

# Choral Evensong

## Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2026

### The Fifth Sunday after Easter



*Welcome to this service of Choral Evensong, led by The Reverend Kate Massey, Canon for Arts and Reconciliation. Margaret East, Cathedral Lay Reader, will be preaching.*

*The Cathedral Choir is directed by Joe Watson, Acting Director of Music. The organists are Liam Condon, Assistant Director of Music, and Adam Heron, Organ Scholar. The responses are those by Philip Radcliffe (1905-1986). 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.*

## Introit

Oculi omnium in te sperant,  
Domine,  
et tu das escam illorum in  
tempore opportuno.  
Gloria tibi Domine.

*The eyes of all wait upon thee, O  
Lord:  
and thou givest them their meat in  
due season.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

*from Psalm 104  
Music by Charles Wood (1866-1926)*

## Psalm 87

1. Her foundations are upon the holy hills ♦  
the Lord loveth the gates of Sion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.
2. Very excellent things are spoken of thee ♦  
thou city of God.
3. I will think upon Rahab and Babylon ♦  
with them that know me.
4. Behold ye the Philistines also ♦  
and they of Tyre, with the Morians; lo, there was he born.
5. And of Sion it shall be reported that he was born in her ♦  
and the most High shall stablish her.

6. The Lord shall rehearse it when he writeth up the people ♦  
that he was born there.

7. The singers also and trumpeters shall he rehearse ♦  
All my fresh springs shall be in thee.

## **The First Lesson**

<sup>1</sup> The word of the LORD of hosts came to me, saying: <sup>2</sup>Thus says the LORD of hosts: I am jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I am jealous for her with great wrath. <sup>3</sup>Thus says the LORD: I will return to Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem; Jerusalem shall be called the faithful city, and the mountain of the LORD of hosts shall be called the holy mountain. <sup>4</sup>Thus says the LORD of hosts: Old men and old women shall again sit in the streets of Jerusalem, each with staff in hand because of their great age. <sup>5</sup>And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in its streets. <sup>6</sup>Thus says the LORD of hosts: Even though it seems impossible to the remnant of this people in these days, should it also seem impossible to me, says the LORD of hosts? <sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD of hosts: I will save my people from the east country and from the west country; <sup>8</sup>and I will bring them to live in Jerusalem. They shall be my people and I will be their God, in faithfulness and in righteousness.

<sup>9</sup> Thus says the LORD of hosts: Let your hands be strong—you that have recently been hearing these words from the mouths of the prophets who were present when the foundation was laid for the rebuilding of the temple, the house of the LORD of hosts. <sup>10</sup>For before those days there were no wages for people or for animals, nor was there any safety from the foe for those who went out or came in, and I set them all against one another. <sup>11</sup>But now I will not deal with the remnant of this people as in the former days, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>12</sup>For there shall be a sowing of peace; the vine shall yield its fruit, the ground shall give its produce, and the skies shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these things. <sup>13</sup>Just as you have been a cursing among the nations, O house of Judah and house of Israel, so I will save you and you shall be a blessing. Do not be afraid, but let your hands be strong.

*Zechariah 8:1-13*

# The Magnificat

*Evening Service No. 2 in E Flat by Charles Wood (1866-1926).*

## The Second Lesson

<sup>1</sup> After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup>Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup>Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' <sup>6</sup>He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup>That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. <sup>8</sup>But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

<sup>9</sup> When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' <sup>11</sup>So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup>Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup>Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup>This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

*John 21:1-14*

## The Nunc Dimittis

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## The Collect of the Day

O Lord, from whom all good things do come: Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

## The Anthem

Let the people praise thee, O God;  
Yea, let all the people praise thee.  
O let the nations rejoice and be glad,  
For thou shalt judge the folk righteously,  
And govern the nations upon earth.  
Then shall the earth bring forth her increase,  
And God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.  
God shall bless us and all the ends of the world shall fear him.  
God be merciful unto us, and bless us:  
And shew us the light of his countenance,  
And be merciful unto us.  
That thy way may be known upon earth:  
Thy saving health among all nations.  
Let the people praise thee, O God;  
Yea let all the people praise thee.  
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.

*Words Psalm 67*

*Music by William Mathias (1934-1992)*

## The Hymn

**Come down, O Love divine,  
seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.**

**O let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

**Let holy charity  
mine outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;  
true lowliness of heart,  
which takes the humbler part,  
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.**

**And so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace,  
till they become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.**

*Words by Bianco da Siena (d. 1434)*

*translated by R.F. Littledale (1833-1890)*

*Tune CP 175i Down Ampney by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

## **Voluntary**

*Marcia Eroica by Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924).*

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## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **Dean John's Farewell Celebration**

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 17<sup>th</sup>. The Cathedral Churchwardens.

## 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.



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The Cathedral welcomes the INEQE Audit as an opportunity to learn. We want to understand how we can continue to improve our safeguarding culture and practice and keep everyone safe. You can help with this learning by completing an INEQE survey. We want to hear from as many voices as possible. 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 AND a victim or survivor, you are welcome to complete both surveys. If you would like to feedback to INEQE, but cannot complete the survey, 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 or smartphone, ask us and we can help.



## COMING SOON

### **Ascension Day Update**

*Thursday, 14 May, Holy Trinity Church, 7.30pm*

Please note a **change of venue and time** for our Ascension Day service. This year, we will join our friends at Holy Trinity Church at 7.30pm as we gather to worship together as the Hill Top community, a special occasion that takes place only twice a year. We hope many from our congregation will be able to join us.

### **Digital Drop In**

*Tuesday 19th May, 10am - 12noon*

**Come along to our drop-in sessions taking place in The New Cathedral where you can access informal 1:1 support with skills such as:**

- Online shopping
- Setting up an email address
  - Using the NHS app
- Practice using a mouse and keyboard
  - Using a search engine effectively
- Getting to grips with a smartphone

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# Chorister Open Evening

19th May 2026



**Venue:** Coventry Cathedral

**Who can attend?** Open to Boys & Girls in current school Years 2-6

**Date:** Tuesday 19th May, 16:30-18:30

- Open to all children considering auditioning for the cathedral choir
- Meet and sing with the cathedral choristers in a cathedral liturgy
- Have a tour of the cathedral, and experience the cathedral organ close up
- Parents will hear their children singing in the Cathedral choir, meet with other parents & meet the Director of Music



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