

The Cathedral Eucharist

Sunday, 7th June, 2026

The First Sunday after Trinity



The President today is the Reverend Nitano Muller, Canon for Worship and Welcome. The Deacon is the Reverend Canon Sacha Slavic, Cathedral Associate Minister. The sub-deacon is the Reverend Canon Kate Massey, Acting Dean. The Reverend Susan Bowden-Pickstock, Diocesan New Ministries Lead, 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 Brevis by Grayston Ives (1948-).

*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

**The God of Abraham praise,
who reigns enthroned above,
Ancient of everlasting days,
and God of love:
Jehovah, great I AM,
by earth and heaven confest;
we bow and bless the sacred name
for ever blest.**

**The God of Abraham praise,
at whose supreme command
from earth we rise, and seek the joys
at his right hand:
we all on earth forsake
its wisdom, fame, and power;
and him our only portion make,
our shield and tower.**

**The God who reigns on high
and great archangels sing,
and 'Holy, Holy, Holy,' cry,
'almighty King,
who was, and is the same,
and evermore shall be.
Jehovah, Father, great I AM,
we worship thee.'**

**Before the Saviour's face
the ransomed nations bow,
o'erwhelmed at his almighty grace
for ever new;
he shows his prints of love
they kindle to a flame,
and sound through all the worlds above
the slaughtered Lamb.**

**The whole triumphant host
give thanks to God on high;
'hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,'
they ever cry:
hail, Abram's God, and mine,
(I join the heavenly lays)
all might and majesty are thine,
and endless praise.**

*Words by Thomas Olivers (1725-1799) cf. the Hebrew Yigdal
Tune CP 586 Leoni Hebrew melody noted by Thomas Olivers (1725-1799)*

The Collect

O God,
the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept
our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in
will and deed; 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 Sandra Brownbridge, representing the Cathedral Chaplains.

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

¹Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” ⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. ⁹And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

Genesis 12:1-9

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation

Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord,
and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

Matthew 11:29

The Gospel Reading

⁹ As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him. ¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' ¹² But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.' ¹⁸ While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, 'My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.' ¹⁹ And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰ Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹ for she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.' ²² Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well. ²³ When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴ he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. ²⁵ But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶ And the report of this spread throughout that district.

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Offertory Hymn

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him: the Lord is his name.**

**Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness:
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.**

**Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:
truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.**

**These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
he will accept for the name that is dear;
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.**

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him: the Lord is his name.**

*Words by J.S.B. Monsell (1811-1875)
Tune CP 89 Was Lebet Melody from Theinhardt MS (1754)*

Anthem

**O for the wings of a dove!
Far away would I rove!
In the wilderness build me a nest,
and remain there for ever at rest.**

*from Psalm 55:6-7
Music by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)*

Communion Hymn

**O saving Victim, opening wide
the gate of heaven to man below,
our foes press on from every side:
thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.**

**All praise and thanks to thee ascend
for evermore, blest One in Three;
O grant us life that shall not end
in our true native land with thee. Amen.**

*Words by Saint Thomas Aquinas (1227-1274)
translated by J. M. Neale, Edward Caswell and others
Tune CP 326 Verbum Supernum Mode VIII*

Post Communion

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our
communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us
grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Closing 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 alway.

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)*

Voluntary

Allegro Risoluto from Plymouth Suite by Percy Whitlock (1903-1946).

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 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.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Clergy Preaching Away

The Reverend Su McClellan, Cathedral Associate Minister
St Mary's Iffley, Oxford

Prayer for the appointment of a new Dean

We encourage all the cathedral community to join in prayer during the process of appointing a new Dean.

Gracious God,
as we seek the Dean you are calling to Coventry,
draw us together in your Spirit
and shape us as instruments of your peace and reconciling love.
Guide all who discern and decide,
and prepare the one whom you are calling
to lead with humility, courage, and a heart for healing.
Keep our Cathedral and Diocese rooted in prayer,
faithful in hope,
and committed to the work of reconciliation you entrust to us.
Amen.

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.



Cathedral Small Groups

The St Michael's Committee which represents the congregations of the Cathedral and takes responsibility for developing our shared life met this week. One of the things we discussed was small groups. Small groups have many different names in the Church: fellowship groups, bible study groups, cell groups life groups and (particularly in Coventry Cathedral) foyers! But the thing they have in common is that they are opportunities for members of the congregation to come together in smaller groups! Lots of people find meeting together outside of the main Sunday service is a helpful thing. But different sorts of small groups work for different people. So the St Michael's Committee would like to hear from YOU. Would you be interested in joining a small group of some sort - and what would your IDEAL small group look like?

To help us find out, why not complete this 2-minute anonymous quiz:
<https://forms.gle/piZQL2cM7hSxa3Cd6>

If you might be interested in starting a small group, please let us know!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Can you help? We are looking for people who might be able to support our dedicated team of choir chaperones. You would be responsible for the safety and pastoral care of our wonderful choristers during rehearsals and services on a rota basis. Could you offer some time in the early evenings on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays, or on a Saturday morning, or before and during our Sunday services? Are you kind and able to work well with children? Are you reliable and willing to work with our policies to keep children safe?

This is an important role and so volunteers will go through our safer recruitment process, have a DBS check and complete training as part of our firm commitment to promoting a safe environment and culture for children, young people and vulnerable adults.

For more information, please speak to Jane Williams or email the Music Department Administrator at April.Griffiths@Coventry.Anglican.org

COMMUNITY OF THE CROSS OF NAILS

CCN Young Reconcilers Gathering

4-7th August 2026

Coventry's story is as relevant today as it's ever been. This summer, we are inviting young people aged 18-25 to come and be excited by its significance in a world in conflict. Together we will reflect on how it can reach into situations large and small, and learn with us some key reconciliation skills and practice, alongside different nationalities of young peacebuilders. Our Cathedral and Diocese team will lead them through a full programme of talks and workshops, all within the regular rhythm of the cathedral's prayer and worship.

Earlybird cost (non-residential*) is £120 per person, to include all meals and refreshments from the Tuesday evening until the Friday afternoon. Those attending the full gathering until its close on Friday lunchtime will receive a Foundation Certificate in Reconciliation & Peacebuilding from Coventry Cathedral. Please consider this for yourself or share this information with young people you know. If you might be willing to sponsor a place for a young person, please speak to Kate.

COMING SOON

Windrush Service

Sunday, 21st June at 3pm

Join us for a special Windrush Commemorative Service, as we give thanks for the faith, courage and immeasurable contribution of the Windrush Generation and their descendants. Through the music of young Afro-Caribbean artists, prayer and storytelling, we will honour those who helped shape the life of Britain and the Church, while reflecting on the ongoing call to justice.

Petertide Ordinations

Priests on Saturday, 27th June at 4pm
and

Deacons on Sunday, 29th June at 10.30am

Bishop Sophie will preside at the ordination of priests and deacons later this month. Please note that the ordination of Deacons is within the context of our usual Cathedral Eucharist, so ALL are warmly invited to join these services as we prayerfully support those being ordained and their families.

South Asian Heritage Celebration

Saturday, 25 July 2026, 12pm-3pm

Save the Date

Join us for a joyful celebration of South Asian heritage, culture, faith, and community. The afternoon will include music, dance, poetry, prayer, a keynote address, opportunities to hear personal stories through a panel discussion, and shared food and fellowship. All are warmly invited to come and celebrate the richness and diversity of our communities together. More details to follow.



MOZART REQUIEM IN CONCERT

 SATURDAY
4TH JULY
2026

 6:30pm

 COVENTRY CATHEDRAL,
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Joe Watson
(Conductor)

Liam Condon
(Organist)

Phoebe Higham
(Soprano)

Hannah Capstick
(Alto)

Nick Drew
(Tenor)

Luke Busbridge
(Bass)



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