

Choral Evensong
Sunday, 7th June, 2026
The First Sunday after Trinity



Welcome to this service of Choral Evensong, led by The Reverend Nitano Muller, Canon for Worship and Welcome. The Reverend Canon Kate Massey, Acting Dean, 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 Moore (1943-).

*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

View me, Lord, a work of thine:
shall I then lie drown'd in night?
Might thy grace in me but shine,
I should seem made all of light.

Cleanse me, Lord, that I may kneel
at thine altar, pure and white;
they that once thy mercies feel,
gaze no more on earth's delight.

Worldly joys, like shadows, fade
when the heav'nly light appears;
but the cov'nants thou hast made,
endless, know nor days, nor years.

In thy word, Lord, is my trust,
to thy mercies fast I fly;
though I am but clay and dust,
yet thy grace can lift me high.

*Words by Thomas Campion (1567-1620)
Music by Richard Lloyd (1933-2021)*

Psalm 41

1. Blessed is he that considereth the poor and needy ♦
the Lord shall deliver him in the time of trouble.
2. The Lord preserve him, and keep him alive,
that he may be blessed upon earth ♦
and deliver not thou him into the will of his enemies.
3. The Lord comfort him, when he lieth sick upon his bed ♦
make thou all his bed in his sickness.
4. I said, Lord, be merciful unto me ♦
heal my soul, for I have sinned against thee.
5. Mine enemies speak evil of me ♦
When shall he die, and his name perish?
6. And if he come to see me, he speaketh vanity ♦
and his heart conceiveth falsehood within himself,
and when he cometh forth he telleth it.
7. All mine enemies whisper together against me ♦
even against me do they imagine this evil.
8. Let the sentence of guiltiness proceed against him ♦
and now that he lieth, let him rise up no more.
9. Yea, even mine own familiar friend, whom I trusted ♦
who did also eat of my bread, hath laid great wait for me.
10. But be thou merciful unto me, O Lord ♦
raise thou me up again, and I shall reward them.
11. By this I know thou favourest me ♦
that mine enemy doth not triumph against me.
12. And when I am in my health, thou upholdest me ♦
and shalt set me before thy face for ever.
13. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel ♦
world without end. Amen.

The First Lesson

¹ When David had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was bound to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. ²Saul took him that day and would not let him return to his father's house. ³Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul. ⁴Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that he was wearing, and gave it to David, and his armour, and even his sword and his bow and his belt. ⁵David went out and was successful wherever Saul sent him; as a result, Saul set him over the army. And all the people, even the servants of Saul, approved.

⁶ As they were coming home, when David returned from killing the Philistine, the women came out of all the towns of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with tambourines, with songs of joy, and with musical instruments. ⁷And the women sang to one another as they made merry,
'Saul has killed his thousands,
and David his tens of thousands.'

⁸Saul was very angry, for this saying displeased him. He said, 'They have ascribed to David tens of thousands, and to me they have ascribed thousands; what more can he have but the kingdom?' ⁹So Saul eyed David from that day on.

¹⁰ The next day an evil spirit from God rushed upon Saul, and he raved within his house, while David was playing the lyre, as he did day by day. Saul had his spear in his hand; ¹¹and Saul threw the spear, for he thought, 'I will pin David to the wall.' But David eluded him twice.

¹² Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with him but had departed from Saul. ¹³So Saul removed him from his presence, and made him a commander of a thousand; and David marched out and came in, leading the army. ¹⁴David had success in all his undertakings; for the LORD was with him. ¹⁵When Saul saw that he had great success, he stood in awe of him. ¹⁶But all Israel and Judah loved David; for it was he who marched out and came in leading them.

1 Samuel 18:1-16

The Magnificat

St Paul's Service by Herbert Howells (1892-1983).

The Second Lesson

⁴¹Just then there came a man named Jairus, a leader of the synagogue. He fell at Jesus' feet and begged him to come to his house, ⁴²for he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, who was dying.

As he went, the crowds pressed in on him. ⁴³Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years; and though she had spent all she had on physicians, no one could cure her. ⁴⁴She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his clothes, and immediately her haemorrhage stopped. ⁴⁵Then Jesus asked, 'Who touched me?' When all denied it, Peter said, 'Master, the crowds surround you and press in on you.' ⁴⁶But Jesus said, 'Someone touched me; for I noticed that power had gone out from me.' ⁴⁷When the woman saw that she could not remain hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before him, she declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. ⁴⁸He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.'

⁴⁹While he was still speaking, someone came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the teacher any longer.' ⁵⁰When Jesus heard this, he replied, 'Do not fear. Only believe, and she will be saved.' ⁵¹When he came to the house, he did not allow anyone to enter with him, except Peter, John, and James, and the child's father and mother. ⁵²They were all weeping and wailing for her; but he said, 'Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping.' ⁵³And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. ⁵⁴But he took her by the hand and called out, 'Child, get up!' ⁵⁵Her spirit returned, and she got up at once. Then he directed them to give her something to eat. ⁵⁶Her parents were astounded; but he ordered them to tell no one what had happened.

Luke 8:41-End

The Nunc Dimittis

St Paul's Service by Herbert Howells (1892-1983).

The Collect of the Day

O God, the strength of all them that put their trust in thee, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping of thy commandments we may please thee, both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Anthem

All wisdom cometh from the Lord, and is with him for ever. Who can number the sand of the sea and the drops of rain and the days of eternity? Who can find out the height of the heaven, and the breadth of the earth and the deep and wisdom. Wisdom hath been created before all things and the understanding of prudence from everlasting. The word of God most high is the fountain of wisdom, and her ways are everlasting commandments. To whom hath the root of wisdom been revealed? Or who hath known her wise counsels? There is one wise and greatly to be feared, the Lord sitting upon his throne. He created her, and saw her and numbered her, and poured her out upon all his works. She is with all flesh according to his gifts, and he hath given her to them that love him. The fear of the Lord is honour and glory and gladness, and a crown of rejoicing. The fear of the Lord maketh a merry heart and bringeth joy and gladness and a long life. Teach me O Lord the way of thy statutes: and I shall keep it unto the end. Give me understanding and I shall keep thy law; yea I shall keep it with my whole heart. Make me to go in the way of thy commandments: for therein is my desire. O stablish thy word in thy servant that I may fear thee. Behold my delight is in thy commandments: O quicken me in thy righteousness.

*Words from Ecclesiasticus 1: 1-6, 8-12, Psalm 119: 33-35, 38-40
Music by Philip Moore (b. 1943)*

The Hymn

**O strength and stay upholding all creation,
who ever dost thyself unmoved abide,
yet day by day the light in due gradation
from hour to hour through all its changes guide;**

**Grant to life's day a calm unclouded ending,
an eve untouched by shadows of decay,
the brightness of a holy death-bed blending
with dawning glories of the eternal day.**

**Hear us, O Father, gracious and forgiving,
through Jesus Christ thy co-eternal Word,
who with the Holy Ghost by all things living
now and to endless ages art adored.**

*Words by Saint Ambrose (340-397)
translated by John Ellerton (1826-1893) and F.J.A. Hort (1828-1892)
Tune CPI8 Strength and Stay by J.B. Dykes (1823-1876)*

Voluntary

Fantasia in E Flat by Charles-Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921).

Prayer for the appointment of a new Dean

*We encourage all the cathedral community to join in prayer during the
process of appointing a new Dean.*

Gracious God,
as we seek the Dean you are calling to Coventry,
draw us together in your Spirit
and shape us as instruments of your peace and reconciling love.
Guide all who discern and decide,
and prepare the one whom you are calling
to lead with humility, courage, and a heart for healing.
Keep our Cathedral and Diocese rooted in prayer,
faithful in hope,
and committed to the work of reconciliation you entrust to us.
Amen.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Clergy Preaching Away

The Reverend Su McClellan, Cathedral Associate Minister
St Mary's Iffley, Oxford

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.



Cathedral Small Groups

The St Michael's Committee which represents the congregations of the Cathedral and takes responsibility for developing our shared life met this week. One of the things we discussed was small groups. Small groups have many different names in the Church: fellowship groups, bible study groups, cell groups life groups and (particularly in Coventry Cathedral) foyers! But the thing they have in common is that they are opportunities for members of the congregation to come together in smaller groups! Lots of people find meeting together outside of the main Sunday service is a helpful thing. But different sorts of small groups work for different people. So the St Michael's Committee would like to hear from YOU. Would you be interested in joining a small group of some sort - and what would your IDEAL small group look like?

To help us find out, why not complete this 2-minute anonymous quiz:

<https://forms.gle/piZQL2cM7hSxa3Cd6>

If you might be interested in starting a small group, please let us know!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Can you help? We are looking for people who might be able to support our dedicated team of choir chaperones. You would be responsible for the safety and pastoral care of our wonderful choristers during rehearsals and services on a rota basis. Could you offer some time in the early evenings on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays, or on a Saturday morning, or before and during our Sunday services? Are you kind and able to work well with children? Are you reliable and willing to work with our policies to keep children safe?

This is an important role and so volunteers will go through our safer recruitment process, have a DBS check and complete training as part of our firm commitment to promoting a safe environment and culture for children, young people and vulnerable adults.

For more information, please speak to Jane Williams or email the Music Department Administrator at April.Griffiths@Coventry.Anglican.org

COMMUNITY OF THE CROSS OF NAILS

CCN Young Reconcilers Gathering 4-7th August 2026

Coventry's story is as relevant today as it's ever been. This summer, we are inviting young people aged 18-25 to come and be excited by its significance in a world in conflict. Together we will reflect on how it can reach into situations large and small, and learn with us some key reconciliation skills and practice, alongside different nationalities of young peacebuilders. Our Cathedral and Diocese team will lead them through a full programme of talks and workshops, all within the regular rhythm of the cathedral's prayer and worship.

Earlybird cost (non-residential*) is £120 per person, to include all meals and refreshments from the Tuesday evening until the Friday afternoon.

Those attending the full gathering until its close on Friday lunchtime will receive a Foundation Certificate in Reconciliation & Peacebuilding from Coventry Cathedral. Please consider this for yourself or share this information with young people you know. If you might be willing to sponsor a place for a young person, please speak to Kate.

COMING SOON

Windrush Service

Sunday, 21st June at 3pm

Join us for a special Windrush Commemorative Service, as we give thanks for the faith, courage and immeasurable contribution of the Windrush Generation and their descendants. Through the music of young Afro-Caribbean artists, prayer and storytelling, we will honour those who helped shape the life of Britain and the Church, while reflecting on the ongoing call to justice.

Petertide Ordinations

Priests on Saturday, 27th June at 4pm
and

Deacons on Sunday, 29th June at 10.30am

Bishop Sophie will preside at the ordination of priests and deacons later this month. Please note that the ordination of Deacons is within the context of our usual Cathedral Eucharist, so ALL are warmly invited to join these services as we prayerfully support those being ordained and their families.

South Asian Heritage Celebration

Saturday, 25 July 2026, 12pm-3pm

Save the Date

Join us for a joyful celebration of South Asian heritage, culture, faith, and community. The afternoon will include music, dance, poetry, prayer, a keynote address, opportunities to hear personal stories through a panel discussion, and shared food and fellowship. All are warmly invited to come and celebrate the richness and diversity of our communities together. More details to follow.



MOZART REQUIEM

IN CONCERT



SATURDAY
4TH JULY
2026



6:30pm



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