

The Cathedral Eucharist
Sunday 16th November, 2025
2nd Sunday before Advent
The Season of Reconciliation



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

The Deacon is the Very Reverend John Witcombe, Dean of Coventry. John Lloyd, Cathedral Lay Reader, is sub-deacon. The Very Reverend Jay Ruke, Dean of Taranaki, New Zealand, is our preacher today.

The Cathedral 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 Missa brevis by Jonathan Dove (1959-).

We encourage our visitors to take photographs of our beautiful cathedral, but please no photography during the service. Thank you.

Opening Hymn

**Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the Head and corner-stone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the church in one,
Holy Sion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.**

**All that dedicated city,
dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pours perpetual melody,
God the One in Three adoring
in glad hymns eternally.**

**To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
with thy wonted loving-kindness
hear thy servants as they pray,
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls always.**

**Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
what they ask of thee to gain,
what they gain from thee for ever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory
evermore with thee to reign.**

**Laud and honour to the Father,
laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three, and ever One,
consubstantial, co-eternal,
while unending ages run.**

*Words from 7th-8th century Latin
translated by J.M. Neale (1818-1866)*

*Tune CP 208 Westminster Abbey adapted from an anthem by Henry Purcell
(1659-1695)*

The Collect

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil,
and to make us the children of God and heirs to eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made
like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he 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 Goodall, representing the Cathedral Community.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

¹¹So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision” —a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— ¹²remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

¹⁴For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us.

Ephesians 2:10-14

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Straighten up and raise your heads,
because your redemption is drawing near.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Luke 21:28

The Gospel Reading

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

Glory to you O Lord.

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.” ⁷They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take

place?” ⁸And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them. ⁹“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. ¹²“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls.

Luke 21:5-19

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Offertory Hymn

**Fill thou my life, O Lord my God,
in every part with praise,
that my whole being may proclaim
thy being and thy ways.**

**Not for the lip of praise alone,
nor e'en the praising heart
I ask, but for a life made up
of praise in every part:**

**Praise in the common things of life,
its goings out and in;
praise in each duty and each deed,
however small and mean.**

**Fill every part of me with praise:
let all my being speak
of thee and of thy love, O Lord,
poor though I be and weak.**

**So shall no part of day or night
unblest or common be,
but all my life, in every step,
be fellowship with thee.**

Words by H. Bonar (1808-1889)

Tune CP 424 Richmond melody by Thomas Haweis (1734-1820)

Anthem

Ave verum corpus,
natum de Maria Virgine,
Vere passum, immolatum
In cruce pro homine,
Cuius latus perforatum
Vero fluxit sanguine,
Esto nobis praegustatum,
In mortis examine.
O Dulcis, O pie,
O Jesu Fili Mariae;
Miserere mei. Amen.

*Hail true body,
born of the Virgin Mary,
which suffered and was offered truly
on the cross for all men,
whose side, pierced,
flowed with true blood;
for us our food, now
and in the testing time of death.
O tender, O loving,
O Jesus Son of Mary;
Have mercy on me. Amen.*

Words attributed to Pope Innocent VI (1282-1362)

Music by E.F. Richter (1808-1879)

Communion Hymn

**Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands
that holy things have taken;
let ears that now have heard thy songs
to clamour never waken.**

**Lord, may the tongues which 'Holy' sang
keep free from all deceiving;
the eyes which saw thy love be bright,
thy blessed hope perceiving.**

**The feet that tread thy holy courts
from light do thou not banish;
the bodies by thy Body fed
with thy new life replenish.**

*Words ascribed to Ephraim the Syrian (c.306-373)
tr. Charles Humphreys (1841-1921) and Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)
Tune CP 323 Ach Gott und Herr from Neu-Leipziger Gesangbuch
harmonised by J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

Post Communion

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
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)*

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

Finale from Toccata in F major, BuxWV 157 by Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

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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)*

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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!

Coventry University Graduations

Monday, 17 November- Friday, 21 November

The Cathedral will be **CLOSED** to the public this week, due to the Graduation ceremonies held here. Note that Evensong on Thursday will be held at *Holy Trinity Church* at 5.15pm

Call for Volunteers!

Stained Glass Move - Assistance is needed to help carefully move the conserved stained glass from the old Cathedral to the storeroom.

COMING SOON

Summer Choir Adventures Lunch

TODAY - Sunday 16th November 2025

Please note that this event has unfortunately had to be cancelled.

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

Wonder

Wednesday, 19th November, 7:30pm

This month's Wonder Gathering is meeting (a week late) on Wednesday 19th November at 7.30pm in the Chapel of Christ the Servant. It will be a co-created evening of creativity. The invitation is to bring a piece of art in the broadest sense of the word – it could be a book you have enjoyed, an object you have made or was made for you, a song you want to play or even sing for us, an image, a poem, a film clip. The only criteria is that you can say a sentence or two about the art and how it has meaning for you at this time.

I really look forward to seeing you there.

Kate

Giving Tuesday, 2nd December, 10am – 2pm

Here's how you can join in:

- *Give your time – Sign up to volunteer with us in 2026.*
 - *Donate a piece of history – Contribute an artefact to help preserve Coventry's Blitz story in our Blitz Museum or Archive.*
 - *Keaton Slater Millennium Screen memorial – Donate towards having Keaton Slater, a young boy who was tragically killed in 2024, name engraved on the Millennium Screen.*
 - *Donate food items – We are collecting food items for Grub Hub who provide Christmas dinners to those in need.*
- Come for a chat, enjoy tea and coffee from 10am to 2pm and be part of Coventry Cathedral's mission of hope this Christmas season.*
- To find out more, please contact fundraising@coventrycathedral.org.uk*