

# Choral Evensong

## Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025

### The Third Sunday of Lent



*Welcome to this service of Choral Evensong, led by The Reverend Nitano Muller, Canon for Worship and Welcome. The Reverend Su McClellan, Cathedral Associate Minister, will be 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 the Ferial setting by Thomas Tallis (1505-85). Before the service, Amelia Parkin will play 'Idylle melancolique' by Louis Vierne (1870-1937).*

## Introit

O Lord, increase my faith  
Strengthen me  
And confirm me in thy true faith  
Endue me with wisdom  
Charity, chastity and patience  
In all my adversity  
Sweet Jesus, say Amen.

*Words anon 17<sup>th</sup> Century  
Music by Henry Loosemore (c. 1607 – 1670)*

## Psalm 12

1 Help me, Lord, for there is not one godly man left: for the faithful are  
minished from among the children of men.  
2 They talk of vanity every one with his neighbour: they do but flatter  
with their lips and dissemble in their double heart.  
3 The Lord shall root out all deceitful lips: and the tongue that speaketh  
proud things;  
4 Which have said, With our tongue will we prevail: we are they that  
ought to speak, who is lord over us?  
5 Now for the comfortless trouble's sake of the needy: and because of  
the deep sighing of the poor,  
6 I will up, saith the Lord and will help every one from him that swelleth  
against him, and will set him at rest.

7 The words of the Lord are pure words even as the silver, which from the earth is tried, and purified seven times in the fire.

8 Thou shalt keep them, O Lord: thou shalt preserve him from this generation for ever.

9 The ungodly walk on every side: when they are exalted, the children of men are put to rebuke.

## **The First Lesson**

<sup>10</sup> Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. <sup>11</sup> He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. <sup>12</sup> And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. <sup>13</sup> And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; <sup>14</sup> and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. <sup>15</sup> Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' <sup>16</sup> Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' <sup>17</sup> And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'<sup>18</sup> So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. <sup>19</sup> He called that place Bethel.

*Genesis 28:10-19a*

## **The Magnificat**

*Second Service by William Byrd (1540 – 1623)*

## **The Second Lesson**

<sup>35</sup> The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' <sup>39</sup> He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup> He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' <sup>44</sup> Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' <sup>46</sup> Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' <sup>47</sup> When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' <sup>48</sup> Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' <sup>49</sup> Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' <sup>50</sup> Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' <sup>51</sup> And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

*John 1:35-end*

## **The Nunc Dimittis**

*Second Service by William Byrd (1540 – 1623)*

## **The Collect of the Day**

We beseech thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty, to be our defence against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **The Anthem**

Save us, O Lord, waking, guard us sleeping,  
that awake we may watch with Christ,  
and asleep we may rest in peace.

*Words from the Antiphon for the Office of Compline*

*Music by Edward Bairstow (1874 – 1946)*

## **The Hymn**

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.**

**Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render: O help us to see  
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.**

*Words by W. Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)*

*Tune CP 474 St Denio*

*Adapted from a Welsh song set to a hymn in John Roberts Caniadau y Cyssegre  
1839*

## **Lent Meditation**

*Please do stay for our Lent Meditation, performed today by Amelia Parkin.*

*L'Organiste – Offertoire ou Communion by Cesar Franck (1822 – 1890)*

*Te Lucis Ante Terminum by Marcel Dupré (1886 – 1971)*

*Attende Domine by Jeanne Demessieux (1921 – 1968)*

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<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. [luke.fitzgerald@coventrycathedral.org.uk](mailto:luke.fitzgerald@coventrycathedral.org.uk)

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## **COMING SOON**

### **Lent Course 2025**

Every Tuesday in Lent 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.*

## **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 and Easter Services**

Sunday 13th April – Sunday 20th April

*Details of our Holy Week and Easter services can be found on our website:*

<https://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/easter/easter-services>

## **‘Emmaus’: The Way of Faith**

Tuesday 29th April, 7pm

*Are you new to the Cathedral community? Do you have questions about faith, the church or what we believe? You are invited to a post-Easter course for those new or interested in exploring the Christian faith which will begin on Tuesday, 29 April at 7pm, St Michael's House with a bring-and-share meal. Emmaus is a 15 week course that explores topics such as believing in God, the role of prayer and the bible, and the life and ministry of Jesus and other exciting topics. For further information speak to Rob Halligan or Canon Nitano.*

## **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*

### **Mothering Sunday, 30 March**

*All those interested in making posies for Mothering Sunday are invited to come along on Saturday, 29 March at 10am in the John Lang Centre. Further information and a sign-up list is available with Mandy Woltorton and Brenda Stokes.*