

The Cathedral Eucharist

Sunday, 8th February, 2026

The Second Sunday Before Lent



The President today is the Reverend Kate Massey, Canon for Arts and Reconciliation. The Deacon is John Lloyd, Cathedral Lay Reader. The sub-deacon is Donald Parr, Cathedral Lay Reader. The preacher is The Reverend Nitano Muller, Canon for Worship and Welcome.

The Cathedral Choir is directed by Joe Watson, Acting Director of Music. The organists are Liam Condon, Assistant Director of Music, and Adam Heron, Organ Scholar.

*The service setting is Messe Solennelle by Louis Vierne (1870-1937). We encourage our visitors to take photographs of our beautiful cathedral, **but please no photography during the service.** Thank you.*

Opening 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.**

The Collect

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own
image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your
likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now
and forever.

Amen.

The First Reading

Read by Jane Edwards, representing the Cathedral Community.

A Reading from letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth
comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the
creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of
God; ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but
by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation
itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the
freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the
whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³ and not
only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the
Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of
our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not
hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we
do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Romans 8:18-25

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Matthew 4:4b

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The Gospel Reading

²⁵ ‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” ³² For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ ‘So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

Matthew 6:25-End

Offertory Hymn

**Christ is the world’s true light,
its captain of salvation,
the daystar clear and bright
of every land and nation;
new life, new hope awakes,
where peoples own his sway:
freedom her bondage breaks,
and night is turned to day.**

**In Christ all races meet,
their ancient feuds forgetting,
the whole round world complete,
from sunrise to its setting:
when Christ is throned as Lord,
lands shall forsake their fear,
to ploughshare beat the sword,
to pruning-hook the spear.**

**One Lord, in one great name
unite us all who own thee;
cast out our pride and shame
that hinder to enthrone thee;
the world has waited long,
has travailed long in pain;
to heal its ancient wrong,
come, Prince of peace, and reign!**

Words by G.W. Briggs (1875-1959)

*Tune CP 530 Nun Danket melody from Praxis Pietatis Melica
harmonized by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)*

Anthem

Holy is the true light, and passing wonderful, lending radiance to them that endured in the heat of the conflict: from Christ they inherit a home of unfading splendour, wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore. Alleluia.

Words from the Salisbury Diurnal as translated by Dr G.H. Palmer (1846-1926)

Music by Sir William Harris (1883-1973)

Communion Hymn

**Bread of heaven, on thee we feed,
for thy flesh is meat indeed;
ever may our souls be fed
with this true and living bread;
day by day with strength supplied
through the life of him who died.**

**Vine of heaven, thy blood supplies
this blest cup of sacrifice;
Lord, thy wounds our healing give,
to thy Cross we look and live:
Jesus, may we ever be
grafted, rooted, built in thee.**

Words by J. Conder (1789-1855)

Tune CP 284i Bread of Heaven W.D. MacLagan (1826-1910)

Post Communion

God our creator,
by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have
been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of
the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus
Christ our Lord.

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

Fanfare by Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens (1823-1881)

We invite those joining us for worship to contribute to the costs of mission at the Cathedral. Please use the cash or contactless donation points, or the QR code here. This will take you to the Cathedral's page for the Parish giving Scheme which will enable you to make a one off donation, or set up a regular gift should you wish. Thank you so much for your support and generosity.



*If you would like to revisit this morning's sermon, please visit this page:
<https://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/worship-music/services/sermons>*

*We usually serve refreshments at the back of the Nave after this service, but due to a service immediately following this one, **we will not have coffee this morning.***

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

Boys and girls between the ages of 7 and 11 are welcome to audition for our Cathedral Choir. Do you know a child who loves to sing? There are many benefits to joining the choir – new friends, a free, world-class music education, choir pay, singing services and at special events in amazing places, choir tours, broadcasts, recordings and social events too. If you or someone you know might be interested in joining the choir, please be in touch with the Acting Director of Music to arrange a meeting. Email:

Music.Administrator@CoventryCathedral.org.uk

Our Cathedral Chamber Choir

Our Cathedral Chamber Choir sing voluntarily at various services throughout the year and are currently open for auditions on all voice parts. Rehearsals usually take place on occasional Thursday evenings in the lead up to a service. If you would be interested in joining our Chamber Choir, please get in touch with Liam Condon, Assistant Director of Music, for an audition.

Email: Liam.Condon@coventry.anglican.org

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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

Dean John's Farewell Celebration

Saturday, 9 May

As we prepare to give thanks for Dean John's ministry among us, all members of the congregation are warmly invited to his Farewell Do on Saturday, 9 May. This will be a joyful moment to gather, share stories, and offer our appreciation for his leadership and friendship.

Please register your attendance by scanning the QR code below, or by emailing your name(s) to the Dean's Executive Assistant, at Meshail.Daud@Coventry.Anglican.org

We hope many of you will join us for this special occasion.



Prayer Requests

- This weekend, *Dean John and Revd. Su McClellan* are visiting the Holy Land, spending time with friends and partners, and presenting a Cross of Nails to St George's Cathedral, Jerusalem. Please hold them, and the people of Palestine, in your prayers at this time.
- Please pray for *Canon Kate and the Coventry Diocese delegation* as they travel to and participate in General Synod this week.
- We remember with thanksgiving *Canon Emeritus Susan Simms*, former Honorary Lay Canon of the Cathedral and Head Teacher at Harris CoE Academy, who has recently passed away. Please pray for her husband Michael and the family, asking for comfort and peace in their grief.

COMING SOON

Annual Air Training Corp (ATC) Sunday Service

Today, at 1pm

The Birmingham-Warwickshire Wing of the Royal Air Force Cadets will return today to the Cathedral for the annual service, this year marking the 85th anniversary of the founding of the Cadets.

Wonder

Wednesday, 11th February, 7:30pm

As Lent draws near, the *Wonder* community gathers again to explore the theme of **Dust**. Through music, silence, image, and story, this gathering will open space to reflect on mortality, mercy, humility and hope. Join us for an evening of prayerful imagination as we prepare our hearts for the journey of Lent.

Lenten Course: Testament

This Lent, join us for a thought-provoking course built around *Testament*, the contemporary Christian series that brings the opening chapters of the Book of Acts vividly to life. Together we will explore the first ten chapters of Acts and reflect on what the birth of the Church might mean for faith and discipleship today.

The course will meet every Tuesday evening in Lent at 7pm in St Michael's House, beginning on Shrove Tuesday, 17 February.

To sign up, or for further details, please speak to Rob or Canon Nitano.

Coffee Morning

Wednesday, 18th February, 10-11.30am

Come and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of the Cathedral, with FREE refreshments.

Any questions, please email events@coventrycathedral.org.uk

Ash Wednesday Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

Wednesday, 18 February at 12noon

Join us for the Midday Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes, as we begin the season of Lent together in prayer and reflection.

The service will be presided over by Bishop Sophie Jelley, who will also be our preacher. All are welcome to come and receive the sign of ashes and the promise of grace, as we step into this penitential season.

Let's Play: Quiet Hour

Thursday, 19th February, 9am-10am

This FREE session is specifically for those families and children who need less bustle and noise, and the space to explore in their own unique ways

Book your FREE places online

Let's Play: Games & Crafts

Thursday, 19th February, 10:30am - 12 noon

Let's play together this Half Term Holiday in the Cathedral! Make the most out of Half Term and enjoy some games and crafts at Coventry

Cathedral. FREE and suitable for families of all shapes and sizes.

Let's Watch and Make: Alice in Wonderland (1951)

Saturday, 21st February, 10am - 12 noon

Come and join us this half term for crafts and a classic kids film!

We will gather in St Michael's Gallery to do some crafts and then move to our Chapterhouse Cinema to watch Alice in Wonderland (the 1951 version)

(Book your FREE places online)

Any questions, please email events@coventrycathedral.org.uk

Ukrainian Vigil

Tuesday, 24th February, 6.30pm

Join us for a vigil in solidarity with our Ukrainian community, marking the 4th anniversary of the war in Ukraine. Together we will pray, reflect, and stand in hope, remembering those affected and affirming our commitment to peace and support.



 **Music at Lent**

Sunday 1st March: Organ Meditation - Liam Condon

Sunday 8th March: Organ Meditation - Adam Heron
(After Evensong)

Sunday 15th March: Lenten excerpts of Messiah

Sunday 22nd March: Pergolesi Stabat Mater

Sunday 29th March: Lamentations of Jeremiah - Tallis
(All start at 4pm, and will be preceded by a short service of Evening Prayer)

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