

Choral Evensong

Sunday 16th November, 2025

22nd Sunday after Trinity



Welcome to this service of Choral Evensong, led by the Reverend Canon Nitano Muller, Canon for Worship and Welcome.

The Reverend Matthew Arnold, curate on placement, is preaching.

The Choir is directed by Rachel Mahon, Director of Music. The organists are Liam Condon, Assistant Director of Music, and Adam Heron, Organ Scholar.

The responses are those by Humphrey Clucas (born 1941).

Introit

Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies: and thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old. O remember not the sins and offences of my youth: but according to thy mercy think thou on me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

Music by Richard Farrant (d. 1580)

Psalm 97

1. The Lord is King, the earth may be glad thereof ♦
yea, the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof.
2. Clouds and darkness are round about him ♦
righteousness and judgement are the habitation of his seat.
3. There shall go a fire before him ♦
and burn up his enemies on every side.
4. His lightnings gave shine unto the world ♦
the earth saw it, and was afraid.
5. The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord ♦
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
6. The heavens have declared his righteousness ♦
and all the people have seen his glory.
7. Confounded be all they that worship carved images, and that delight
in vain gods ♦ worship him, all ye gods.
8. Sion heard of it, and rejoiced ♦
and the daughters of Judah were glad, because of thy judgements,
O Lord.

9. For thou, Lord, art higher than all that are in the earth ♦
thou art exalted far above all gods.

10. O ye that love the Lord, see that ye hate the thing which is evil ♦
the Lord preserveth the souls of his saints;
he shall deliver them from the hand of the ungodly.

11. There is sprung up a light for the righteous ♦
and joyful gladness for such as are true-hearted.

12. Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous ♦
and give thanks for a remembrance of his holiness.

The First Lesson

¹ It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom one hundred and twenty satraps, stationed throughout the whole kingdom, ²and over them three presidents, including Daniel; to these the satraps gave account, so that the king might suffer no loss. ³Soon Daniel distinguished himself above all the other presidents and satraps because an excellent spirit was in him, and the king planned to appoint him over the whole kingdom. ⁴So the presidents and the satraps tried to find grounds for complaint against Daniel in connection with the kingdom. But they could find no grounds for complaint or any corruption, because he was faithful, and no negligence or corruption could be found in him. ⁵The men said, 'We shall not find any ground for complaint against this Daniel unless we find it in connection with the law of his God.'

⁶ So the presidents and satraps conspired and came to the king and said to him, 'O King Darius, live for ever! ⁷All the presidents of the kingdom, the prefects and the satraps, the counsellors and the governors, are agreed that the king should establish an ordinance and enforce an interdict, that whoever prays to anyone, divine or human, for thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be thrown into a den of lions. ⁸Now, O king, establish the interdict and sign the document, so that it cannot be changed, according to the law of the Medes and the Persians, which cannot be revoked.' ⁹Therefore King Darius signed the document and interdict. ¹⁰ Although Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he continued to go to his house, which had windows in its upper room open towards Jerusalem, and to get down on his knees three times a day to pray to his God and praise him, just as he had done previously. ¹¹The conspirators came and found Daniel praying

and seeking mercy before his God. ¹²Then they approached the king and said concerning the interdict, ‘O king! Did you not sign an interdict, that anyone who prays to anyone, divine or human, within thirty days except to you, O king, shall be thrown into a den of lions?’ The king answered, ‘The thing stands fast, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be revoked.’ ¹³Then they responded to the king, ‘Daniel, one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or to the interdict you have signed, but he is saying his prayers three times a day.’ ¹⁴When the king heard the charge, he was very much distressed. He was determined to save Daniel, and until the sun went down he made every effort to rescue him. ¹⁵Then the conspirators came to the king and said to him, ‘Know, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians that no interdict or ordinance that the king establishes can be changed.’ ¹⁶Then the king gave the command, and Daniel was brought and thrown into the den of lions. The king said to Daniel, ‘May your God, whom you faithfully serve, deliver you!’ ¹⁷A stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, so that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel. ¹⁸Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; no food was brought to him, and sleep fled from him. ¹⁹Then, at break of day, the king got up and hurried to the den of lions. ²⁰When he came near the den where Daniel was, he cried out anxiously to Daniel, ‘O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God whom you faithfully serve been able to deliver you from the lions?’ ²¹Daniel then said to the king, ‘O king, live for ever! ²²My God sent his angel and shut the lions’ mouths so that they would not hurt me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no wrong.’ ²³Then the king was exceedingly glad and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God. ²⁴The king gave a command, and those who had accused Daniel were brought and thrown into the den of lions—they, their children, and their wives. Before they reached the bottom of the den the lions overpowered them and broke all their bones in pieces. ²⁵Then King Darius wrote to all peoples and nations of every language throughout the whole world: ‘May you have abundant prosperity! ²⁶I make a decree, that in all my

royal dominion people should tremble and fear before the God of Daniel:

For he is the living God,
enduring for ever.

His kingdom shall never be destroyed,
and his dominion has no end.

²⁷ He delivers and rescues,
he works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth;
for he has saved Daniel
from the power of the lions.'

²⁸ So this Daniel prospered during the reign of Darius and the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

Daniel 6

The Magnificat

Evening Service in G by Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852 – 1924)

The Second Lesson

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ Let anyone with ears listen!' ¹⁸ 'Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹ yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the

world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing.²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

The Nunc Dimittis

Evening Service in G by Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852 – 1924)

The Collect of the Day

Lord, we beseech thee to keep thy household the Church in continual godliness; that through thy protection it may be free from adversities, and devoutly given to serve thee in good works, to the glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Anthem

Give us the wings of faith to rise
within the veil, and see
the Saints above, how great their joys,
how bright their glories be.

We ask them whence their victory came.
They, with one united breath,
ascribe the conquest to the Lamb,
their triumph to his death.

They mark'd the footsteps that he trod,
his zeal inspir'd their breast
and, following their incarnate God,
they reach'd the promis'd rest.

Words by Isaac Watts (1674-1748)
Music by Ernest Bullock (1890-1979)

The Hymn

**O gladsome light, O grace
of God the Father's face,
the eternal splendour wearing;
celestial, holy, blest,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
joyful in thine appearing.**

**Now, ere day fadeth quite,
we see the evening light,
our wonted hymn outpouring;
Father of might unknown,
thee, his incarnate Son,
and Holy Spirit adoring.**

**To thee of right belongs
all praise of holy songs,
O Son of God, lifegiver;
thee therefore, O most high,
the world doth glorify
and shall exalt for ever.**

Words translated from Greek by Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

Tune CP 17 Nunc Dimittis melody from the Genevan Psalter (1549)

by Louis Borgeois (c.1510-1561) harmonised by Claude Goudimel (d. 1572)

Voluntary

Please do stay for the organ voluntary, played by Rachel Mahon.

Prelude and Fugue in G minor by Marcel Dupré (1886 –1971)

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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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by emailing janeMLWill@aol.com

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

Congregation Contact Forms

Canon Kate would like to check that the contact information that we hold for congregation members is up to date and to seek your permission to contact you in various ways. This is to comply with our GDPR policy. If you choose to allow it (and there is no obligation), you can allow the Cathedral to send you the weekly notices and any other community news by email. If you choose, you can be added to a directory given to our clergy and readers to aid them in their ministry. Consent Forms are available at the back of the Cathedral. Please place completed forms in the marked envelope in the box which is addressed to Canon Kate.

COMMUNITY NEWS

A Season of Reconciliation

Sunday, 2 November to Sunday, 23 November

Theme: “Remembering well to move forward together”

Here at Coventry Cathedral, the month of November is a season of reconciliation; an opportunity to focus on the heart of our calling here at the Cathedral. At each Sunday Eucharist in November we will explore what it means to remember well in a sermon series delivered by local and guest preachers.

Date:	Preacher:	Theme:
Sunday, 2 November <i>(All Saints’ Day)</i>	The Revd Su McClellan	<i>“Remembering the saints to be inspired in our peace-making”</i>
Sunday, 9 November <i>(Remembrance Day)</i>	The Revd Canon Kate Massey	<i>“Remembering the war to seek peace with justice”</i>
Sunday, 16 November	The Very Reverend Jay Ruka, Dean of Taranaki	<i>“Remembering well: Exploring colonial legacy and Māori heritage in the hope of reconciliation”</i>
Sunday, 23 November <i>(Feast of Christ the King)</i>	The Revd Canon Nitano Muller	<i>“Remember well the reign of Christ: a kingdom of peace”</i>

Interested in Children’s Ministry?

We’re hoping to restart our Children’s Ministry- a joyful space where our youngest members can discover faith, friendship, and fun! To make it happen, we need a team of **enthusiastic volunteers** who can help create a welcoming, lively, and faith-filled experience for our children during Sunday worship.

Whether you’re a seasoned storyteller, a craft-lover, a patient listener, or simply someone who loves seeing young hearts grow in faith and feel welcome in the church, there’s a place for you.

Interested? Have questions? Please speak to Canon’s Kate or Nitano after the service or email Nitano.Muller@Coventry.Anglican.org. Let’s build something wonderful together!

Coventry University Graduations

Monday, 17 November- Friday, 21 November

The Cathedral will be **CLOSED** to the public this week, due to the Graduation ceremonies held here. Note that Evensong on Thursday will be held at Holy Trinity Church at 5.15pm

Call for Volunteers!

Stained Glass Move - Assistance is needed to help carefully move the conserved stained glass from the old Cathedral to the storeroom.

COMING SOON

Gracious Dialogue

4th, 11th, 18th, 25th November 7.30 pm in St Michael's House

New for reconciliation season. Gracious Dialogue: A guide to listening and speaking well about Israel and Palestine

Join us for a four week small group course to help us navigate the choppy waters of differing interpretations of scripture and history. Each week we will look at two interpretations of a passage from Paul's Letter to the Romans and snapshots from the recent history of Israel and Palestine. The course aims to equip us to deepen our understanding and to see through an other's eyes.

To register your interest or for further information talk to or email Revd Su.

Email: su.mcclellan@coventry.anglican.org

Wonder

Wednesday, 19th November, 7:30pm

This month's Wonder Gathering is meeting (a week late) on Wednesday 19th November at 7.30pm in the Chapel of Christ the Servant. It will be a co-created evening of creativity. The invitation is to bring a piece of art in the broadest sense of the word – it could be a book you have enjoyed, an object you have made or was made for you, a song you want to play or even sing for us, an image, a poem, a film clip. The only criteria is that you can say a sentence or two about the art and how it has meaning for you at this time.

I really look forward to seeing you there.

Kate

Giving Tuesday, 2nd December, 10am – 2pm

Here's how you can join in:

- *Give your time – Sign up to volunteer with us in 2026.*
- *Donate a piece of history – Contribute an artefact to help preserve Coventry's Blitz story in our Blitz Museum or Archive.*
- *Keaton Slater Millennium Screen memorial – Donate towards having Keaton Slater, a young boy who was tragically killed in 2024, name engraved on the Millennium Screen.*
- *Donate food items – We are collecting food items for Grub Hub who provide Christmas dinners to those in need.*

Come for a chat, enjoy tea and coffee from 10am to 2pm and be part of Coventry Cathedral's mission of hope this Christmas season.

To find out more, please contact fundraising@coventrycathedral.org.uk