

The Cathedral Eucharist

Sunday 27th July, 2025



The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

The President today is the Reverend Nitano Muller, Canon for Worship and Welcome. The Deacon is the Very Reverend John Witcombe, Dean of Coventry. The Reverend Kate Massey, Canon for Arts and Reconciliation is the sub-deacon and preacher. The Cantor today is Matthew Horspool and the organist is Amelia Parkin. The setting today is Communion Service by William Mathias (1934-1992).

Opening Hymn

**The kingdom of God is justice and joy,
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy;
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.**

**The kingdom of God is mercy and grace,
the captives are freed, the sinners find place,
the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share,
and hope is awakened in place of despair.**

**The kingdom of God is challenge and choice,
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,
our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.**

**God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole;
the heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,
and all things cry 'Glory!' to God all in all.**

*Words by Bryn Rees (1911-1983)
Tune CP 591 Hanover A Supplement to the New Version (1708)*

The Collect

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love such good things as pass our understanding;
pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire;
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 forever.
Amen.

The First Reading

Read by David Hollway, representing the Cathedral Community.

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

²⁰ Then the LORD said, 'How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹ I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.' ²² So the men turned from there, and went towards Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³ Then Abraham came near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴ Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵ Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' ²⁶ And the LORD said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.' ²⁷ Abraham answered, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸ Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.' ²⁹ Again he spoke to him, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' ³⁰ Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' He answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.' ³¹ He said, 'Let me take it upon

myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' ³² Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

Genesis 18:20-32

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

You have the words of eternal life.

I Samuel 3.9; John 6.68

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you O Lord.

¹ He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' ² He said to them, 'When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴ And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

⁵ And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him,

“Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.” ⁷ And he answers from within, “Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.” ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. ⁹ “So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

Luke 11:1-13

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Offertory Hymn

**Thy kingdom come! on bended knee
the passing ages pray;
and faithful souls have yearned to see
on earth that kingdom's day.**

**But the slow watches of the night
not less to God belong;
and for the everlasting right
the silent stars are strong.**

**And lo, already on the hills
the flags of dawn appear;
gird up your loins, ye prophet souls,
proclaim the day is near:**

**The day in whose clear-shining light
all wrong shall stand revealed,
when justice shall be throned in might,
and every hurt be healed:**

**When knowledge, hand in hand with peace,
shall walk the earth abroad:
the day of perfect righteousness,
the promised day of God.**

Words by F.L. Hosmer (1840-1929)

Tune CP 608 Irish A Collection of Hymns Dublin (1749)

Anthem

Soul of Christ, sanctify me;
Body of Christ, save me;
Blood of Christ, fill me;
water from the side of Christ, wash me;
O good Jesus, hear me, good Jesus, hear me!
Within thy wounds hide me;
suffer me not to be separated from thee;
from malicious enemy defend me;
in the hour of death call me and bid me come to thee;
that with thy saints I may praise thee for ever and ever. Amen.

Words 'Anima Christi' attributed to Pope John XXII (1249-1334)

Music by Sydney Nicholson (1875-1947)

Communion Hymn

**Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.
Come, bow before him now,
with reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found,
we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.**

**Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight,
our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.**

**Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place,
he comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him,
in faith receive from him;
be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.**

Words and Tune CP 383 Be Still David Evans (b. 1957)

Post Communion

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh us and sustain us as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Closing Hymn

**Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king
through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Virgin's Son,
the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won
which now his brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic Rose,
as of that rose the Stem;
the Root whence mercy ever flows,
the Babe of Bethlehem.**

**Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
those wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.**

**Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his piercèd feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.**

**Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.**

*Words by Matthew Bridges (1800-1894)
Tune CP 166 Diademata G.J. Elvey (1816-1893)*

Voluntary

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

Toccata, from Suite No. 1 by Florence Price (1887-1953).

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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*

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:

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Internment of Ashes: The Late Mary Viner

*Immediately following TODAY's Eucharist
Under the Old Cathedral Tower/Lawns.*

“THANK YOU”: Cathedral Charity Day

The Charity Day and sponsored abseil that happened last Saturday was a great success, with the Cathedral and local charities involved raising a collective total of £45,000, as well as raising their profile and making lots of new friends!

Many thanks to all involved for making the day such a great success.

*Simon Danks,
Chief Operating Officer*

COMING SOON

Summer Organ Recital Series

Monday 28th July, 12:30pm

Our 2025 summer organ recital series continues with a recital from Imogen Morgan.

F. Mendelssohn Organ Sonata in Bb, op. 65 no. 4

J. Bingham Jacquet's Ghost

L. Vierne Carillon de Longpoint

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

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

Proud to be Coventry Cathedral

Saturday, 9th August

We will be joining in with the Coventry Pride celebrations on Saturday 9th August 2025. The day begins with the Coventry PRIDE 2025 march. At the time of writing, the march route and start time are yet to be confirmed, but we are anticipating it will leave from the city centre in the late morning and so we are planning to gather at the Cathedral at 10.30am. We will be donning glitter (if you wish!) and carrying a banner which reads “Proud to be Coventry Cathedral”. The march ends at Fargo Village, where we will join in with the rest of the day's celebrations, hosting a stall which shares the

Cathedral's message of welcome and hospitality. If you would like to participate or if you have any questions; please email

nitano.muller@coventry.anglican.org, kate.massey@coventry.anglican.org or ruth.lubranolavadera@coventry.anglican.org and we will keep you updated with plans for the day.

Cathedral's Summer Holiday Program

Theme: "All our Feelings"

Bring your little ones to the Cathedral over the summer to explore all we have to offer through games, crafts and fun activities for the family.

Let's Play! Happy and Sad

31st July, 10.30am-12pm

FREE Games, Crafts and Activities

Let's Play! Brave and Afraid

7th August, 10.30am-3pm

Teddy Zipline (£2 A GO, Spectators FREE)

Bring your own Picnic!

Let's Watch and Make!

14th August, 10.30am-12.30pm

"Inside Out" (Please book online)

Let's Play! Excited and Calm

21st August, 10.30am-12pm

FREE yoga & Zumba (Please book online)

Let's Play! Together and Alone

28th August, 10.30am-12pm

FREE Games, Crafts and Activities