

# **The Cathedral Eucharist**

## **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2025**

### **The Seventh Sunday of Easter**



*The President today is the Reverend Gillian Roberts, the Deacon is Donald Parr, Cathedral Reader and the Sub-deacon is the Reverend Canon Nitano Muller, Canon for Worship and Welcome, who is also preaching. The Choir today is The University of Warwick Chamber Choir, directed by Ben Nicoll. The organist is Colin Lopus. The Setting today is Mass in G Minor, by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).*

## **The Opening Hymn**

**Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it,  
for by his power each tree and flower was planned and made.  
Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it;  
sun, moon and stars in heaven cry: Jesus is Lord!**

**Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!  
praise him with Halleluias, for Jesus is Lord!**

**Jesus is Lord! Yet from his throne eternal  
in flesh he came to die in pain on Calvary's tree.  
Jesus is Lord! From him all life proceeding,  
yet gave his life a ransom, thus setting us free:**

**Jesus is Lord ...**

**Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty conqueror,  
from death he rose; and all his foes shall own his name.  
Jesus is Lord! God sends his Holy Spirit  
to show by works of power that Jesus is Lord:**

**Jesus is Lord ...**

*Words and music by David Mansell (b. 1936)*

## The Collect

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## The First Reading

*Read by Jacob Highton, representing the Cathedral Community.*

A reading for the Book of the Acts of the Apostles

<sup>16</sup> One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup> While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' <sup>18</sup> She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour. <sup>19</sup> But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. <sup>20</sup> When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews <sup>21</sup> and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' <sup>22</sup> The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. <sup>23</sup> After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. <sup>24</sup> Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. <sup>25</sup> About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup> Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. <sup>27</sup> When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup> But

Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.'<sup>29</sup> The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas.<sup>30</sup> Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?'<sup>31</sup> They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.'<sup>32</sup> They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.<sup>33</sup> At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay.<sup>34</sup> He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

*Acts 16:16-34*

## **The Gospel Acclamation**

The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one.

## **The Gospel Reading**

<sup>20</sup> 'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word,<sup>21</sup> that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.'<sup>22</sup> The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one,<sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.'<sup>24</sup> Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.'<sup>25</sup> 'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me.'<sup>26</sup> I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

*John 17:20-end*

## Offertory Hymn

There's a wideness in God's mercy  
like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in his justice  
which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows  
are more felt than up in heaven;  
there is no place where earth's failings  
have such kindly judgement given.

For the love of God is broader  
than the measures of man's mind;  
and the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.

But we make his love too narrow  
by false limits of our own;  
and we magnify his strictness  
with a zeal he will not own.

There is plentiful redemption  
in the blood that has been shed;  
there is joy for all the members  
in the sorrows of the Head.

There is grace enough for thousands  
of new worlds as great as this;  
there is room for fresh creations  
in that upper home of bliss.

If our love were but more simple,  
we should take him at his word;  
and our lives would be all gladness  
in the joy of Christ our Lord.

*F.W. Faber (1814-63)*

## **Anthem**

Hail gladdening light, of his pure glory poured,  
who is the immortal Father, heavenly, blest,  
Holiest of holies, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Now we are come to the sun's hour of rest,  
the lights of evening round us shine,  
we hymn the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit divine.

Worthiest art thou at all times to be sung with undefiled tongue,  
Son of our God, giver of life, alone:  
therefore in all the world thy glories, Lord, they own.

*Words from 'At the lighting of the lamps' translated by John Keble (1792-1866)*

*Music by Charles Wood (1866-1926)*

## **Communion Hymn**

**O thou who camest from above  
the fire celestial to impart,  
kindle a flame of sacred love  
on the mean altar of my heart.**

**There let it for thy glory burn  
with inextinguishable blaze,  
and trembling to its source return  
in humble prayer and fervent praise.**

**Jesus, confirm my heart's desire  
to work and speak and think for thee;  
still let me guard the holy fire  
and still stir up thy gift in me.**

**Still let me prove thy perfect will,  
my acts of faith and love repeat;  
till death thine endless mercies seal,  
and make the sacrifice complete.**

*Words by Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

*Tune CP 191 Hereford S.S. Wesley (1810-1876)*

## **Post Communion**

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Closing Hymn**

**All hail the power of Jesus' name!  
let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem  
and crown him Lord of all.**

**Crown him, ye morning stars of light,  
who fixed this floating ball;  
now hail the Strength of Israel's might,  
and crown him Lord of all.**

**Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,  
who from his altar call;  
extol the Stem-of-Jesse's Rod,  
and crown him Lord of all.**

**Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,  
ye ransomed of the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace,  
and crown him Lord of all.**

**Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget  
the wormwood and the gall,  
go spread your trophies at his feet,  
and crown him Lord of all.**

**Let every tribe and every tongue  
before him prostrate fall.  
and shout in universal song  
the crowned Lord of all.**

*Words by E. Perronet (c.1726-1792)*

*Tune CP 163 Miles Lane William Shrubsole (1760-1806)*

## Voluntary

*Please do stay for the organ voluntary, performed today by Colin Lopus.*

*Praeludium in E Flat Major by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 - 1750)*

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*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](http://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](mailto:JaneMLWill@aol.com).

Alternatively, you can contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team led by Sarah Price: 024 7652 1345 or [safeguarding@coventry.anglican.org](mailto: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](mailto:rachel.mahon@coventrycathedral.org.uk)



## **COMING SOON**

### **Summer Organ Recital Series**

2<sup>nd</sup> June, 12:30pm

*Our 2025 summer organ recital series continues on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June with a recital from Peter King.*

*F. Liszt Exelsior!*

*F. Liszt Ave Maria, The Bells of Rome*

*C. Saint-Saëns Fantasia iii in C*

*I. Farrington Voices of the World*

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

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

### **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June**

*Let's Toddle!*

*10am - 11.30am*

Do you have a toddler who is getting up and around? Come to Let's Toddle! Suitable for 18months to 3years. Let them explore the sights of the Cathedral, and enjoy a selection of toys, books and a simple craft activity. 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.

Any Questions can be sent to [events@coventrycathedral.org.uk](mailto:events@coventrycathedral.org.uk)

### **Wednesday 11 June**

***Let's Chill! Baby Sensory***

***10am - 11.30am***

Let your little ones be mesmerized by the shapes and colours of the Cathedral. Baby chill is a chance to hang out with fellow parents and enjoy some Cathedral Zen. There's always tea! Primarily the sessions are for new-borns, up to 18 months but we know childcare can be a faff so if you do have a toddler that needs to come along just let us know and we can be prepared to entertain.

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## **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June**

*Action Rayz Film Screening - Dread Beat an' Blood*

*7pm*

In collaboration with Fire and Dust Poetry, Action Rayz Presents an evening of poetry and spoken word, and 1979 documentary Dread Beat an' Blood (1979) Rating 12. The Film follows dub poet master Linton Kwesi Johnson out of the recording studio onto the Brixton streets.

Please book your Pay As You Feel ticket online.

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## **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June**

*FREE Monthly Coffee Morning*

*10am - 12noon*

Come and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of the Cathedral, with FREE refreshments.

An opportunity to gather, chat with friend's and friend's unknown, to fulfil our core value of Hospitality.

## **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June**

*Cathedral by Night & Free Zine Workshop*

*6pm-8pm*

Unplug and unwind, pop your phones down and technology away, and wander the Cathedral after hours.

This evening will also include a free Zine & poster making Workshop. FREE for all.

## **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June**

*Vivaldi Four Seasons*

*7.30pm-9.30pm*

The exceptional musicians of the Piccadilly Sinfonietta perform Vivaldi's masterpiece The Four Seasons and Beethoven's much loved 'Emperor' piano concerto in the beautiful candlelit setting of Coventry Cathedral.

Featuring leading virtuoso violin soloist Victoria Sayles and renowned concert pianist Warren Mailley-Smith, it's a hugely enjoyable

Programme to help you celebrate the weekend in style!

Tickets available on the Cathedral 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**

### **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, add your name to the sign-up list on the community table.

### **Annual General Meeting**

*Sunday 8 June 2025, in the Sir John Laing Centre*

The Cathedral's Annual General Meeting takes place on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June, commencing at 12pm. A light sandwich lunch will be available. Copies of the Annual Report are available on the Cathedral's website (Go to the "About Us" tab and then select "Governance and Management").

A limited number of hard copies are available at the back of the nave.

Agenda, minutes of last year's meeting and a number of standard reports are available at the back of the nave.

## **Installation of Kate Massey as Canon for Arts & Reconciliation**

*Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 4pm*

Everyone is warmly invited to come along and celebrate the installation of the Reverend Kate Massey, who will be installed as the Cathedral's Canon for Arts & Reconciliation. Please do come and support Kate and her family as they embark on a new journey with us here at the Cathedral.

## **Windrush Service**

*Sunday, 22 June, 3pm*

Join us for a special service reflecting on the theme “*Where are we now?*” — a moment to honour the legacy of the Windrush Generation, celebrate their enduring contributions, and reflect on the journey of identity, justice, and belonging. Through prayer, music, and storytelling, we come together in remembrance and hope, acknowledging the past while looking forward to a shared future.

## **Ordination of Priests & Deacons**

*Sunday, 29 June*

*10.30 and 4pm*

Bishop Sophie will preside at the ordination of priests in the morning, followed by the ordination of deacons in the afternoon. All are warmly invited to join these services as we prayerfully support those being ordained and their families.

## **‘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.*