

# **The Cathedral Eucharist**

## **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2025**

### **The Eighth Sunday after Trinity**



*The President today is the Reverend Nitano Muller, Canon for Worship and Welcome.*

*The Deacon is Mr Donald Parr, Cathedral Reader. The Reverend Kate Massey, Canon for Arts and Reconciliation, is the sub-deacon and preacher.*

*Our Cantor today is Mine Biller, and our organist is David Rice. The service setting is Missa Puerorum by Josef Gabriel Rheinberger (1839 – 1901).*

## **Opening Hymn**

**The God of Abraham praise,  
who reigns enthroned above,  
Ancient of everlasting days,  
and God of love:  
Jehovah, great I AM,  
by earth and heaven confest;  
we bow and bless the sacred name  
for ever blest.**

**The God of Abraham praise,  
at whose supreme command  
from earth we rise, and seek the joys  
at his right hand:  
we all on earth forsake  
its wisdom, fame, and power;  
and him our only portion make,  
our shield and tower.**

**The God who reigns on high  
and great archangels sing,  
and 'Holy, Holy, Holy,' cry,  
'almighty King,  
who was, and is the same,  
and evermore shall be.  
Jehovah, Father, great I AM,  
we worship thee.'**

**Before the Saviour's face  
the ransomed nations bow,  
o'erwhelmed at his almighty grace  
for ever new;  
he shows his prints of love  
they kindle to a flame,  
and sound through all the worlds above  
the slaughtered Lamb.**

**The whole triumphant host  
give thanks to God on high;  
'hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,'  
they ever cry:  
hail, Abram's God, and mine,  
(I join the heavenly lays)  
all might and majesty are thine,  
and endless praise.**

*Words by Thomas Olivers (1725-1799) cf. the Hebrew Yigdal  
Tune CP 586 Leoni Hebrew melody noted by Thomas Olivers (1725-1799)*

## **The Collect**

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,  
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and  
bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your  
commandments;  
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we  
may be preserved in body and soul;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
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 Ashish Geo Joy, representing the Cathedral Community.*

<sup>1</sup> Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup> Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. <sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup> By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup> Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’ <sup>13</sup> All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup> for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

*Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord.

I know them, and they follow me.

*cf John 10.27*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## **The Gospel Reading**

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

**Glory to you O Lord.**

<sup>32</sup> 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. <sup>35</sup> 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup> be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup> Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup> If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. <sup>39</sup> 'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he<sup>a</sup> would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup> You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

*Luke 12:32-40*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Offertory Hymn**

**Through all the changing scenes of life,  
in trouble and in joy,  
the praises of my God shall still  
my heart and tongue employ.**

**O magnify the Lord with me,  
with me exalt his name;  
when in distress to him I called,  
he to my rescue came.**

**The hosts of God encamp around  
the dwellings of the just;  
deliv'rance he affords to all  
who on his succour trust.**

**O make but trial of his love:  
Experience will decide  
how blest are they, and only they,  
who in his truth confide.**

**Fear him, ye saints, and you will then  
have nothing else to fear;  
make you his service your delight,  
your wants shall be his care.**

**To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
the God whom we adore,  
be glory, as it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.**

*Words by Nahum Tate (1652-1715) and Nicholas Brady (1659-1726)  
Tune CP 604 Wiltshire George Smart (1776-1867)*

## **Anthem**

**Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness: make thy way plain before  
my face. For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.**

*Words Psalm 5:8, 4:9  
Music by Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)*

## **Communion Hymn**

**O for a closer walk with God,  
a calm and heavenly frame;  
a light to shine upon the road  
that leads me to the Lamb.**

**What peaceful hours I once enjoyed,  
how sweet their memory still!  
but they have left an aching void  
the world can never fill.**

**Return, O holy Dove, return,  
sweet messenger of rest:  
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,  
and drove thee from my breast.**

**The dearest idol I have known,  
whate'er that idol be,  
help me to tear it from thy throne,  
and worship only thee.**

**So shall my walk be close with God,  
calm and serene my frame;  
so purer light shall mark the road  
that leads me to the Lamb.**

*William Cowper (1731-1800)  
Tune CP 532 Caithness Melody from Scottish Psalter 1635  
harmonized by editors of English Hymnal 1906*

## **Post Communion**

Strengthen for service, Lord,  
the hands that have taken holy things;  
may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and  
dispute;  
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit;  
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the  
light of hope;  
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed  
with the fullness of your life;  
glory to you forever.  
**Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,  
to his feet thy tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
who like me his praise should sing?  
praise him, praise him,  
praise him, praise him,  
praise the everlasting King.**

**Praise him for his grace and favour  
to our fathers in distress;  
praise him still the same for ever,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
praise him, praise him,  
praise him, praise him,  
glorious in his faithfulness.**

**Father-like, he tends and spares us,  
well our feeble frame he knows,  
in his hands he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes:  
praise him, praise him,  
praise him, praise him,  
widely as his mercy flows.**

**Angels, help us to adore him;  
ye behold him face to face;  
sun and moon, bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space:  
praise him, praise him,  
praise him, praise him,  
praise with us the God of grace.**

*Words by Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847) cf. Psalm 103  
Tune CP 555 Praise my Soul John Goss (1800-1880)*

## Voluntary

Please do stay for the organ voluntary, performed by David Rice.  
*Praeludium and Fugue in C Major by Georg Böhm (1661-1733).*

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<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: BCP Evening Prayer (Choral Evensong during term time)

## **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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## **COMING SOON**

### **Summer Organ Recital Series**

*Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> August, 12:30pm*

Our 2025 summer organ recital series continues with a recital from Charles Spanner.

*J. Stanley - Trumpet Voluntary in D major*

*G. F. Handel - The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba*

*J. S. Bach - Chorale on 'Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier'*

*L. Vierne - Carillon de Westminster*

*G. Edmundson - Toccata on 'Vom Himmel Hoch'*

*F. Peteers - Aria*

*C. Widor - Toccata in F major, from Symphony no. 5*

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

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

### **Wonder**

*Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> August, 7:30pm*

We will be exploring the theme of Sabbath in various creative ways.  
All are welcome!

### **South-Asian Heritage Sunday**

*Sunday, 17 August at 10.30am*

We will mark *South Asia Heritage Sunday*, celebrating the vibrant cultures and contributions of South-Asian communities within our cathedral family. We warmly encourage members of South-Asian heritage to wear traditional dress as part of the celebration. After the service, join us for a special time of fellowship featuring exciting and delicious food from across the South Asian region. All are welcome and share in the colour, flavour, and richness of this joyful occasion!

## **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 Watch and Make!**

*14<sup>th</sup> August, 10.30am-12.30pm*

"Inside Out" (Please book online)

### **Let's Play! Excited and Calm**

*21<sup>st</sup> August, 10.30am-12pm*

FREE yoga & Zumba (Please book online)

### **Let's Play! Together and Alone**

*28<sup>th</sup> August, 10.30am-12pm*

FREE Games, Crafts and Activities