup>Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

‘To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb

be blessing and honour and glory and might

for ever and ever!’

*Revelation 5*

## **The Nunc Dimittis**

*Evening Service in D Major by George Dyson (1883 – 1964)*

## **The Collect of the Day**

O Everlasting God, who hast ordained and constituted the services of Angels and men in a wonderful order: Mercifully grant, that as thy holy Angels alway do thee service in heaven, so by thy appointment they may succour and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **The Anthem**

My house shall be called an house of prayer for all people. The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the Lord of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of hosts. My house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.

*from Isaiah 56.7 and Haggai 2.9  
Music by Herbert Howells (1892-1983)*

## **The Hymn**

**How shall I sing that majesty  
which angels do admire?  
Let dust in dust and silence lie;  
sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.  
Thousands of thousands stand around  
thy throne, O God most high;  
ten thousand times ten thousand sound  
thy praise; but who am I?**

**Thy brightness unto them appears,  
whilst I thy footsteps trace;  
a sound of God comes to my ears,  
but they behold thy face:  
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,  
with all my fire and light;  
yet when thou dost accept their gold,  
Lord, treasure up my mite.**

**Enlighten with faith's light my heart,  
in flame it with love's fire,  
then shall I sing and take my part  
with that celestial choir.  
They sing, because thou art their sun;  
Lord, send a beam on me;  
for where heav'n is but once begun,  
there alleluias be.**

**How great a being, Lord, is thine,  
which doth all beings keep!  
Thy knowledge is the only line  
to sound so vast a deep:  
thou art a sea without a shore,  
a sun without a sphere;  
thy time is now and evermore,  
thy place is everywhere.**

*Words by John Mason (c.1645-1694)  
Tune CP 466 Coe Fen Ken Naylor (1931-1991)*

## **Voluntary**

*Please do stay for the organ voluntary, performed by Liam Condon.*

*Allegro from Symphony No. 2 by Louis Vierne (1870 – 1937)*

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

## **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](mailto:rachel.mahon@coventrycathedral.org.uk)

## **SAFEGUARDING AT COVENTRY CATHEDRAL**

We are committed to the safeguarding of all people. For details, please visit [www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/about-us/safeguarding](http://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/about-us/safeguarding)

You can report a concern using the same link or by contacting Jane Williams, Cathedral Safeguarding Officer, calling 024 7650 2349 or by emailing [janeMLWill@aol.com](mailto:janeMLWill@aol.com)

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

## **JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

### **HEAD VERGER**

We are seeking to appoint an experienced individual who will enable the smooth running of the Cathedral, chiefly as a place of prayer and worship, but also as a popular tourist destination and venue for a wide variety of concerts and other events. The person will lead the verger team and form part of the middle management of the Cathedral.

This is a fulltime role and onsite accommodation is provided.

Please see the Cathedral website for more details or email [Nitano.Muller@Coventry.Anglican.org](mailto:Nitano.Muller@Coventry.Anglican.org) if you have any questions.

Closing date for applications: Friday, 3 October.

Interviews: Thursday, 16 October.

## **COMING SOON**

### **Summer Organ Recital Series**

*Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 12:30pm*

Our 2025 summer organ recital series continues with a recital from Pavlos Triantaris.

C. Balbastre - *Prelude and Fugue in D minor*

L. Busbetzky - *Erbarm' Dich mein" BWV 721*

S. O. Barber - *Adagio in B-flat minor "Agnus Dei", Op. 11 No. 2*

E. Tinel - *Allegro con moto from the Sonata in G minor, Op. 29*

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

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



## **Bishop Sophie visit to the Cathedral**

*Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September*

Bishop Sophie is coming to spend a day with the Cathedral on Monday September 22<sup>nd</sup>, to get to know us and what we do. If you would like to join the day, we would love to welcome volunteers and members of the Cathedral community to afternoon tea in the John Laing Centre at 4.30pm – 5.15pm (following Evening Prayer at 4.00). Please sign on the welcome table if you know you would like to join this event.

## **Coffee Morning**

*Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> September, 10am – 12noon*

**FREE**

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

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

Any questions, please email [events@coventrycathedral.org.uk](mailto:events@coventrycathedral.org.uk)

## **National Police Memorial Day Service**

*Sunday, 28 September, 2pm*

We are privileged to host this year's National Police Memorial Service, when we gather with families and representatives from across the country to honour and remember officers who have given their lives in the line of duty. On this important occasion, ***please note there will be no Cathedral Eucharist***, but congregation members are welcome to attend the service at Holy Trinity. A limited number of spaces are available for members of the congregation to attend the NPMD service; names should be submitted to the Churchwardens by **TODAY**, Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> September.

## **Reconciliation in a Time of Conflict**

*Saturday, 18th October, 10am – 3.30pm*

How can we talk about reconciliation in the midst of war? We know the Bible calls us to be reconcilers, but what does the Christian ministry of reconciliation look like in a time of conflict? What are the challenges faced by those in the context of war, and what might we learn about being reconcilers in a society increasingly characterised by cultural division and conflict? How can we pray, act and speak in these turbulent times? Christians in Ukraine and Israel Palestine have approached this question in different ways, which will in turn help shape our understanding and action in our own contexts.

This significant day conference is hosted by the British Trust for Tantur, which supports the work of the Tantur Ecumenical institute, on the border between Jerusalem and Bethlehem. We will be welcoming their Rector, Fr. John Paul SJ, along with guests from Ukraine, to lead us in our reflection.

This conference will run from 10.00 – 3.30pm at Coventry Cathedral, a community known for its commitment to reconciliation, and as a place to reflect and respond to these difficult questions. Tickets are now £15 (or £10 for concessions, e.g. ordinands, students). For more information and to book your place visit:

<https://tinyurl.com/wh674s7c>

## **ACCOMMODATION NEEDED**

A young couple with an infant daughter are urgently in need of reasonably priced accommodation the city. If you are able to help, or suggest any possibilities, please speak to the Dean.