

The Cathedral Eucharist

Sunday 11th May, 2025.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter



The President today is the Reverend Sacha Slavic, Honorary Cathedral Canon, the Deacon is the Reverend Nitano Muller, Canon for Worship and Welcome, the Sub-deacon is the Reverend Su McClellan, Cathedral Associate Minister. The Very Reverend John Witcombe, Dean of Coventry, is preaching. The Cathedral Choir is directed by Rachel Mahon, Director of Music. The organists are David Rice and Amelia Parkin. The Setting today is the Communion Service in C Major, by John Ireland (1879-1962).

The Opening Hymn

**Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
all ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord,
who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shieldeth thee gently from harm,
or when fainting sustaineth:
hast thou not seen how thy heart's wishes have been
granted in what he ordaineth?**

**Praise to the Lord,
who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee:
ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
if to the end he befriend thee.**

Praise to the Lord!

O let all that is in me adore him!

All that hath life and breath,

come now with praises before him!

let the Amen sound from his people again:

gladly for ay we adore him.

Words by J. Neander (1650-1680) translated by Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

Tune CP 558 Lobe den Herren German 17th century melody

The Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The First Reading

Read by David Elsy, representing the Cathedral Community.

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Acts 9:36-43

The Gospel Acclamation

My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.

The Gospel Reading

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' ²⁵ Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one.'

John 10:22-30

Offertory Hymn

**Thine for ever! God of love,
hear us from thy throne above;
thine for ever may we be
here and in eternity.**

**Thine for ever! Lord of life,
shield us through our earthly strife;
thou the Life, the Truth, the Way,
guide us to the realms of day.**

**Thine for ever! O how blest
they who find in thee their rest!
Saviour, guardian, heavenly friend,
O defend us to the end.**

**Thine for ever! Shepherd, keep
us thy frail and trembling sheep;
safe alone beneath thy care,
let us all thy goodness share.**

**Thine for ever! Thou our guide,
all our wants by thee supplied,
all our sins by thee forgiven,
lead us, Lord, from earth to heaven.**

*Words by M. F. Maude (1819-1913)
Tune CP 599 Newington W. D. MacLagan (1826-1910)*

Anthem

Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine, vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine, cuius latus perforatum vero fluxit sanguine, esto nobis praegustatum, in mortis examine. O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Jesu, Fili Mariae. miserere mei. Amen.

Hail true body, born of the Virgin Mary, which suffered and was offered truly on the cross for all humankind, whose side, pierced, flowed with true blood; for us our food, now and in the testing time of death. O compassionate, O holy, O sweet Jesus, Son of Mary, have mercy on me. Amen.

Music by E. F. Richter (1808-1879)

Communion Hymn

**The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine for ever.**

**Where streams of living water flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow
with food celestial feedeth.**

**Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home rejoicing brought me.**

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.**

**Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!**

**And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:
good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.**

Words by H.W. Baker (1821-1877)

Tune CP 589 Dominus Regit Me J.B. Dykes (1823-1876)

Closing Hymn

**Thy hand, O God, has guided
thy flock, from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written,
full clear, on every page;
thy people owned thy goodness,
and we their deeds record;
and both of this bear witness:
one Church, one faith, one Lord.**

**Thy heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest, as to least;
they bade all rise, and hasten
to share the great King's feast;
and this was all their teaching,
in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming
one Church, one faith, one Lord.**

**Through many a day of darkness,
through many a scene of strife,
the faithful few fought bravely,
to guard the nation's life.
Their Gospel of redemption,
sin pardoned, life restored,
was all in this enfolded:
one Church, one faith, one Lord.**

**Thy mercy will not fail us,
nor leave thy work undone;
with thy right hand to help us,
the victory shall be won;
by mortals and by angels,
thy name shall be adored,
and this shall be their anthem:
one Church, one faith, one Lord.**

Words by E.H. Plumptre (1821-1891)

Tune CP 606 Thornbury Basil Harwood (1859-1949)

Blessing of a Cross of Nails

A Cross of Nails is given to new partners of the Community of the Cross of Nails as a symbol of their sharing together with us in the ministry of reconciliation, and to new ICONS schools. Today we will be blessing a Cross of Nails before it is presented to Gastkirche und Gasthaus Recklinghausen, Germany.

The Dean says,

Bless all those at Gastkirche und Gasthaus Recklinghausen, who, inspired by the Cross of Nails, bear witness to the grace and truth of your crucified and risen Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

In the name of God,
who has created all people for friendship with himself;

In the name of Jesus Christ,
who commanded us to love our enemies;

In the name of our Lord the Spirit,
who rescues and restores us in peace;

We bless these Crosses of Nails, to be presented to
Gastkirche und Gasthaus Recklinghausen, as a symbol of our
partnership in the work of reconciliation;

For the Glory of God
and the coming of His kingdom of justice and peace;
Amen.

Voluntary

Please do stay for the organ voluntary, performed today by David Rice.

Alleluia by Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)

If you would like to make a one-off donation to the Cathedral via your phone, or set up a recurring donation, please use the QR code below. There are also contactless donation points and collection boxes near the entrance. Thank you for your support.



If you would like to revisit this morning's sermon, please visit this page:
<https://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/worship-music/services/sermons>

We serve refreshments at the back of the Nave after this service, so please feel free to stay for a chat over a cup of tea or coffee!

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*

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

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

COMING SOON

*This week (12-18 May) at the Cathedral we are marking **Mental Health Awareness Week** with community events, musical and liturgical moments, as well as staff wellbeing events. We would love for you to join us as we remember we are fearfully and wonderfully made by God in our entirety, and it is important to take time to care for our whole selves.*

Summer Organ Recital Series

12th May, 12:30pm

Our 2025 summer organ recital series continues on the 12th May with a recital from Aaron Shilson.

H. Andreissen - Choral no. 3

J. Alain - Variations sur un thème de Clément Jannequin, JA 118

F. Jackson - Impromptu, op. 5

N. Cox - Creation Dance

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

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

MIND Coffee Morning

Tuesday 13th May, 10am - 12noon

Time to enjoy a drink, enjoy a sweet treat and the company of others.
Hosted by Coventry Cathedral and MIND Coventry, Warwickshire & Worcestershire

Baby Chill

Wednesday 14th May, 10.00am - 11.30am

Our usual Baby Chill Sensory space, but marking Mental Health Awareness week, with a treat for all parents/carers.

Book your free place online.

Wonder

Wednesday 14th May, 7.30pm - 9pm

Join us for our Wonder community as we explore mental health and self-care through the arts and engage in mindfulness.

Action Rayz - Black Girl

Thursday 22nd May, 7pm - Chapter House

The first Sub-Saharan African film by an African filmmaker to receive international attention.

A Senegalese woman is eager to find a better life abroad. She takes a job as a governess for a French family, but finds her duties become those of a maid after the family moves from Dakar to the south of France.

Taste of Heaven: Intercultural Worship Festival

Saturday 24th May, 11am - 9pm

The Taste of Heaven Intercultural Worship Festival will be an exciting opportunity to celebrate the rich cultural diversity and creativity of the UK church through live performances, workshops, food and worship.

Tickets are available online:

<https://tinyurl.com/2dwnezas>

Ascension Day Liturgy

Thursday 29th May, 12pm

Please join us as we celebrate the day of Our Lord's Ascension into Heaven with a Eucharist including the Litany of Reconciliation, hymns, a sermon and organ music.

All are welcome!

FAMILY FUN - MAY HALF TERM!

Quiet Openings - Let's Play & Chill

Tuesday 27th May

9am - 10am

This FREE 9am - 10am session is specifically for those families and children who need less bustle and noise, and the space to explore in their own unique ways. We'll have gentle games, calm crafts, and cosy spaces to unwind – perfect for families of all ages and sizes who just want to take it easy. Drop in for a little while or stay for the whole time – whatever suits your pace.

Book your FREE place on our What's On Page.

Family Yoga Drop In Sessions

Wednesday 28th May

11am, 11.40am & 12.20pm

Take a break together as a family and enjoy a calming session of yoga and mindfulness in the beautiful setting of the New Cathedral.

Led by the warm and welcoming Rossana, this gentle session is designed for children of Primary school age, but feel free to bring all your family if they want to join in – with simple movements, breathing exercises, and time to relax as a family.

No experience needed – just come as you are and enjoy a peaceful moment together.

Book your FREE place on our What's On Page.

Let's Play!

Thursday 29th May

10.30am - 12noon

Let's play together this half term in the New Cathedral!

We'll have lots of indoor games and crafts suitable for Families of all ages and sizes.

Come and stay for the morning, or just drop by during your half term plans!

FREE for all. If you have any questions get in contact with events@coventrycathedral.org.uk

Let's Watch & Make: Cars

Saturday 31st May

10am - 12noon

Join us for a fun-filled family morning as we celebrate the world of *Cars* with creative crafts and a cosy film screening. With themed activities this is the perfect pit stop for families of all ages.

10:00am – *Cars* Crafts

10:30am – Film Screening

Book your FREE place on our What's On Page.

COMMUNITY NEWS

‘Emmaus’: The Way of Faith

Every Tuesday, St Michael's House at 7pm

Are you new to the Cathedral community? Do you have questions about faith, the church or what we believe? You are invited to join us for an evening of discussion and reflection with other Christians who are exploring faith.

Speak to Rob Halligan or Canon Nitano for more information.

Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll is a register of everyone that considers a particular church their chosen place of worship. The Roll is updated every year in advance of the Annual General Meeting taking place on Sunday 8 June 2025, but every 6 years it has to be completely refreshed, and this year is the 6th year. If you consider the Cathedral to be your place of worship and you have been attending for more than 6 months then you are able to join the Electoral Roll. Please ask the stewards or churchwardens for the form and return to them upon completion.

Service of Welcome and Installation for Bishop Sophie Jelley

Saturday, 7 June 2025 at 2pm

Please join us to welcome Bishop Sophie and her family as the Tenth Bishop of Coventry by booking your seat at this historic service via the following Eventbrite link:

<https://tinyurl.com/39r2wj2u>

Alternatively, visit the Cathedral website or add your name to the sign-up list on the community table.