

Choral Evensong

Sunday 28th April

The Fifth Sunday of Easter



Welcome to this service of Choral Evensong, led by the Reverend Mary Gregory, Canon for Arts and Reconciliation. Margaret East, Reader for Coventry Cathedral, 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 William Byrd (1543-1623). The full text of the service is found in the purple booklets.

The Introit

Haec dies quam fecit Dominus: exultemus et laetemur in ea. Alleluia!

This is the day which the Lord hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia!

*from Psalm 118:24
Music by William Byrd (1543-1623)*

Psalm 96

1. O sing unto the Lord a new song : sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.
2. Sing unto the Lord, and praise his Name : be telling of his salvation from day to day.
3. Declare his honour unto the heathen : and his wonders unto all people.
4. For the Lord is great, and cannot worthily be praised : he is more to be feared than all gods.
5. As for all the gods of the heathen, they are but idols : but it is the Lord that made the heavens.
6. Glory and worship are before him : power and honour are in his sanctuary.
7. Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people : ascribe unto the Lord worship and power.
8. Ascribe unto the Lord the honour due unto his Name : bring presents, and come into his courts.
9. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness : let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

10. Tell it out among the heathen that the Lord is King : and that it is he who hath made the round world so fast that it cannot be moved; and how that he shall judge the people righteously.

11. Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad : let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is.

12. Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it : then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord.

13. For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth : and with righteousness to judge the world, and the people with his truth.

The First Lesson

¹ Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

² For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

³ Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴ Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

⁷ All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered to you,
the rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you;
they shall be acceptable on my altar,
and I will glorify my glorious house.

⁸ Who are these that fly like a cloud,
and like doves to their windows?
⁹ For the coastlands shall wait for me,
the ships of Tarshish first,
to bring your children from far away,
their silver and gold with them,
for the name of the LORD your God,
and for the Holy One of Israel,
because he has glorified you.
¹⁰ Foreigners shall build up your walls,
and their kings shall minister to you;
for in my wrath I struck you down,
but in my favour I have had mercy on you.
¹¹ Your gates shall always be open;
day and night they shall not be shut,
so that nations shall bring you their wealth,
with their kings led in procession.
¹² For the nation and kingdom
that will not serve you shall perish;
those nations shall be utterly laid waste.
¹³ The glory of Lebanon shall come to you,
the cypress, the plane, and the pine,
to beautify the place of my sanctuary;
and I will glorify where my feet rest.
¹⁴ The descendants of those who oppressed you
shall come bending low to you,
and all who despised you
shall bow down at your feet;
they shall call you the City of the LORD,
the Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

Isaiah 60:1 – 14

The Magnificat

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

The Second Lesson

¹ ‘And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: These are the words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars:

‘I know your works; you have a name for being alive, but you are dead. ² Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is at the point of death, for I have not found your works perfect in the sight of my God. ³ Remember then what you received and heard; obey it, and repent. If you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come to you. ⁴ Yet you have still a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes; they will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy. ⁵ If you conquer, you will be clothed like them in white robes, and I will not blot your name out of the book of life; I will confess your name before my Father and before his angels. ⁶ Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

⁷ ‘And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:
These are the words of the holy one, the true one,
who has the key of David,
who opens and no one will shut,
who shuts and no one opens:

⁸ ‘I know your works. Look, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. ⁹ I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but are lying—I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will learn that I have loved you. ¹⁰ Because you have kept my word of patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth. ¹¹ I am coming soon; hold fast to what you have, so that no one may seize your crown. ¹² If you conquer, I will make you a pillar in the temple of my God; you will never go out of it. I will write on you the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem that comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name. ¹³ Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

Revelation 3:1 – 13

The Nunc Dimittis

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The Collect of the Day

O Lord, from whom all good things do come: Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The Anthem

Christus resurgens ex mortuis iam non moritur: mors illi ultra non dominabitur. Quod enim vivit, vivit Deo. Alleluia. Dicant nunc Iudaei, quomodo milites custodientes sepulchrum perdiderunt Regem ad lapidis positionem. Quare non servabant petram iustitiae? Aut sepulchrum reddant, aut resurgentem adorent nobiscum dicentes Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Let the Jews now say how the soldiers guarding the sepulchre sealed with a stone lost the King. Why did they not guard the tombstone? Let them either return him buried, or with us worship him risen, saying Alleluia.

Sarum Antiphon for Easter Day

Music by William Byrd (1543-1623)

The Hymn

**The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,
the darkness falls at thy behest;
to thee our morning hymns ascended,
thy praise shall sanctify our rest.**

**We thank thee that thy Church unsleeping,
while earth rolls onward into light,
through all the world her watch is keeping,
and rests not now by day or night.**

**As o'er each continent and island
the dawn leads on another day,
the voice of prayer is never silent,
nor dies the strain of praise away.**

**The sun that bids us rest is waking
your children 'neath the western sky,
and hour by hour fresh lips are making
thy wondrous doings heard on high.**

**So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never,
like earth's proud empires, pass away;
thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,
till all thy creatures own thy sway.**

Words by John Ellerton (1826-1893)

Tune CP 22 St Clement C. C. Scholefield (1839-1904)

Voluntary

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

In Nomine (Gloria Tibi Trinitas) by Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656)

*If you would like to make a one-off donation to the Cathedral via your
phone, or set up a recurring donation, please use the QR code below. There
are also contactless donation points and collection boxes near the entrance.*

Thank you for your support.



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

Mary Wickens' Funeral

Mary Wickens' funeral will take place in the Cathedral tomorrow on Monday 29th April at 12:30pm, followed by a private committal at the crematorium. Please pray for Mary's sister, Vicki, and for all those who love Mary and miss her.

Cathedral Annual General Meeting **Please note new date******

Sunday 5th May, 12:00 – 1:30pm

Our Annual General Meeting will now be held on Sunday 5th May 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. Please do prioritise this meeting if you can. The meeting will be preceded by coffee and a simple sandwich lunch, served in the John Laing Centre. A copy of the annual report is available online here:

<https://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/uploads/media/2023-Annual-Report-Coventry-Cathedral.pdf> Paper copies are available in the Cathedral, but only for those with no access to the internet, please.

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

St. Michael's Committee - AGM Elections

This is a sub-committee of Chapter which discusses matters concerning the congregation's role in the life of the cathedral.

If you are interested in joining this committee, please email graham.warren@btinternet.com giving your name and those of a proposer and seconder. **Please note:** Nominee, proposer and seconder must all be members of the Electoral Roll.

Sponsoring Reverend Su in the Milton Keynes Half Marathon

Our very own Reverend Su McClellan is running in the Milton Keynes half marathon on Monday 6th May to raise funds for our choir. Our choirs not only play an essential role in our worship, but they also offer a first-class musical education for children and young people. Keeping this open and accessible is in the DNA of our community, which is why Su is running on Bank Holiday Monday. If you would like to sponsor Su, you can fill in a sponsor form with your pledge by talking to Su or Graham Warren after the service.



Introducing our new Canon for Worship and Welcome

We are absolutely delighted to be able to announce that the Revd Nitano Muller has been appointed as our new Canon for Worship and Welcome. We look forward to Nitano's arrival in June when he will be installed to take up his new role.

As we wait to welcome him, you will enjoy this biography as a way of beginning to get to know him and of anticipating all that he will bring to our life together: Nitano hails from the small fishing-community of Ocean View, located at the southern-most tip of the Cape Peninsula in South Africa.

He completed a degree in Education and worked as a language and history teacher. While working as a teacher, Nitano was discerned for ordination to the priesthood in the Diocese of False Bay within the Anglican Church of Southern Africa and entered residential theological training at the College of the Transfiguration, Makhanda (formerly Grahamstown).

He served his curacies in two vastly different contexts in Mitchells Plain on the Cape Flats and Hermanus along the south-eastern coastline of False Bay (where he ministered to the Late Archbishop Desmond Tutu as a parishioner). He currently serves as Rector of St. Peter's Church, Kleinvlei, False Bay Diocese.

Nitano is one of the youngest serving Rectors in his Diocese. His passions include liturgy, youth development and the work of justice and reconciliation. These are evident in some of the portfolios he holds which include Diocesan Chaplain for Young People, a consultant for the Provincial Liturgical Committee, and a representative of his diocese on the South African Council of Churches (Western Cape). In 2022, Nitano was selected as a Trinity Leadership Fellow, a program run by Trinity Wall Street, New York, for emerging faith leaders from across the world who seek to enhance their skills in order to contribute to meaningful change and transformation in their respective fields and contexts.

Nitano is a self-proclaimed ambivert, who equally enjoys working with people, travelling and exploration as well as quiet time reading, writing reflections or listening to good music.

Nitano's first encounter with Coventry Cathedral was its welcome sign posted at the west-screen entrance, which he says made him feel at home because he identified with many of the traits described on it and is excited to form part of the cathedral team that extends the radical welcome and all embracing-love of God to all who enter the Cathedral's doors.

Welcoming Nitano: making a house a home

Nitano won't arrive from South Africa with any furniture or household goods (bedding, crockery, etc). It would be wonderful if we could begin making his house a home by offering items of furniture, or other goods, which he could use. If you have anything you could offer, please could you email Canon Mary – Mary.Gregory@coventry.anglican.org Mary will then collate all the offers and then get back to you – either thanking you for your offer and accepting it, or thanking you but explaining that we have had four other offers of chaise longues (for example!) and so won't need to accept yours. Thank you so much in advance for your generosity!

Coffee Rota

We would be glad for a few more volunteers to help with serving coffee to the congregation after the Sunday morning service.

If you would like to get involved with this important community activity, please either e-mail graham.warren@btinternet.com or speak to Graham at the "contactless offertory" table at the back of the nave chairs.

COMING SOON

Choristers' Car Wash and Café

Sunday 5th May 12:15 - 2pm

Please bring your car to the Upper Car Park to be washed for a mere £5 and purchase a coffee and chocolate bar to enjoy while you wait. Proceeds will go towards the upcoming choir tours. The choristers need your support!

Please park elsewhere if you aren't having your car washed as this will ensure enough space for other customers.

Lunchtime Organ Recitals

12:30 – 1pm every Monday from 6th May – 30th September 2024

Our free lunchtime organ recitals are back! Come along and listen to beautiful organ pieces, performed by a variety of musicians. For the full programme, please visit: <https://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/worship-music/the-organ/organ-recitals>

Eucharist for Ascension Day

Thursday 9th May, 7:30pm at Coventry Cathedral

At this service, we will be celebrating our Lord Jesus Christ's ascension into heaven, and we welcome our neighbours from Holy Trinity, Coventry, to worship with us.

Christian Aid Week 12th – 18th May

Sunday 12th May, 12:45pm

Please join us for a fund-raising lunch in the John Laing Centre.
Proceeds to Christian Aid.

Memorial Concert for Nancy McLaren and Richard McLaren

Saturday 18th May in the New Cathedral at 3 - 4pm

All are welcome to join us for this concert of music and readings to celebrate the lives of Nancy McLaren and Richard McLaren.

Including music by Jehan Allain, Handel, a setting of 'Never weather-beaten sail', and readings by Mary Oliver, T. S. Eliot and Etty Hillesum, this concert will take us on a journey through the loss of grief to a celebration of the beloved, and a recognition of their lasting legacy to us.

For more information about the concert and the Martin McLaren Foundation, please visit: <https://mclaren-foundation.org/memorial/>

Charity Concert in Aid of Myton Hospice

Saturday 18th May, 2:30pm at Methodist Central Hall, Coventry

For more information about the concert and to purchase tickets, please visit:

<https://www.mytonhospice.org/news/conductor-brian-chappell-and-a-professional-orchestra-of-50-players-present-a-charity-concert-orchestra-for-an-occasion-in-aid-of-the-myton-hospices/>

Chorister Talent Show and Lunch in the Refectory

Sunday 19th May at 12:15pm

Join us for this fundraising event to help send the choristers on their upcoming tours.

Admission will be £8 on the door of the refectory. There will be a simple lunch of soup, sandwiches and cake as you are entertained by our skilled choristers who will be playing various instruments amongst other things – please come and show your support!