

Choral Evensong Sunday 17th March Passion Sunday



Welcome to this service of Choral Evensong, led by the Reverend Su McClellan, Cathedral Curate. The Very Reverend John Witcombe, Dean of Coventry, is preaching.

The Cathedral Choir is directed by Rachel Mahon, Director of Music. The organists are Luke Fitzgerald, Assistant Director of Music, and Stephen Crookes, Organ Scholar. The Responses are the Ferial setting by Thomas Tallis (1505-1585). The full text of the service is found in the purple booklets. Bibles are available if you wish to follow the psalms and lessons: please ask a welcomer if you would like one.

The Introit

Out of the depths I cry to Thee; Lord, hear me, I implore Thee.
Bend down Thy gracious ear to me; my pray'r let come before Thee.
If Thou rememb'rest ev'ry sin, if nought but just re-ward
we win, could we abide Thy presence?

Words: Psalm 130; Martin Luther (1483-1546);
tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)
Music: Martin Luther (1483-1546)

Psalm 34

1. I will alway give thanks unto the Lord : his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
2. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord : the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.
3. O praise the Lord with me : and let us magnify his Name together.
4. I sought the Lord, and he heard me : yea, he delivered me out of all my fear.
5. They had an eye unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.
6. Lo, the poor crieth, and the Lord heareth him : yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles.
7. The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him : and delivereth them.

8. O taste, and see, how gracious the Lord is : blessed is the man that trusteth in him.
9. O fear the Lord, ye that are his saints : for they that fear him lack nothing.
10. The lions do lack, and suffer hunger : but they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of thing that is good.
11. Come, ye children, and hearken unto me : I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
12. What man is he that lusteth to live : and would fain see good days?
13. Keep thy tongue from evil : and thy lips, that they speak no guile.
14. Eschew evil, and do good : seek peace, and ensue it.
15. The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous : and his ears are open unto their prayers.
16. The countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil : to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
17. The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them: and delivereth them out of all their troubles.
18. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart : and will save such as be of an humble spirit.
19. Great are the troubles of the righteous : but the Lord delivereth him out of all.
20. He keepeth all his bones : so that not one of them is broken.
21. But misfortune shall slay the ungodly : and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.
22. The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants : and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.

The First Lesson Exodus 7:8 – 24

The Magnificat Evening Service in B Flat by Henry Purcell
(1659-1695)

The Second Lesson Romans 5:12 – end

The Nunc Dimittis Evening Service in B Flat by Henry Purcell
(1659-1695)

The Collect of the Day

We beseech thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon thy people; that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Anthem

Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; neither take thou vengeance of our sins: but spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever. Spare us, good Lord.

*Words from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer
Music by Henry Purcell (1659-1695)*

The Hymn

**O strength and stay upholding all creation,
who ever dost thyself unmoved abide,
yet day by day the light in due gradation
from hour to hour through all its changes guide;**

**Grant to life's day a calm unclouded ending,
an eve untouched by shadows of decay,
the brightness of a holy death-bed blending
with dawning glories of the eternal day.**

**Hear us, O Father, gracious and forgiving,
through Jesus Christ thy co-eternal Word,
who with the Holy Ghost by all things living
now and to endless ages art adored.**

*Words by St Ambrose (c.340-397)
translated by John Ellerton (1826-1893)
Tune CP 18 Strength and Stay J.B. Dykes (1823-1876)*

Organ Meditation

Please do stay for the organ meditation, performed today by Stephen Crookes, Organ Scholar.

Fantasia in D minor by William Byrd (1540-1623)

Clarifica me Pater by William Byrd (1540-1623)

Rhapsody No. 1 by Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

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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

Director of Music to arrange a meeting.

rachel.mahon@coventrycathedral.org.uk

COMMUNITY NEWS

Cathedral Annual General Meeting

Sunday 14th April, 12:00 – 1:30pm

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 14th April in the John Laing Centre. That Sunday, refreshments will be served in the John Laing Centre to enable us to have a prompt midday start. The agenda and Annual Report will be available from Easter Sunday to allow you to read these in advance. Please do prioritise this meeting if you can.

Revision of the Electoral Roll

Applications open until 28th March 2024

The Electoral Roll is now open for new applications, which need to be submitted by 28th March 2024. Being on the Electoral Roll allows you to vote in the Annual General Meeting. To join the Electoral Roll you have to be:

- over the age of 16*
- baptised*
- a member of the Church of England, or a church in communion with the Church of England, or a Church that holds to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity*
- EITHER a resident in the parish OR have worshipped at the Cathedral over a period of six months*

If you would like to join the Electoral Roll, please email

Alice.hayes@coventrycathedral.org.uk and ask for an application form.

Election of Cathedral Wardens

Each year at the Annual General Meeting we can elect up to five Cathedral wardens including at least one Warden for St Clare's. Please think about who you would like to nominate for this role or, indeed, consider standing yourself. Please email Canon Mary with the name of the person nominated, their proposer and seconder at Mary.Gregory@coventrycathedral.org.uk

Full-Time and Part-Time Verger Positions Available

Would you like to work at the Cathedral, playing a vital role in the services and day-to-day operations? We have job openings for full-time and part-time positions as a Verger. As a Verger, you will be responsible for the security of the Cathedral buildings; providing assistance to the clergy, particularly during worship services; representing the Cathedral and welcoming visitors, worshippers and VIPs; and much more.

The full-time position is 35 hours per week for £20,900.88 per annum, and part-time positions of 20 hours per week for £10,878.48 per annum.

For more information and to apply, please visit:

<https://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/support-us/job-opportunities>

COMING SOON

A conversation about Prayers of Love and Faith

Sunday 24th March, 12pm in the Chapel of Unity

The Dean has shared with us the news that the Prayers of Love and Faith – prayers for same-sex couples in committed, faithful, covenanted relationships – have been authorised by the Church of England. If you would like an opportunity to have a conversation with the Dean about considerations surrounding a decision to offer these Prayers in the Cathedral, and what this might look like, you are invited to a conversation in the Chapel of Unity on Sunday 24th March at midday. The conversation will last about 30 minutes.

Coventry Cathedral Chorus' Good Friday Concert

Friday 29th March at 6pm

Presenting a selection of beautiful and inspiring motets for Good Friday, reflecting upon the Easter themes of love, sacrifice and hope.

For more information and to book tickets, please visit:

<https://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/events/coventry-cathedral-chorus-good-friday-concert>

Psalm

Our monthly 'Psalm' event will not be happening in March, but will resume as normal (every fourth Wednesday of the month) from April.

Easter Services

Please note that throughout Holy Week, Holy Communion will take place at noon rather than at Morning Prayer.

Compline Services

Monday 25th – Wednesday 27th March, 8 – 8:30pm

Join us for a gentle service of prayer and reflection, a wonderful way to end the day in worship of the Lord. There will be a service of Compline on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week with addresses by the Dean.

Chrism Eucharist

Thursday 28th March, 10:30am – 12pm

Join the Bishop, clergy, Readers and headteachers of the Diocese in this special service where they will renew their commitment to their ministry, and where the oils used in their ministry will be blessed.

Maundy Thursday Evening Eucharist

Thursday 28th March, 7:30 – 9pm

At this service, we continue to mark this Holy Week and specifically today the Last Supper Jesus had with His disciples. We also follow the actions of Jesus Christ through the tradition of foot-washing, reflecting on John 13, which details how Jesus washed the feet of His disciples: John 13:14-15 – ‘So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.’

Maundy Thursday Watch

Thursday 28th March, 9 - 10pm

Following the Maundy Thursday evening service, you are invited to keep watch in the Chapel of Christ in Gethsemane, just as Jesus invited his disciples to keep watch with him in the Garden of Gethsemane as he prayed before his arrest. This is a silent vigil and will begin after the service (at around 9pm) and will finish at 10pm when the Cathedral will be secured for the night.

Good Friday Liturgy

Friday 29th March at 9am

A solemn, reflective service where we listen again to the story of Jesus' suffering and death and spend time worshipping Him for His service and sacrifice for us.

Stations of the Cross

Friday 29th March, 2 – 3pm in the Cathedral Ruins

A poignant way to observe Good Friday, Stations of the Cross allows us to visually follow the steps Jesus took on His way to the Cross.

Easter Dawn Eucharist

Sunday 31st March, 6 – 7am in the Cathedral Ruins

Join us for this joyous service to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, with the beautiful backdrop of the dawn sky. At this service, Bishop Ruth Worsley will be performing baptisms and confirmations.

Easter Day Eucharist

Sunday 31st March, 10:30 – 11:45am in the New Cathedral

All are welcome to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ at this special Easter Eucharist service.

Festal Evensong

Sunday 31st March, 4 – 5:15pm

Join us for this Festal Evensong service, with beautiful music to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, a perfect way to end this holy day.
