

The Cathedral Eucharist

Sunday 25th May, 2025

The Sixth Sunday of Easter



The President today is the Reverend Nitano Muller, Canon for Worship and Welcome, the Deacon is Margaret East, Cathedral Lay Reader, the Sub-deacon is the Very Reverend John Witcombe, Dean of Coventry, who is also preaching. The Choir today is The Vesey Consort, directed by David Rice. The organist is Amelia Parkin. The Setting today is Mass for Four Voices, by William Byrd (1540-1623).

The Opening Hymn

**O worship the King all glorious above;
O gratefully sing his power and his love:
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of days,
pavilioned in splendour, and girded with praise.**

**O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
his chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.**

**Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.**

**Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end!
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.**

**O measureless Might, ineffable Love,
while angels delight to hymn thee above,
thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.**

Words by Robert Grant (1799-1838)

Tune CP 546 Hanover A Supplement to the New Version (1708)

Descant by Alan Gray (1855-1935)

The Collect

Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer: we praise you for the many blessings you have given to those who worship you here: and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you, and, being filled with the Holy Spirit, may become a living temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The First Reading

Read by Rachel Rathbone, representing the Cathedral Community.

A reading for the Book of the Acts of the Apostles

⁹ During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' ¹⁰ When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. ¹¹ We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³ On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

Acts 16:9-15

The Gospel Acclamation

Do you want to be made well? Stand up, take your mat and walk.

The Gospel Reading

¹ After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ² Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. ³ In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralysed. ⁵ One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, ‘Do you want to be made well?’ ⁷ The sick man answered him, ‘Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.’ ⁸ Jesus said to him, ‘Stand up, take your mat and walk.’ ⁹ At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

John 5:1-9

Offertory Hymn

Alleluia, sing to Jesus!
his the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluia, his the triumph,
his the victory alone:
hark, the songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia, not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia, he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how:
though the cloud from sight received him,
when the forty days were o’er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
“I am with you evermore”?

**Alleluia, bread of angels,
thou on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia, here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day:
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.**

**Alleluia, King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia, born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
thou on earth both Priest and Victim
in the eucharistic feast.**

Words by William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)
Tune CP 278 Hyfrydol melody by R.H. Pritchard (1811-1887)

Anthem

Locus iste a Deo factus est, inaestimabile sacramentum,
irreprehensibilis est.

*God has made this place into a means of grace for us; now it is of
incalculable worth, profaned by sin no more.*

*Latin gradual
Music by Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)*

Communion Hymn

**I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me.**

**I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.**

**As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
each proud division ends.**

**The love that made us makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.**

**The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here.**

**Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one.**

Words by Brian Wren (b. 1936)

Tune CP 305 St Botolph Gordon Slater (1896-1979)

Post Communion

Father in heaven, whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace, an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem: grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage that, fed with the living bread of heaven, and united in the body of your Son, we may be the temple of your presence, the place of your glory on earth, and a sign of your peace in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

**All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him, and rejoice.**

**The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.**

**O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.**

**For why? the Lord our God is good;
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.**

**To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom heaven and earth adore,
from mortals and from angel-host
be praise and glory evermore.**

Words by W. Kethe (d. 1594)

Tune CP 369 Old Hundredth Genevan Psalter (1551)

Voluntary

Please do stay for the organ voluntary, performed today by Amelia Parkin.

Toccata and Fugue in F Major by Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

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*

SAFEGUARDING AT COVENTRY CATHEDRAL

We are committed to the safeguarding of all people. For details, please visit www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/about-us/safeguarding

You can report a concern using the same link or by contacting Jane Williams, Cathedral Safeguarding Officer at 024 7650 2349 or via email: JaneMLWill@aol.com.

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

Summer Organ Recital Series

26th May, 12:30pm

Our 2025 summer organ recital series continues on the 26th May with a recital from David Rice.

J. S. Bach Prelude and Fugue in G major, BWV 541

M. Duruflé Prélude, Adagio et Choral varié sur le thème du 'Veni Creator', Op 4

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

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

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.

Be a Chorister for a Day

Saturday 5 July

1.00-4.30pm

Parents and boys are welcome to sign up for this taster day. See what being a chorister is all about - try on a robe, practise some singing, have a tour of the cathedral, meet some of the choristers and even sing a mini service at the end of the day. There will be a tour and information session for parents at the same time. Sign up at the link below:

<https://tinyurl.com/Be-a-Chorister>

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.

Parking on Sunday Mornings

Parking by the Chapel of Unity is reserved for those with accessibility requirements. It has become very crowded of late, and those who need the space cannot always use it. And please never park on the grass.

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.

Ascension Day Liturgy

Thursday, 29th May 2025 at 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!

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.