

# Choral Evensong

## Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025

### The Sunday after Ascension Day



*Welcome to this service of Choral Evensong, led by the Reverend Su McClellan, Cathedral Associate Minister. The Reverend Canon Nitano Muller will be preaching. Our visiting choir is the University of Warwick Chamber Choir, directed by Ben Nicoll. The organist is Colin Lopus. The Responses are by Humphrey Clucas (b. 1941).*

## **Psalm 68.1-13,18-19**

1. Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered ♦  
let them also that hate him flee before him.
2. Like as the smoke vanisheth, so shalt thou drive them away ♦  
and like as wax melteth at the fire, so let the ungodly perish at the  
presence of God.
3. But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God ♦  
let them also be merry and joyful.
4. O sing unto God, and sing praises unto his Name ♦  
magnify him that rideth upon the heavens, as it were upon an horse;  
praise him in his Name JAH, and rejoice before him.
5. He is a father of the fatherless, and defendeth the cause of the widows ♦  
even God in his holy habitation.
6. He is the God that maketh men to be of one mind in an house, and  
bringeth the prisoners out of captivity ♦  
but letteth the runagates continue in scarceness.
7. O God, when thou wentest forth before the people ♦  
when thou wentest through the wilderness;
8. The earth shook, and the heavens dropped at the presence of God ♦  
even as Sinai also was moved at the presence of God, who is the God of  
Israel.
9. Thou, O God, sentest a gracious rain upon thine inheritance ♦  
and refreshedst it when it was weary.
10. Thy congregation shall dwell therein ♦  
for thou, O God, hast of thy goodness prepared for the poor.

11. The Lord gave the word ♦

great was the company of the preachers.

12. Kings with their armies did flee, and were discomfited ♦

and they of the household divided the spoil.

13. Though ye have lien among the pots, yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove ♦

that is covered with silver wings, and her feathers like gold.

18. Thou art gone up on high, thou hast led captivity captive, and received gifts for men ♦ yea, even for thine enemies, that the Lord God might dwell among them.

19. Praised be the Lord daily ♦

even the God who helpeth us, and poureth his benefits upon us.

## The First Lesson

But now hear, O Jacob my servant,

Israel whom I have chosen!

Thus says the Lord who made you,

who formed you in the womb and will help you:

Do not fear, O Jacob my servant,

Jeshurun whom I have chosen.

For I will pour water on the thirsty land,

and streams on the dry ground;

I will pour my spirit upon your descendants,

and my blessing on your offspring.

They shall spring up like a green tamarisk,

like willows by flowing streams.

This one will say, 'I am the Lord's',

another will be called by the name of Jacob,

yet another will write on the hand, 'The Lord's',

and adopt the name of Israel.

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel

and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:

I am the first and I am the last;

besides me there is no god.

Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,

let them declare and set it forth before me.  
Who has announced from of old the things to come?  
Let them tell us what is yet to be.  
Do not fear, or be afraid;  
have I not told you from of old and declared it?  
You are my witnesses!  
Is there any god besides me?  
There is no other rock; I know not one.

*Isaiah 44.1-8*

## **The Magnificat**

*From Collegium Regale, by Herbert Howells (1892-1983)*

## **The Second Lesson**

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.' (When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

*Ephesians 4.7-16*

## **The Nunc Dimittis**

*From Collegium Regale, by Herbert Howells (1892-1983)*

### **The Collect of the Day**

O God the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven; We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen

### **The Anthem**

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

*"Lighten our darkness"*

*Music by Liz Dilnot Johnson (b.1964)*

### **The Hymn**

**Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own:  
awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless king  
through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Virgin's Son,  
the God incarnate born,  
whose arm those crimson trophies won  
which now his brow adorn:  
Fruit of the mystic Rose,  
as of that rose the Stem;  
the Root whence mercy ever flows,  
the Babe of Bethlehem.**

**Crown him the Lord of love;  
behold his hands and side,  
those wounds yet visible above  
in beauty glorified:  
no angel in the sky  
can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends his burning eye  
at mysteries so bright.**

**Crown him the Lord of peace,  
whose power a sceptre sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
and all be prayer and praise:  
his reign shall know no end,  
and round his pierced feet  
fair flowers of paradise extend  
their fragrance ever sweet.**

**Crown him the Lord of years,  
the Potentate of time,  
Creator of the rolling spheres,  
ineffably sublime:  
all hail, Redeemer, hail!  
for thou hast died for me;  
thy praise shall never, never fail  
throughout eternity.**

*Words by Matthew Bridges (1800-1894)*

*Tune CP 166 Diademata G.J. Elvey (1816-1893)*

## **Voluntary**

*Please do stay for the voluntary, performed today by Colin Lopus.*

*Toccata, by Theodore Dubois (1837–1924)*

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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*

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## **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](mailto:rachel.mahon@coventrycathedral.org.uk)

## **COMING SOON**

### **Summer Organ Recital Series**

2<sup>nd</sup> June, 12:30pm

*Our 2025 summer organ recital series continues on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June with a recital from Peter King.*

*F. Liszt Exelsior!*

*F. Liszt Ave Maria, The Bells of Rome*

*C. Saint-Saëns Fantasia iii in C*

*I. Farrington Voices of the World*

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

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

## **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June**

*Let's Toddle!*

*10am - 11.30am*

Do you have a toddler who is getting up and around? Come to Let's Toddle! Suitable for 18months to 3years. Let them explore the sights of the Cathedral, and enjoy a selection of toys, books and a simple craft activity. 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.

Any Questions can be sent to [events@coventrycathedral.org.uk](mailto:events@coventrycathedral.org.uk)

## **Wednesday 11 June**

***Let's Chill! Baby Sensory***

*10am - 11.30am*

Let your little ones be mesmerized by the shapes and colours of the Cathedral. Baby chill is a chance to hang out with fellow parents and enjoy some Cathedral Zen. There's always tea! Primarily the sessions are for new-borns, up to 18 months but we know childcare can be a faff so if you do have a toddler that needs to come along just let us know and we can be prepared to entertain.

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## **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June**

*Action Rayz Film Screening - Dread Beat an' Blood*

*7pm*

In collaboration with Fire and Dust Poetry, Action Rayz Presents an evening of poetry and spoken word, and 1979 documentary Dread Beat an' Blood (1979) Rating 12. The Film follows dub poet master Linton Kwesi Johnson out of the recording studio onto the Brixton streets.

Please book your Pay As You Feel ticket online.

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### **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June**

*FREE Monthly Coffee Morning*

*10am - 12noon*

Come and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of the Cathedral, with FREE refreshments.

An opportunity to gather, chat with friend's and friend's unknown, to fulfil our core value of Hospitality.

### **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June**

*Cathedral by Night & Free Zine Workshop*

*6pm-8pm*

Unplug and unwind, pop your phones down and technology away, and wander the Cathedral after hours.

This evening will also include a free Zine & poster making Workshop. FREE for all.

### **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June**

*Vivaldi Four Seasons*

*7.30pm-9.30pm*

The exceptional musicians of the Piccadilly Sinfonietta perform Vivaldi's masterpiece The Four Seasons and Beethoven's much loved 'Emperor' piano concerto in the beautiful candlelit setting of Coventry Cathedral.

Featuring leading virtuoso violin soloist Victoria Sayles and renowned concert pianist Warren Mailley-Smith, it's a hugely enjoyable Programme to help you celebrate the weekend in style!

Tickets available on the Cathedral What's On page.

### **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**

### **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, add your name to the sign-up list on the community table.

### **Annual General Meeting**

*Sunday 8 June 2025, in the Sir John Laing Centre*

The Cathedral's Annual General Meeting takes place on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June, commencing at 12pm. A light sandwich lunch will be available.

Copies of the Annual Report are available on the Cathedral's website (Go to the "About Us" tab and then select "Governance and Management").

A limited number of hard copies are available at the back of the nave. Agenda, minutes of last year's meeting and a number of standard reports are available at the back of the nave.

### **Installation of Kate Massey as Canon for Arts & Reconciliation**

*Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 4pm*

Everyone is warmly invited to come along and celebrate the installation of the Reverend Kate Massey, who will be installed as the Cathedral's Canon for Arts & Reconciliation. Please do come and support Kate and her family as they embark on a new journey with us here at the Cathedral.

### **Windrush Service**

*Sunday, 22 June, 3pm*

Join us for a special service reflecting on the theme "Where are we now?" — a moment to honour the legacy of the Windrush Generation, celebrate their enduring contributions, and reflect on the journey of identity, justice, and belonging. Through prayer, music, and storytelling, we come together in remembrance and hope, acknowledging the past while looking forward to a shared future.

## **Ordination of Priests & Deacons**

Sunday, 29 June

10.30 and 4pm

Bishop Sophie will preside at the ordination of priests in the morning, followed by the ordination of deacons in the afternoon. All are warmly invited to join these services as we prayerfully support those being ordained and their families.

## **‘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.*