

Evening Prayer

Sunday 25th May 2025

The Fifth Sunday after Easter



Welcome to this service of Evening Prayer, led by the Reverend Nitano Muller, Canon for Worship and Welcome. Donald Parr, Cathedral Lay Reader, will be preaching. The organist is John Wilderspin.

Psalm 126

1. When the Lord turned again the captivity of Sion ♦
then were we like unto them that dream.
2. **Then was our mouth filled with laughter ♦
and our tongue with joy.**
3. Then said they among the heathen ♦
The Lord hath done great things for them.
4. **Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us already ♦
whereof we rejoice.**
5. Turn our captivity, O Lord ♦
as the rivers in the south.
6. **They that sow in tears ♦
shall reap in joy.**
7. He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth good seed ♦
shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.

Psalm 127

1. **Except the Lord build the house ♦
their labour is but lost that build it.**
2. Except the Lord keep the city ♦
the watchman waketh but in vain.
3. **It is but lost labour that ye haste to rise up early, and so late
take rest, and eat the bread of carefulness ♦**
for so he giveth his beloved sleep.
4. Lo, children and the fruit of the womb ♦
are an heritage and gift that cometh of the Lord.
5. **Like as the arrows in the hand of the giant ♦
even so are the young children.**

6. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them ♦
they shall not be ashamed when they speak with their enemies in the gate.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. ♦
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.**

The First Lesson

²⁶ Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' ²⁷ So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' ²⁹ God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Genesis 1:26-end

The Second Lesson

¹ After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to

Galilee; there you will see him.” This is my message for you.’ ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, ‘Greetings!’ And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.’ ¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’

Matthew 28:10,16-end

The Collects

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.**

O God, by whose providence we celebrate again the consecration of this cathedral church: Send down upon us, we beseech thee, thy heavenly blessing; and, because holiness becometh thine house forever, make us living temples, holy and acceptable unto thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Hymn

**Lord, thy word abideth,
and our footsteps guideth;
who its truth believeth
light and joy receiveth.**

**When our foes are near us,
then thy word doth cheer us,
word of consolation,
message of salvation.**

**When the storms are o'er us,
and dark clouds before us,
then its light directeth,
and our way protecteth.**

**Who can tell the pleasure,
who recount the treasure,
by thy word imparted
to the simple-hearted?**

**Word of mercy, giving
succour to the living;
word of life, supplying
comfort to the dying.**

**O that we discerning
its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear thee,
evermore be near thee.**

Words by H.W. Baker (1821-1888)

Tune CP 515 Ravenshaw W.H. Monk (1823-1889)

Voluntary

Please do stay for the voluntary, performed today by John Wilderspin.

*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*

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We are committed to the safeguarding of all people. For details, please visit www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/about-us/safeguarding

You can report a concern using the same link or by contacting Jane Williams, Cathedral Safeguarding Officer at 024 7650 2349 or via email: JaneMLWill@aol.com.

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

JOINING OUR CHOIRS

Do you know a child who loves to sing? Boys and girls between the ages of 7 and 10 are welcome to audition for the Cathedral Boys' and Girls' Choirs. They sing an average of four times per week during term time in recordings, services and concerts. Children receive a world-class music education completely free and even receive scholarship payments. Please get in touch with the Director of Music to learn more:

rachel.mahon@coventrycathedral.org.uk

COMING SOON

Summer Organ Recital Series

19th May, 12:30pm

Our 2025 summer organ recital series continues on the 26th May with a recital from David Rice.

J. S. Bach Prelude and Fugue in G major, BWV 541

M. Duruflé Prélude, Adagio et Choral varié sur le thème du 'Veni Creator', Op 4

Details of the rest of the series can be found here:

<https://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/worship-music/the-organ/organ-recitals>

FAMILY FUN - MAY HALF TERM!

Quiet Openings - Let's Play & Chill

Tuesday 27th May

9am - 10am

This FREE 9am - 10am session is specifically for those families and children who need less bustle and noise, and the space to explore in their own unique ways. We'll have gentle games, calm crafts, and cosy spaces to unwind – perfect for families of all ages and sizes who just want to take it easy. Drop in for a little while or stay for the whole time – whatever suits your pace.

Book your FREE place on our What's On Page.

Family Yoga Drop In Sessions

Wednesday 28th May

11am, 11.40am & 12.20pm

Take a break together as a family and enjoy a calming session of yoga and mindfulness in the beautiful setting of the New Cathedral.

Led by the warm and welcoming Rossana, this gentle session is designed for children of Primary school age, but feel free to bring all your family if they want to join in – with simple movements, breathing exercises, and time to relax as a family.

No experience needed – just come as you are and enjoy a peaceful moment together.

Book your FREE place on our What's On Page.

Let's Play!

Thursday 29th May

10.30am - 12noon

Let's play together this half term in the New Cathedral!
We'll have lots of indoor games and crafts suitable for Families of all ages
and sizes.

Come and stay for the morning, or just drop by during your half term
plans!

FREE for all. If you have any questions get in contact
with events@coventrycathedral.org.uk

Let's Watch & Make: Cars

Saturday 31st May

10am - 12noon

Join us for a fun-filled family morning as we celebrate the world
of *Cars* with creative crafts and a cosy film screening. With themed
activities this is the perfect pit stop for families of all ages.

10:00am – *Cars* Crafts

10:30am – Film Screening

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Be a Chorister for a Day

Saturday 5 July

1.00-4.30pm

Parents and boys are welcome to sign up for this taster day. See what
being a chorister is all about - try on a robe, practise some singing, have
a tour of the cathedral, meet some of the choristers and even sing a mini
service at the end of the day. There will be a tour and information
session for parents at the same time. Sign up at the link below:

<https://tinyurl.com/Be-a-Chorister>

COMMUNITY NEWS

‘Emmaus’: The Way of Faith

Every Tuesday, St Michael’s House at 7pm

Are you new to the Cathedral community? Do you have questions about faith, the church or what we believe? You are invited to join us for an evening of discussion and reflection with other Christians who are exploring faith. Speak to Rob Halligan or Canon Nitano for more information.

Parking on Sunday Mornings

Parking by the Chapel of Unity is reserved for those with accessibility requirements. It has become very crowded of late, and those who need the space cannot always use it. And please never park on the grass.

Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll is a register of everyone that considers a particular church their chosen place of worship. The Roll is updated every year in advance of the Annual General Meeting taking place on Sunday 8 June 2025, but every 6 years it has to be completely refreshed, and this year is the 6th year. If you consider the Cathedral to be your place of worship and you have been attending for more than 6 months then you are able to join the Electoral Roll. Please ask the stewards or churchwardens for the form and return to them upon completion.

Ascension Day Liturgy

Thursday, 29th May 2025 at 12pm

Please join us as we celebrate the day of Our Lord’s Ascension into Heaven with a Eucharist including the Litany of Reconciliation, hymns, a sermon and organ music.

All are welcome!

Service of Welcome and Installation for Bishop Sophie Jelley

Saturday, 7 June 2025 at 2pm

Please join us to welcome Bishop Sophie and her family as the Tenth Bishop of Coventry by booking your seat at this historic service via the following Eventbrite link:

<https://tinyurl.com/39r2wj2u>

Alternatively, visit the Cathedral website or add your name to the sign-up list on the community table.