

# Choral Evensong

## Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025

### The Sunday Next Before Lent



*Welcome to this service of Choral Evensong, led by the Reverend Su McClellan, Cathedral Associate Minister. Margaret East, Coventry Cathedral Reader, is preaching. The Cathedral Choir is directed by Luke Fitzgerald, Acting Director of Music. The organists are David Rice, Acting Assistant Director of Music, and Amelia Parkin, Organ Scholar. The Responses are by Bernard Rose (1916-1996). The full text of the service is found in the purple booklets.*

## **Psalm 89:5 – 12**

5. O Lord, the very heavens shall praise thy wondrous works : and thy truth in the congregation of the saints.
6. For who is he among the clouds : that shall be compared unto the Lord?
7. And what is he among the gods : that shall be like unto the Lord?
8. God is very greatly to be feared in the council of the saints : and to be had in reverence of all them that are round about him.
9. O Lord God of hosts, who is like unto thee : thy truth, most mighty Lord, is on every side.
10. Thou rulest the raging of the sea : thou stillest the waves thereof when they arise.
11. Thou hast subdued Egypt, and destroyed it : thou hast scattered thine enemies abroad with thy mighty arm.
12. The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine : thou hast laid the foundation of the round world, and all that therein is.

## **The First Lesson**

<sup>1</sup> Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup> There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup> Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.'

<sup>4</sup>When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, ‘Moses, Moses!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’ <sup>5</sup>Then he said, ‘Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.’ <sup>6</sup>He said further, ‘I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’ And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

*Exodus 3:1 – 6*

## **The Magnificat**

*Evening Service in C by Charles Villiers Stanford (1852 – 1924)*

## **The Second Lesson**

<sup>27</sup>Jesus said to Andrew and Philip, ‘Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say — “Father, save me from this hour”? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.’ Then a voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, ‘An angel has spoken to him.’ <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, ‘This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.’ <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. <sup>34</sup>The crowd answered him, ‘We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains for ever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?’ <sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, ‘The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. <sup>36</sup>While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.’

*John 12:27 – 36a*

## **The Nunc Dimittis**

*Evening Service in C by Charles Villiers Stanford (1852 – 1924)*

## The Collect of the Day

O Lord, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth: Send thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake.

**Amen.**

## The Anthem

Insanae et vanae curae  
invadunt mentes nostras.  
Saepe furore replent corda,  
privata spe.  
Quid prodest, O mortalis,  
conari pro mundanis,  
si coelos negligas?  
Sunt fausta tibi cuncta,  
si Deus est pro te.

*Foolish and groundless cares  
assail our minds,  
often with madness they fill our hearts,  
which are bereft of hope.  
What does it profit you, O mortal man,  
to strive after earthly things  
if you neglect those of heaven?  
All things are favourable to you  
if God is with you.*

*Music by F. J. Haydn (1732-1809)*

## The Hymn

**Christ is the world's true light,  
its captain of salvation,  
the daystar clear and bright  
of every land and nation;  
new life, new hope awakes,  
where peoples own his sway:  
freedom her bondage breaks,  
and night is turned to day.**

**In Christ all races meet,  
their ancient feuds forgetting,  
the whole round world complete,  
from sunrise to its setting:  
when Christ is throned as Lord,  
lands shall forsake their fear,  
to ploughshare beat the sword,  
to pruning-hook the spear.**

**One Lord, in one great name  
unite us all who own thee;  
cast out our pride and shame  
that hinder to enthrone thee;  
the world has waited long,  
has travailed long in pain;  
to heal its ancient wrong,  
come, Prince of peace, and reign!**

*Words by G. W. Briggs (1875-1959)  
Tune CP 530 Nun Danket melody from Praxis Pietatis Melica  
harmonized by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)*

## **Voluntary**

*Please do stay for the organ voluntary, performed today by David Rice.*

*Praeludium in G by Nicolaus Bruhns (1665–1697)*

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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. 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. We are also currently recruiting adult members for all voice parts in both our Cathedral Choir and Chamber Choir. If you or someone you know might be interested in joining one of our choirs, please be in touch with the Acting Director of Music to arrange a meeting.

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## **Safeguarding at Coventry Cathedral**

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Alternatively, you can contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team led by Sarah Price: 024 7652 1345 or [safeguarding@coventry.anglican.org](mailto:safeguarding@coventry.anglican.org)

## **COMING SOON**

### **‘And the earth shall melt away’**

18th February – 17th March, Chapel of Christ the Servant  
*An exhibition in the time of climate change inspired by Psalm 46, by Caroline Meynell and Claire Christie Sadler.*

*The title of the exhibition comes from Psalm 46, and the words resonate as much today as when they were written centuries ago, bringing to mind global warming and climate change.*

*Caroline Meynell and Claire Christie Sadler, two Oxford-based artists, have created a series of paintings and drawings that form their individual response to environmental and spiritual themes suggested by the psalm. Their work is both challenging and contemplative, and incorporates questions of faith.*

## **Lent Course 2025**

Beginning on Tuesday 4th March, 7pm – 8:30pm, St Michael's House

*This year's Lent Course is titled 'Hope in Hard Places'. As our world faces huge challenges, the course invites us to ask, "Where is God in all of this?"*

*Written by the team at Embrace the Middle East, it is our hope that you will find encouragement and strength in stories that span over 3000 years of history - showing us that, no matter how dark the times we live in, God remains with us.*

*We will begin each week at 7pm and end at 8:30pm in the lounge at St Michael's House.*

### **Ash Wednesday Services – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

*We will be having two services to observe Ash Wednesday:*

***Ash Wednesday Eucharist at Coventry Cathedral***

*12 pm*

***Ash Wednesday Evening Eucharist Service at Holy Trinity Church***

*7:30 pm*

### **Visiting Choir Evensong**

*Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March, 4pm*

*All are welcome to join us for this Choral Evensong service with Kimbolton School Chamber Choirs.*

### **Is a lasting and just peace possible in Israel and Palestine?**

*Wednesday 2nd of April, 7pm*

*Occupation, war, extremism, terrorism and fear are all words we hear used to describe what is happening in Israel and Palestine. In such a context it's hard to imagine a future where Israeli Jews and Palestinian Muslims and Christians may live in peace, either together or side by side.*

*Is that a pipe dream or is such a future still possible?*

*Daniel Munayer, director of Musalaha - a reconciliation ministry in Israel and Palestine - and the only Palestinian ever to have addressed the UN Security Council, will explore this question at 7 pm on Wednesday 2nd of April here in the Cathedral. His talk will be followed by a conversation with Dean John and Jamie Eyre, CEO of Embrace the Middle East. Entry is free but you will need to register using the following link. <https://embraceme.org/events/lecture-is-peace-possible-in-israel-palestine> If you need help registering or have any questions, please do speak to Revd Su McClellan.*

## **HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES**

### **Palm Sunday Eucharist**

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April, 10:30am

*Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week when we process to the Cathedral Ruins to remember Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. There we will listen to the Passion Narrative – the account of Jesus' arrest, trial, and death. All are welcome to join our Palm Sunday Eucharist service, with a Palm Sunday Procession.*

### **Compline Services**

14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> April, 8pm

*Join us for a gentle service of prayer and reflection, a wonderful way to end the day in worship of the Lord during Holy Week.*

### **Chrism Eucharist**

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April, 10:30am

*Join us for the Chrism Eucharist to mark Maundy Thursday on this Holy Week.*

### **Maundy Thursday Eucharist**

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April, 7:30pm

*Join us for an evening Eucharist service with foot washing to mark Maundy Thursday. 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.*

### **Good Friday Liturgy**

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April, 9am

*All are welcome to join this service to mark the holy day of Good Friday. Good Friday marks the day that Jesus was rebuked, tortured, and ultimately crucified. Join us for a solemn, reflective service, where we listen to the accounts of Jesus' suffering and death, and spend time worshipping Him for His service and sacrifice for us.*

### **Stations of the Cross**

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2pm 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. In the Cathedral Ruins, you can visually follow the steps Jesus took on His way to the Cross as a way of remembering His sacrifice for us all on this holy day of Good Friday.*

## **Easter Dawn Eucharist Service**

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April, 5:30am

*Join us for this joyous service to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, with the beautiful backdrop of the dawn sky.*

## **Easter Day Eucharist**

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April, 10:30am

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

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **RAF Odiham are celebrating 100 years of aviation this year**

*They see one of their most notable actions as being in 1962 when one of their Belvedere helicopters installed the spire atop of Coventry Cathedral. To commemorate this, they would like to come here and make a short video with someone who watched this happen back in 1962.*

*The date they would like to film this is **Wednesday, 26th March.***

*If you were there to see the spire being installed and want to be interviewed for this video, please let us know as soon as you can!*

*Email [sarah.scouller@coventrycathedral.org.uk](mailto:sarah.scouller@coventrycathedral.org.uk) for more information*

### **Livestreaming information from Canon Mary**

*Canon Mary's consecration was livestreamed on the Canterbury Cathedral YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/@CanterburyCathedralOfficialstreams>*

*You can still watch the video if you missed it.*

*Canon Mary's welcome service at Reading Minster on **2<sup>nd</sup> March at 3pm** is being livestreamed to their YouTube page -*

*<https://www.youtube.com/@readingminster2354/streams> - and people are really welcome to attend in person if they would like to.*

*Canon Mary's installation is at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, on **8<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm**; anyone who wants to attend in person is welcome. We will provide an update on if this service will be livestreamed.*

### **Investors in Hope is Coventry Cathedral's Regular Giving Option**

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*Ask for Mandy or Rachel at the Welcome Desk for a chat Monday-Thursday.*