

Evening Prayer according to the Book of Common Prayer Sunday, 19th April, 2026



The Second Sunday after Easter

Welcome to this service of Evening Prayer, led by The Reverend Nitano Muller, Canon for Worship and Welcome. Donald Parr, Cathedral Lay Reader, will be preaching. The organist is John Wilderspin.

*We encourage our visitors to take photographs of our beautiful cathedral,
but please no photography during the service.*

If you would like to access the loop system, please speak to one of the vergers.

Psalm 48

1. Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised ♦
in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill.
- 2. The hill of Sion is a fair place,
and the joy of the whole earth ♦
upon the north-side lieth the city of the great King;
God is well known in her palaces as a sure refuge.**
3. For lo, the kings of the earth ♦
are gathered, and gone by together.
- 4. They marvelled to see such things ♦
they were astonished, and suddenly cast down.**
5. Fear came there upon them, and sorrow ♦
as upon a woman in her travail.
- 6. Thou shalt break the ships of the sea ♦
through the east-wind.**
7. Like as we have heard,
so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts,
in the city of our God ♦
God upholdeth the same for ever.
- 8. We wait for thy loving-kindness, O God ♦
in the midst of thy temple.**
9. O God, according to thy Name,
so is thy praise unto the world's end ♦
thy right hand is full of righteousness.

**10. Let the mount Sion rejoice,
and the daughters of Judah be glad ♦
because of thy judgements.**

11. Walk about Sion, and go round about her ♦
and tell the towers thereof.

**12. Mark well her bulwarks, set up her houses ♦
that ye may tell them that come after.**

13. For this God is our God for ever and ever ♦
he shall be our guide unto death.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.**

The First Lesson

^{1:13}Then Haggai, the messenger of the LORD, spoke to the people with the LORD's message, saying, I am with you, says the LORD. ¹⁴And the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and worked on the house of the LORD of hosts, their God, ¹⁵on the twenty-fourth day of the month, in the sixth month.

^{2:1} In the second year of King Darius, in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by the prophet Haggai, saying: ²Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, ³Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? ⁴Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the LORD; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the LORD; work, for I am with you, says the LORD of hosts, ⁵according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. ⁶For thus says the LORD of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; ⁷and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendour, says

the LORD of hosts. ⁸The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the LORD of hosts. ⁹The latter splendour of this house shall be greater than the former, says the LORD of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the LORD of hosts.

Haggai 1:13-2:9

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

¹⁰According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. ¹¹For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. ¹²Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— ¹³the work of each builder will become visible, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done. ¹⁴If what has been built on the foundation survives, the builder will receive

a reward. ¹⁵If the work is burned up, the builder will suffer loss; the builder will be saved, but only as through fire. ¹⁶Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? ¹⁷If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

1 Corinthians 3:10-17

The Nunc Dimittis

**Lord bid your servant go in peace;
your word is now fulfilled.
These eyes have seen salvation's dawn,
this child so long foretold.
This is the Saviour of the world,
the Gentiles' promised light;
God's glory dwelling in our midst,
the joy of Israel.**

**Behold this child will pierce your heart,
his Word will be a sword,
a sign opposed to hearts concealed
and grace for heaven's adored.
Almighty Father, hear our cry
through Christ the only Son,
whom in the Spirit we adore**

Words by James J. Quinn (1919-2010)

Tune CP 469 Kingsfold English folksong from English Country Songs (1893)

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, who hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn

**Abide with me; fast falls the eventide:
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:
when other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.**

**Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see:
O thou who changest not abide with me.**

**I need thy presence every passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.**

**I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.**

**Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.**

Words by H.F. Lyte (1793-1847)

Tune CP 10 Eventide W.H. Monk (1823-1889)

Voluntary

If you are able to, please stay for the voluntary, played by John Wilderspin.

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please use the QR code here. There are also contactless
donation points and collection boxes near the entrance.*

Thank you for your support.



JOINING OUR CHOIRS

Boys and girls between the ages of 7 and 11 are welcome to audition for our Cathedral Choir. Do you know a child who loves to sing?

There are many benefits to joining the choir – new friends, a free, world-class music education, choir pay, singing services and at special events in amazing places, choir tours, broadcasts, recordings and social events too. If you or someone you know might be interested in joining the choir, please be in touch with the Acting Director of Music to arrange a meeting. Email:

Music.Administrator@CoventryCathedral.org.uk

Our Cathedral Chamber Choir

Our Cathedral Chamber Choir sing voluntarily at various services throughout the year and are currently open for auditions on all voice parts. Rehearsals usually take place on occasional Thursday evenings in the lead up to a service. If you would be interested in joining our Chamber Choir, please get in touch with Liam Condon, Assistant Director of Music, for an audition.

Email: Liam.Condon@coventry.anglican.org

Coventry Cathedral Chorus

The Chorus is one of the Midlands' leading amateur choirs, bringing together around 60 singers to perform a wide range of choral music in and beyond Coventry. Founded shortly after the consecration of Coventry Cathedral in 1963, the Chorus continues a rich tradition of singing in notable venues across the UK and Europe.

Rehearsals take place at the Cathedral on Tuesday evenings, 7.15–9.30pm. New singers are always welcome. To find out more or arrange to attend a rehearsal, visit coventrycathedralchorus.com or contact the Membership Secretary at membership@coventrycathedralchorus.com. Follow Coventry Cathedral Chorus on Facebook and @CovCathChorus on X.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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Thank you to everyone who has completed a safeguarding survey! So far TWENTY-FOUR members of the cathedral worshipping community have responded, which is great, but we want to hear from as many voices as possible. If you haven't done so already, please can I encourage you to share your views, so we can learn and improve our safeguarding culture. The surveys are completed online. You can use the QR Code or go to: <https://ineqe.com/churchofengland/coventry/> You are welcome to complete more than one survey e.g. if you are a congregation member at the cathedral AND a volunteer/worshipper in a parish, you are welcome to complete both cathedral and parish surveys. If you would like to feedback to INEQE, but the survey format doesn't work for you, there is more information about how to do that at the bottom of the webpage. If you would like to complete a survey, but don't have a computer, we will have laptops available after the Sunday service next week 26th April.

Dean John's Farewell Celebration

As we prepare to give thanks for Dean John's ministry among us, all members of the congregation are warmly invited to his Farewell Do on Saturday, 9 May at 7pm. This will be a joyful moment to gather, share stories, and offer our appreciation for his leadership and friendship.



Dean John's final Eucharist service will be on Sunday, 17 May at 10.30am and his final Choral Evensong at 4pm, where he will preach and preside. If you wish to attend either or both of these, please scan this QR code to register your attendance.

There are lists at the back of the nave, should you prefer to register that way. We hope many of you will join us for this special occasion.



Farewell Gift

There will be opportunities for members of the Cathedral Community to contribute to a farewell gift to John and Ricarda as a thank you for their service amongst us for the past 13 years. A box for contributions and a card to sign will be at the back of the cathedral until their final Sunday with us on May 17th.

The Cathedral Churchwardens

Coventry Half Marathon

Nick Drew, Cathedral Lay Clerk, will be running the Coventry Half Marathon on 19th April in aid of the Choir Parents' Association. If you would like to pledge your support please go to <https://www.justgiving.com/page/nickd-cov26>

Pauline Lawrence

Many of you will remember Pauline, who died last year. His niece Tracey is having to clear Pauline's house in Earlsdon and would value some help. If you are to assist, please contact Jane Williams, or the Cathedral office. Tracey would also like to hear from any of Pauline's friends who would care to be in touch.

Heather Wallace

There will be a Celebration of Heather's life at Evensong on Sunday May 3rd at 4pm, and we hope that many will choose to gather on that occasion.

Inclusive and Evangelical

Canon Kate has contributed a chapter to a new book called "Evangelical and Inclusive: A Future and a Hope" edited by David Runcorn. There is a book launch at St Mark's Church Leamington Spa on 13th May at 7pm where Kate and other contributors will be discussing why they wrote the book. You are warmly invited to come along. Copies of the book can be pre-ordered at canterburypress.co.uk where you can also find more information and reviews.

'From the Fragment to the Whole' Closing Event

To mark the end of From the Fragment to The Whole exhibition join us for an 'In Conversation' with; Artist, Roberta DeCaro, Canon for Arts and Reconciliation, Kate Massey and Development & Funding Officer at Coventry Haven, Jamie Richards, as they discuss the journey of the project and its legacy. This will be held in the John Laing Centre on Sunday 26th April from 1-2.30pm. To register your place, please book via the Cathedral website:

www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/events/closing-event-of-from-the-fragment-to-the-whole

Embrace the Middle East

Communities supported by **Embrace the Middle East** in Lebanon are continuing their vital work in the midst of appalling levels of bombardment and the displacement of over 1.2 million people. As crisis builds on crisis, many of their long-standing funding streams, particularly from the United States, are drying up. These trusted local partners are asking simply not to be forgotten. If you are able you are invited to give to **Embrace's Middle East Emergency Appeal, Keeping Hope Alive** helping to provide emergency medical care, food aid, trauma care and mental health support, for those, particularly the children, caught up in the war. In moments like this, headlines can move quickly - but fear, disruption, and trauma settle deeply and last. Thank you for standing with the Middle East at a time like this. When you give, you are not watching from a distance - you are equipping trusted people on the ground to act with compassion, skill, and urgency. To give visit <https://embraceme.org/emergency-appeal> or use the QR code here. Thank you.



Acting Dean

Bishop Sophie has appointed Canon Kate as Acting Dean, working of course closely with Canon Nitano and Simon, taking up her role (in addition to her existing responsibilities) from June 1st. In making this appointment we are delighted that Bishop Sophie has expressed confidence Cathedral team and the well established direction the Cathedral has been taking for many years.

It is also important to note that whilst only one person can hold the office of Acting Dean, this is in many ways a shared appointment, as Kate and Nitano, along with Simon's support, hold the Cathedral together through these coming months. Recognising the additional workload, Bishop Sophie intends to appoint another priest to a temporary role to provide additional support capacity through this period.

As you know, the post of Dean is now advertised, and interviews are due to take place early in June. We all hope that a new Dean will take up their post before the end of the year. Please pray for the recruitment process and those involved.

Lüdenscheid Vocal Ensemble

A choir from Germany, the Lüdenscheid Vocal Ensemble, with close connections to one of our Cross of Nails Centres, will be visiting Coventry from 29th April to 3rd May. On Saturday 2nd May at 12.10pm, directly after the Litany, they will sing a short concert of music for reconciliation in the Nave. The programme includes pieces by Brahms and Bob Chilcott, and music connected with Dresden. Attendance is free, with a retiring collection.

On Sunday morning 3rd May they will join our Chamber Choir to sing for the 10.30 Eucharist.

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*