

Choral Evensong

Sunday 24th March

The Sunday Next Before Easter



Welcome to this service of Choral Evensong, led by the Reverend Mary Gregory, Canon for Arts and Reconciliation. The Reverend Su McClellan, Cathedral Curate, will be 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 by Thomas Tallis (1505-1585).

The full text of the service is found in the purple booklets.

The Introit

Hosanna, Hosanna to the Son of David.

Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, thou that sittest in the highest heavens.

Hosanna in excelsis deo.

from Matthew 21, Luke 19

Music by Thomas Weelkes (d. 1623)

Psalm 69:1 – 20

1. Save me, O God : for the waters are come in, even unto my soul.
2. I stick fast in the deep mire, where no ground is : I am come into deep waters, so that the floods run over me.
3. I am weary of crying; my throat is dry : my sight faileth me for waiting so long upon my God.
4. They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head : they that are mine enemies, and would destroy me guiltless, are mighty.
5. I paid them the things that I never took : God, thou knowest my simpleness, and my faults are not hid from thee.
6. Let not them that trust in thee, O Lord God of hosts, be ashamed for my cause : let not those that seek thee be confounded through me, O Lord God of Israel.
7. And why? for thy sake have I suffered reproof : shame hath covered my face.

8. I am become a stranger unto my brethren : even an alien unto my mother's children.
9. For the zeal of thine house hath even eaten me: and the rebukes of them that rebuked thee are fallen upon me.
10. I wept, and chastened myself with fasting : and that was turned to my reproof.
11. I put on sackcloth also : and they jested upon me.
12. They that sit in the gate speak against me : and the drunkards make songs upon me.
13. But, Lord, I make my prayer unto thee : in an acceptable time.
14. Hear me, O God, in the multitude of thy mercy : even in the truth of thy salvation.
15. Take me out of the mire, that I sink not : O let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters.
16. Let not the water-flood drown me, neither let the deep swallow me up : and let not the pit shut her mouth upon me.
17. Hear me, O Lord, for thy loving-kindness is comfortable : turn thee unto me according to the multitude of thy mercies.
18. And hide not thy face from thy servant, for I am in trouble : O haste thee, and hear me.
19. Draw nigh unto my soul, and save it : O deliver me, because of mine enemies.
20. Thou hast known my reproof, my shame, and my dishonour : mine adversaries are all in thy sight.

The First Lesson

- ¹ Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.
- ² He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watch-tower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.

⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?

⁵ And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.

⁶ I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷ For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice,
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness,
but heard a cry!

Isaiah 5:1 – 7

The Magnificat *Caesar's Service* by John Amner (1579-1641)

The Second Lesson

¹ Then he began to speak to them in parables. 'A man planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a pit for the wine press, and built a watch-tower; then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ² When the season came, he sent a slave to the tenants to collect from them his share of the produce of the vineyard. ³ But they seized him, and beat him, and sent him away empty-handed. ⁴ And again he sent another slave to them; this one they beat over the head and insulted. ⁵ Then he sent another, and that one they killed. And so it was with many others; some they beat, and others they killed. ⁶ He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, "They will respect my son." ⁷ But those tenants said to one another, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours." ⁸ So they seized him, killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard. ⁹ What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others. ¹⁰ Have you not read this scripture:

"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
¹¹ this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes?"

¹² When they realized that he had told this parable against them, they wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowd. So they left him and went away.

Mark 12:1 – 12

The Nunc Dimittis *Caesar's Service* by John Amner (1579-1641)

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Anthem

Vinea mea electa, ego te plantavi:
quomodo conversa es in amaritudinem,
ut ma crucifigeres et Barrabam dimitteres
Sepivi te et lapides elegi ex te
et oedificavit turrim.

*O vineyard, my chosen one! I planted you:
how are you changed from sweet to bitter,
to have crucified me and released Barabbas?
I protected you; I have removed stones that could trouble you
and built a tower for your defence.*

cf. Luke 20.9-20

Music by Francis Poulenc (1899-1963)

The Hymn

**Glory be to Jesus,
who, in bitter pains,
poured for me the life-blood
from his sacred veins.**

**Grace and life eternal
in that blood I find;
blest be his compassion
infinitely kind.**

**Blest through endless ages
be the precious stream,
which from endless torments
did the world redeem.**

**Abel's blood for vengeance
pleaded to the skies;
but the blood of Jesus
for our pardon cries.**

**Oft as it is sprinkled
on our guilty hearts,
Satan in confusion
terror-struck departs;**

**Oft as earth exulting
wafts its praise on high,
angel-hosts rejoicing
make their glad reply.**

**Lift ye then your voices;
swell the mighty flood;
louder still and louder
praise the precious blood.**

*Words from Italian translated by Edward Caswall (1814-1878)
Tune CP 108 Caswall Friedrich Filitz (1804-1876)*

Organ Meditation

Please do stay for the organ meditation, performed today by Luke
Fitzgerald, Assistant Director of Music

Aus der Tiefe by Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)

Psalm Prelude Set 2 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.

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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

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>

Wonder

Wednesday 10th April, 7:30 – 9pm

Join our worship gathering for those curious and imaginative, looking to explore what we believe through art, dance, and poetry. Wonder takes place every second Wednesday of the month! All are warmly invited to join us.

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.
