

The Cathedral Eucharist

Sunday 7th September, 2025

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity



The President today is the Reverend Kate Massey. The Deacon is the Reverend Su McClellan, Associate Minister Reverend Nitano Muller, Canon for Worship and Welcome, is sub-deacon and will be our preacher today.

The Cathedral Choir is directed by Rachel Mahon, Director of Music. The organist is Liam Condon, Assistant Director of Music. The setting is Missa brevis capella regalis by Anthony Caesar.

Opening Hymn

**Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore
till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.**

**Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and every child of want is blest.**

**To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like incense shall arise
with every morning sacrifice.**

**Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen.**

*Words by Isaac Watts (1674-1748)
Tune CP 490 Duke Street*

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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 the Right Reverend Paisible Ndacayisaba, representing the Cathedral Community.

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: ²'Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words.' ³So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. ⁴The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. ⁵ Then the word of the Lord came to me: ⁶'Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done?' says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. ⁷At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, ⁸but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. ⁹And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, ¹⁰but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it.

¹¹Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Jeremiah 18: 1-11

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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The word of the Lord endures for ever.

The word of the Lord is the good news announced to you.

cf 1 Peter 1.25

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel Reading

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

Glory to you O Lord.

Large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, “This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.” ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.’

Luke 14:25-33

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Offertory Hymn

**Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol:
his kingdom is glorious, and rules over all.**

**God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
and still he is nigh, his presence we have;
the great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.**

**Salvation to God who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud, and honour the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.**

**Then let us adore, and give him his right:
all glory and power, all wisdom and might,
and honour and blessing, with angels above,
and thanks never-ceasing, and infinite love.**

Words by Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

*Tune CP 227 Paderborn German folk melody included in
Paderborn Gesangbuch (1765), arr. Sidney Nicholson (1875-1947)*

Anthem

*Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.
Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.
Be careful for nothing;
but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving
let your requests be made known unto God.
And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding,
shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Based on Philippians 4:4-7
Henry Purcell (1659-1695)*

Communion Hymn

**Come, thou fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy never ceasing
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious measure
sung by flaming tongues above;
O the vast, the boundless treasure
of my Lord's unchanging love!**

**Here I find my greatest treasure:
hither by thy help I've come,
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.**

**O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace, Lord, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
take my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it from thy courts above!**

*Words by Robert Robinson (1735-1790)
Tune CP 406 Nettleton American folk melody
harmonised by John Wilson (1905-1992)*

Post Communion

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

**O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou for ever near me,
my Master and my Friend:
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.**

**O let me feel thee near me:
the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.**

**O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.**

**O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my Friend.**

**O let me see thy foot-marks,
and in them plant mine own;
my hope to follow duly
is in thy strength alone:
O guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me,
my Saviour and my Friend.**

*Words by J.E. Bode (1816-1874)
Tune CP 538 Wolvercote
W.H. Ferguson (1874-1950)*

Voluntary

Please do stay for the organ voluntary, performed by
Liam Condon.

Carillon de Longpont by Louis Vierne (1870–1937).

*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!*

CLERGY PREACHING AWAY

The Very Reverend John Witcombe (St. Chad's Woodend)
The Reverend Canon Sacha Slavic (St. James Ansty)

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:

rachel.mahon@coventrycathedral.org.uk

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, calling 024 7650 2349 or by emailing JaneMLWill@aol.com

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

-JOB OPPORTUNITIES-

HEAD VERGER

We are seeking to appoint an experienced individual who will enable the smooth running of the Cathedral, chiefly as a place of prayer and worship, but also as a popular tourist destination and venue for a wide variety of concerts and other events. The person will lead the verger team and form part of the middle management of the Cathedral.

This is a fulltime role and onsite accommodation is provided.

Please see the Cathedral website for more details or email Nitano.Muller@Coventry.Anglican.org if you have any questions.

Closing date for applications: Friday, 3 October.

Interviews: Thursday, 16 October.

VERGER (PART-TIME)

We are seeking to appoint a part-time verger (*15 hours per week*).

The role will primarily be a liturgical one: assisting with the preparation and delivery of Cathedral services on weekends, but as a team player, you must be willing to be flexible in covering other shifts as is needed. The post is subject to DBS clearance and will include weekend and bank holiday working.

Please see the Cathedral website for more details or email Nitano.Muller@Coventry.Anglican.org if you have any questions.

The closing date for applications: Monday, 15th September 2025

Interviews will take place at our offices, on Monday, 22nd September 2025.

ICONS SCHOOLS ADMINISTRATOR

The Schools Team are looking for someone with strong administrative skills, experience in digital communication and a passion for reconciliation and education to join their team as an administrator. It is a part-time/term-time only role. Please submit a CV and letter of application to emma.griffiths@coventry.anglican.org or the Cathedral website for more information.

COMING SOON

Summer Organ Recital Series

Monday, 8th September, 12:30pm

Our 2025 summer organ recital series continues with a recital from
Gary Desmond.

S. Campbell *Pageantry*

Z. Gárdonyi *Mozart Changes*

H. Andriessen *Thema met Variaties*

D. Locklair *'And the Peace shall be exchanged' (Rubrics)*

F. de la Tombelle *Toccata*

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

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

CCN Zoom Meeting

Friday, 11th September, 11:00am

The Community of the Cross of Nails meet on Zoom on the first Friday of the month at 11am. This half hour gathering allows us to meet other members of the CCN, hear something of their work and challenges and we finish by praying the litany together. All are welcome to join. The next online litany is this Friday 7th September at 11am and the Zoom link to access this meeting is

<https://tinyurl.com/mszyvcmc>

Celebration of Lay Ministry

Saturday, 20 September, 5pm

All are warmly invited to the Diocese of Coventry's **Celebration of Lay Ministry** – a special service giving thanks for the many ways lay people serve God's mission in church, community, and daily life. Lay-Readers will be (re)licensed and local lay leaders will be celebrated.

Patronal Festival/CCN Sunday

Sunday, 21st September 2025, 10.30am

Join us as we mark the feast of St Michael and All Angels, as well as CCN Sunday, when we give thanks for the worldwide family of the Community of the Cross of Nails. Celebrating as one community, rejoicing in our calling to be people of reconciliation, hope and renewal.

Chorister Car Wash Fundraiser

Sunday 21 September between the services, from 12:30 until 2pm.

Support the Choirs! The Choristers will be hosting a car wash to raise funds. Have a drink in the pop-up café while you wait for your car to be washed. This will be happening in the Upper Car Park just beside the Cathedral off Priory Row.

National Police Memorial Day Service

Sunday, 28 September, 2pm

We are privileged to host this year's National Police Memorial Service, when we gather with families and representatives from across the country to honour and remember officers who have given their lives in the line of duty. On this important occasion, ***please note there will be no Cathedral Eucharist***, but congregation members are welcome to attend the service at Holy Trinity. A limited number of spaces are available for members of the congregation to attend the NPMD service; names should be submitted to the Churchwardens by Sunday, 21st September.