

**The Cathedral Eucharist  
Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2026  
The Sixth Sunday of Easter**



*The President today is the Reverend Kate Massey, Canon for Arts and Reconciliation. The Deacon is the Very Reverend John Witcombe, Dean of Coventry. The sub-deacon is Donald Parr, Cathedral Lay Reader. The Reverend Nitano Muller, Canon for Worship and Welcome, is preaching.*

*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 Missa Festiva by Flor Peeters (1903-1986).*

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

*If you would like to access the loop system, please speak to one of the vergers.*

## **Opening Hymn**

**Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesu, thou art all compassion,  
pure unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.**

**Come, almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy grace receive,  
suddenly return, and never,  
never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above;  
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish then thy new creation:  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee;  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

*Words by Charles Wesley (1707-1788)  
Tune CP 516ii Blauenwern W.P. Rowlands (1860-1937)*

## **The Collect**

God our redeemer,  
you have delivered us from the power of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:  
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy;  
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 Linda Twibill, representing the Cathedral Community.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>22</sup> Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things.

<sup>26</sup>From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup>so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup>For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.” <sup>29</sup>Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup>While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

*Acts 17:22-31*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gospel Acclamation**

Jesus said: ‘If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, my Father will love him, and we will come to him.

*John 14:23*

## **The Gospel Reading**

<sup>15</sup> ‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. <sup>18</sup> ‘I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.’

*John 14:15-21*

## Offertory Hymn

**At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,  
every tongue confess him King of glory now:  
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,  
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.**

**Humbled for a season, to receive a name  
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,  
faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,  
brought it back victorious, when from death he passed.**

**Bore it up triumphant with its human light,  
through all ranks of creatures, to the central height,  
to the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast;  
filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.**

**Name him, Christians, name him, with love strong as death,  
but with awe and wonder and with bated breath:  
he is God the Saviour, he is Christ the Lord,  
ever to be worshipped, trusted, and adored.**

**In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue  
all that is not holy, all that is not true:  
crown him as your Captain in temptation's hour;  
let his will enfold you in its light and power.**

**Surely, this Lord Jesus shall return again,  
with his Father's glory, with his angel train;  
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,  
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.**

*Words by Caroline M. Noel (1817-1877)  
Tune CP 380 Evelyngs W.H. Monk (1823-1889)*

## Anthem

Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face  
Here faith can touch and handle things unseen;  
Here would I grasp with firmer hands thy grace;  
And all my weariness upon thee lean.

Here would I feed upon the bread of God;  
Here drink with thee the royal wine of heav'n;  
Here would I lay aside each earthly load,  
and taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.

*Words by H. Bonar (1808-1889)*

*Music by Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)*

## 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 Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:  
may we thirst for you,  
the spring of life and source of goodness,  
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

**All my hope on God is founded;  
he doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance he guideth,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown, he alone  
calls my heart to be his own.**

**Human pride and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray his trust;  
what with care and toil he buildeth,  
tower and temple, fall to dust.  
But God's power, hour by hour,  
is my temple and my tower.**

**God's great goodness aye endureth,  
deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
splendour, light, and life attend him,  
beauty springeth out of naught.  
Evermore from his store  
new-born worlds rise and adore.**

**Daily doth th'Almighty giver  
bounteous gifts on us bestow;  
his desire our soul delighteth,  
pleasure leads us where we go.  
Love doth stand at his hand;  
joy doth wait on his command.**

**Still from all to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call one and all:  
ye who follow shall not fall.**

*Words by Robert Bridges (1844-1930)  
based on the German of J. Neander (1650-1680)  
Tune CP 368 Michael Herbert Howells (1892-1983)*

## **Voluntary**

*Toccata Giocoso by William Mathias (1934-1992).*

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*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 below. 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 serve refreshments at the back of the Nave after this service, please do join us and if you are visiting, please introduce yourself to one of the ministers.*

**The CPA are hosting a hot lunch of soup and a roll in the John Laing Centre after the service this morning.**

**All are welcome to join for the lunch.**

**Tickets £10 on the door.**

**Entertainment over lunch will be provided by the Girl Choristers!**

## **Safeguarding at Coventry Cathedral**

We are committed to the safeguarding of all people. For details, please visit

<https://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/safeguarding>

Our Safeguarding Team are:



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## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **Dean John's Farewell Celebration**

Dean John's final Eucharist service will be on Sunday, 17 May at 10.30am and his final Choral Evensong at 4pm, where he will preach and preside. If you wish to attend either or both of these, please scan this QR code to register your attendance.



There are lists at the back of the nave, should you prefer to register that way. We hope many of you will join us for this special occasion.

### **Farewell Gift**

There will be opportunities for members of the Cathedral Community to contribute to a farewell gift to John and Ricarda as a thank you for their service amongst us for the past 13 years. A box for contributions and a card to sign will be at the back of the cathedral until their final Sunday with us on May 17<sup>th</sup>. The Cathedral Churchwardens.

## **Embrace the Middle East**

Communities supported by **Embrace the Middle East** in Lebanon are continuing their vital work in the midst of appalling levels of bombardment and the displacement of over 1.2 million people. As crisis builds on crisis, many of their long-standing funding streams, particularly from the United States, are drying up. These trusted local partners are asking simply not to be forgotten. If you are able you are invited to give to **Embrace's Middle East Emergency Appeal, Keeping Hope Alive** helping to provide emergency medical care, food aid, trauma care and mental health support, for those, particularly the children, caught up in the war. In moments like this, headlines can move quickly - but fear, disruption, and trauma settle deeply and last. Thank you for standing with the Middle East at a time like this. When you give, you are not watching from a distance - you are equipping trusted people on the ground to act with compassion, skill, and urgency. To give visit <https://embraceme.org/emergency-appeal> or use the QR code here. Thank you.



## **INEQE Survey & Audit**

The Cathedral welcomes the INEQE Audit as an opportunity to learn. We want to understand how we can continue to improve our safeguarding culture and practice and keep everyone safe. You can help with this learning by completing an INEQE survey. We want to hear from as many voices as possible. The surveys are completed online. You can use the QR Code or go to: <https://ineqe.com/churchofengland/coventry/> You are welcome to complete more than one survey e.g. if you are a congregation member AND a victim or survivor, you are welcome to complete both surveys. If you would like to feedback to INEQE, but cannot complete the survey, there is more information about how to do that at the bottom of the webpage. If you would like to complete a survey, but don't have a computer or smartphone, ask us and we can help.



## **COMING SOON**

### **Ascension Day Update**

*Thursday, 14 May, Holy Trinity Church, 7.30pm*

Please note a **change of venue and time** for our Ascension Day service. This year, we will join our friends at Holy Trinity Church at 7.30pm as we gather to worship together as the Hill Top community, a special occasion that takes place only twice a year. We hope many from our congregation will be able to join us.

### **Digital Drop In**

*Tuesday 19th May, 10am - 12noon*

**Come along to our drop-in sessions taking place in The New Cathedral where you can access informal 1:1 support with skills such as:**

- Online shopping
- Setting up an email address
- Using the NHS app
- Practice using a mouse and keyboard
- Using a search engine effectively
- Getting to grips with a smartphone

**& much more!**

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If you have any questions, please email  
[events@coventrycathedral.org.uk](mailto:events@coventrycathedral.org.uk)



# Chorister Open Evening

19th May 2026



**Venue:** Coventry Cathedral

**Who can attend?** Open to Boys & Girls in current school Years 2-6

**Date:** Tuesday 19th May, 16:30-18:30

- Open to all children considering auditioning for the cathedral choir
- Meet and sing with the cathedral choristers in a cathedral liturgy
- Have a tour of the cathedral, and experience the cathedral organ close up
- Parents will hear their children singing in the Cathedral choir, meet with other parents & meet the Director of Music



## Sign Up!



Scan the QR code to sign up for this event or  
click the link: [tinyurl.com/choristeropenevening](https://tinyurl.com/choristeropenevening)

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