

**The Cathedral Eucharist.
Sunday 2nd November, 2025.
All Saints' Day.
The Season of Reconciliation.**



*The President today is the Reverend Nitano Muller, Canon for Worship and Welcome.
The Deacon is the Reverend Kate Massey, Canon for Arts and Reconciliation. Donald Parr, Cathedral Reader, is sub-deacon. The Reverend Su McClellan, Cathedral Associate Minister, is our preacher today.*

*The Chamber Choir is directed by Rachel Mahon, Director of Music. The organists are Liam Condon, Assistant Director of Music, and Adam Heron, Organ Scholar. The service setting is Communion Service in G Major by Francis Jackson (1917-2022).
We encourage our visitors to take photographs of our beautiful cathedral,
but please no photography during the service. Thank you.*

Opening Hymn

**For all the saints who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blest.
Alleluia.**

**Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness, still their one true light.
Alleluia.**

**O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia.**

**O blest communion, fellowship divine!
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia.**

**And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia.**

**The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest:
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia.**

**But lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array:
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia.**

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Alleluia.**

Words by W. Walsham How (1823-1897)

Tune CP 232 Sine Nomine by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

The Collect

**Almighty God,
You have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in
the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly
living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have
prepared for those who truly love 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 Sue Parker, representing the Chamber Choir.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

¹⁰ Hear the word of the Lord,
you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the teaching of our God,
you people of Gomorrah!

¹¹ What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?
says the Lord;

I have had enough of burnt-offerings of rams
and the fat of fed beasts;

I do not delight in the blood of bulls,
or of lambs, or of goats.

¹² When you come to appear before me,
who asked this from your hand?

Trample my courts no more;

¹³ bringing offerings is futile;
incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation—
I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

¹⁴ Your new moons and your appointed festivals
my soul hates;

they have become a burden to me,
I am weary of bearing them.

¹⁵ When you stretch out your hands,
I will hide my eyes from you;

even though you make many prayers,
I will not listen;

your hands are full of blood.

¹⁶ Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
remove the evil of your doings
from before my eyes;

cease to do evil,

¹⁷ learn to do good;

seek justice,

rescue the oppressed,

defend the orphan,
plead for the widow.

¹⁸ Come now, let us argue it out,
says the Lord:
though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be like snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.

Isaiah 1:10-18

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Rejoice on that day and leap for joy,
For surely your reward is great in heaven.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Luke 6:23

The Gospel Reading

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

Glory to you O Lord.

²⁰Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²²"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. ²⁴"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. ²⁷"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.

²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Luke 6:20-31

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Offertory Hymn

**Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days:
a world without saints forgets how to praise.
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.**

**Some march with events to turn them God's way;
some need to withdraw, the better to pray;
some carry the gospel through fire and through flood:
our world is their parish; their purpose is God.**

**Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,
who bear someone's cross or shoulder their own;
they shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares:
what patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!**

**Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days:
a world without saints forgets how to praise.
In loving, in living, they prove it is true –
the way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.**

Words by F. Pratt Green (1903-2000)

*Tune CP 227 Paderborn German folk melody included in Paderborn
Gesangbuch (1765)*

Anthem

**O quam gloriosum est regnum in quo cum Christo gaudent omnes
sancti! Amicti stolis albis sequuntur Agnum quocunque ierit.**

*O how glorious is the kingdom, wherein all the saints rejoice with Christ!
Clothed in white robes, they follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth.*

Music by Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)

Communion Hymn

**Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast,
body of Christ, be thou my saving guest,
blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,
wash me with water flowing from thy side.**

**Strength and protection may thy Passion be,
O blessed Jesu, hear and answer me;
deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,
so shall I never, never part from thee.**

**Guard and defend me from the foe malign,
in death's dread moments make me only thine;
call me and bid me come to thee on high
where I may praise thee with thy saints for ay.**

*Words from 14th century Latin, attributed to Pope John XXII,
translator unknown.*

Tune CP 322 Anima Christi William Maher (1823-1877)

Post Communion

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things:
may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on
earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day
of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Closing Hymn

**Disposer supreme, and Judge of the earth,
who chooseth for thine the meek and the poor;
to frail earthen vessels, and things of no worth,
entrusting thy riches which ay shall endure;**

**Those vessels soon fail, though full of thy light,
and at thy decree are broken and gone;
thence brightly appeareth thy truth in its might,
as through the clouds riven the lightnings have shone.**

**Like clouds are they borne to do thy great will,
and swift as the winds about the world go:
the Word with his wisdom their spirits doth fill;
they thunder, they lighten, the waters o'erflow.**

**Their sound goeth forth, 'Christ Jesus the Lord!'
then Satan doth fear, his citadels fall;
as when the dread trumpets went forth at thy word,
and one long blast shattered the Canaanite's wall.**

**O loud be their trump, and stirring their sound,
to rouse us, O Lord, from slumber of sin:
the lights thou hast kindled in darkness around,
O may they awaken our spirits within.**

**All honour and praise, dominion and might,
to God, Three in One, eternally be,
who round us hath shed his own marvellous light,
and called us from darkness his glory to see.**

*Jean de Santeul (1630-97) tr. Isaac Williams (1802-65)
Tune CP 546 Hanover A Supplement to the New Version 1708*

Please do stay for the organ voluntary, played by Adam Heron.

Finale from Symphonie 6 by Charles-Marie Widor (1844 – 1937)

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

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Remembrance Sunday Service – TIME CHANGE

Please note that on Remembrance Sunday (9th November) the morning service will begin at **10.00am**, rather than our usual time of 10.30am.

This will allow us to conclude the service in the ruins with the Act of Remembrance and the traditional two minutes' silence at 11.00am.

Congregation Contact Forms

Canon Kate would like to check that the contact information that we hold for congregation members is up to date and to seek your permission to contact you in various ways. This is to comply with our GDPR policy. If you choose to allow it (and there is no obligation), you can allow the Cathedral to send you the weekly notices and any other community news by email. If you choose, you can be added to a directory given to our clergy and readers to aid them in their ministry. Consent Forms are available at the back of the Cathedral. Please place completed forms in the marked envelope in the box which is addressed to Canon Kate.

Dean John's Trip to the USA

The Dean is travelling to California on Wednesday, 29 October. As part of his travels, he will be speaking at St. Mark's Church, Glendale, near Los Angeles, and then preaching at Grace Cathedral, San Francisco on Sunday 2nd November. On Sunday 9th November he will be preaching and presenting a Cross of Nails to the Cathedral in Sacramento, CA.

Please pray for John as he travels, and for fruitful conversations

A Season of Reconciliation

Sunday, 2 November to Sunday, 23 November

Theme: "Remembering well to move forward together"

Here at Coventry Cathedral, the month of November is a season of reconciliation; an opportunity to focus on the heart of our calling here at the Cathedral. At each Sunday Eucharist in November we will explore what it means to remember well in a sermon series delivered by local and guest preachers.

Date:	Preacher:	Theme:
Sunday, 2 November <i>(All Saints' Day)</i>	The Revd Su McClellan	<i>"Remembering the saints to be inspired in our peace-making"</i>
Sunday, 9 November <i>(Remembrance Day)</i>	The Revd Canon Kate Massey	<i>"Remembering the war to seek peace with justice"</i>
Sunday, 16 November	The Very Reverend Jay Ruka, Dean of Taranaki	<i>"Remembering well: Exploring colonial legacy and Māori heritage in the hope of reconciliation"</i>
Sunday, 23 November <i>(Feast of Christ the King)</i>	The Revd Canon Nitano Muller	<i>"Remember well the reign of Christ: a kingdom of peace"</i>

Interested in Children's Ministry?

We're hoping to restart our Children's Ministry- a joyful space where our youngest members can discover faith, friendship, and fun! To make it happen, we need a team of **enthusiastic volunteers** who can help create a welcoming, lively, and faith-filled experience for our children during Sunday worship.

Whether you're a seasoned storyteller, a craft-lover, a patient listener, or simply someone who loves seeing young hearts grow in faith and feel welcome in the church, there's a place for you.

Interested? Have questions? Please speak to Canon's Kate or Nitano after the service or email Nitano.Muller@Coventry.Anglican.org. Let's build something wonderful together!

Call for Volunteers!

We are looking for volunteers to help with two important tasks:

1. **Stained Glass Move** - Assistance is needed to help carefully move the conserved stained glass from the old Cathedral to the storeroom.
2. **Blitz Anniversary Service (14 November)** - We also need stewards to assist at this special service of remembrance.

If you can help with either of these, please speak to one of the clergy or email events@coventry.cathedral.org.uk

COMING SOON

Requiem Mass – Fauré's Requiem

TODAY - Sunday, 2 November, 4pm

Join us for a solemn and beautiful celebration of a Requiem Mass featuring Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem*, performed under the direction of Rachel Mahon, with Liam Condon and Adam Heron at the organ.

During the service, we will include the traditional reading of the names of those who have died.

If you would like a loved one's name to be read aloud, please hand it to one of the Churchwardens before the service.

City Praise and Prayer at Coventry Cathedral

Sunday, 9 November, 6.30pm

Christians from across Coventry are invited to gather at the Cathedral for an evening of “City Praise and Prayer” - a time of charismatic worship, powerful prayer ministry, and unity in Christ.

Join with followers of Jesus from every tradition as we lift our voices in praise and pray together for our city, the church, and the world.

This event is free to attend - so come in your numbers and be part of what God is doing in Coventry!

85th Blitz Anniversary Interfaith Service

This year marks 85 years since the Blitz- a time that tested the courage, faith, and unity of our city. Join us for a special Interfaith Service of Remembrance, held in collaboration with the Lord Mayor’s Office and the City Council, as we gather with friends from across the faith communities to remember, reflect, and renew our shared commitment to peace. The service will include a live link with our partners in Germany, as together we give thanks for reconciliation and friendship born from conflict. The evening will conclude with a candlelit vigil in the cathedral ruins. The service is ticketed and tickets are available on our Cathedral website.

Summer Choir Adventures Lunch

Sunday 16th November 2025

Come and hear about the adventures of the Cathedral Girls’ Choir in London and the Cathedral Boys Choir in Germany.

This August the Girls Choir spent a weekend singing services in Southwark Cathedral and sightseeing in London - Tower Bridge, St Paul’s Cathedral and a trip up the Thames! The Boys Choir travelled to Darmstadt in Germany to sing in two performances of Britten’s *War Requiem*. There are some lovely photos to share!

The fundraising lunch is provided in the John Laing Centre. Tickets are available in advance on sale each Sunday morning after service.

Prices: £10 single ticket, £25 family ticket.

Gracious Dialogue

4th, 11th, 18th, 25th November 7.30 pm in St Michael's House

New for reconciliation season. Gracious Dialogue: A guide to listening and speaking well about Israel and Palestine

Join us for a four week small group course to help us navigate the choppy waters of differing interpretations of scripture and history. Each week we will look at two interpretations of a passage from Paul's Letter to the Romans and snapshots from the recent history of Israel and Palestine. The course aims to equip us to deepen our understanding and to see through an other's eyes.

To register your interest or for further information talk to or email Revd Su. Email: su.mcclellan@coventry.anglican.org