

Said BCP Evening Prayer

Sunday 27th July 2025

Sixth Sunday after Trinity



Welcome to this service of Evening Prayer according to the Book of Common Prayer, led by the Reverend Kate Massey, Canon for Arts and Reconciliation. The Reverend Su McClellan, Cathedral Associate Minister, will be preaching. The organist is Amelia Parkin. The service begins on page 4 of the purple service booklet.

Psalm 88

- O Lord, God of my salvation, ♦
I have cried day and night before you.
- 2 Let my prayer come into your presence; ♦
incline your ear to my cry.
- 3 For my soul is full of troubles; ♦
my life draws near to the land of death.
- 4 I am counted as one gone down to the Pit; ♦
I am like one that has no strength,
- 5 Lost among the dead, ♦
like the slain who lie in the grave,
- 6 Whom you remember no more, ♦
for they are cut off from your hand.
- 7 You have laid me in the lowest pit, ♦
in a place of darkness in the abyss.
- 8 Your anger lies heavy upon me, ♦
and you have afflicted me with all your waves.
- 9 You have put my friends far from me ♦
and made me to be abhorred by them.
- 10 I am so fast in prison that I cannot get free; ♦
my eyes fail from all my trouble.
- 11 Lord, I have called daily upon you; ♦
I have stretched out my hands to you.

- 12 Do you work wonders for the dead? ♦
Will the shades stand up and praise you?
- 13 Shall your loving-kindness be declared in the grave, ♦
your faithfulness in the land of destruction?
- 14 Shall your wonders be known in the dark ♦
or your righteous deeds in the land where all is forgotten?
- 15 But as for me, O Lord, I will cry to you; ♦
early in the morning my prayer shall come before you.
- 16 Lord, why have you rejected my soul? ♦
Why have you hidden your face from me?
- 17 I have been wretched and at the point of death from my youth; ♦
I suffer your terrors and am no more seen.
- 18 Your wrath sweeps over me; ♦
your horrors are come to destroy me;
- 19 All day long they come about me like water; ♦
they close me in on every side.
- 20 Lover and friend have you put far from me ♦
and hid my companions out of my sight.

The First Lesson

¹ When Jacob learned that there was grain in Egypt, he said to his sons, 'Why do you keep looking at one another? ² I have heard', he said, 'that there is grain in Egypt; go down and buy grain for us there, that we may live and not die.' ³ So ten of Joseph's brothers went down to buy grain in Egypt. ⁴ But Jacob did not send Joseph's brother Benjamin with his brothers, for he feared that harm might come to him. ⁵ Thus the sons of Israel were among the other people who came to buy grain, for the famine had reached the land of Canaan. ⁶ Now Joseph was governor over the land; it was he who sold to all the people of the land. And Joseph's brothers came and bowed themselves before him with their faces to the ground. ⁷ When Joseph saw his brothers, he recognized them, but he treated them like strangers and spoke harshly to them. 'Where do you come from?' he said. They said, 'From the land of Canaan, to buy food.' ⁸ Although Joseph had recognized his brothers, they did not recognize him.

⁹ Joseph also remembered the dreams that he had dreamed about them. He said to them, 'You are spies; you have come to see the nakedness of the land!'

¹⁰ They said to him, 'No, my lord; your servants have come to buy food. ¹¹ We are all sons of one man; we are honest men; your servants have never been spies.'

¹² But he said to them, 'No, you have come to see the nakedness of the land!' ¹³ They said, 'We, your servants, are twelve brothers, the sons of a certain man in the land of Canaan; the youngest, however, is now with our father, and one is no more.' ¹⁴ But Joseph said to them, 'It is just as I have said to you; you are spies! ¹⁵ Here is how you shall be tested: as Pharaoh lives, you shall not leave this place unless your youngest brother comes here! ¹⁶ Let one of you go and bring your brother, while the rest of you remain in prison, in order that your words may be tested, whether there is truth in you; or else, as Pharaoh lives, surely you are spies.' ¹⁷ And he put them all together in prison for three days. ¹⁸ On the third day Joseph said to them, 'Do this and you will live, for I fear God: ¹⁹ if you are honest men, let one of your brothers stay here where you are imprisoned. The rest of you shall go and carry grain for the famine of your households, ²⁰ and bring your youngest brother to me. Thus your words will be verified, and you shall not die.' And they agreed to do so. ²¹ They said to one another, 'Alas, we are paying the penalty for what we did to our brother; we saw his anguish when he pleaded with us, but we would not listen. That is why this anguish has come upon us.' ²² Then Reuben answered them, 'Did I not tell you not to wrong the boy? But you would not listen. So now there comes a reckoning for his blood.' ²³ They did not know that Joseph understood them, since he spoke with them through an interpreter. ²⁴ He turned away from them and wept; then he returned and spoke to them. And he picked out Simeon and had him bound before their eyes. ²⁵ Joseph then gave orders to fill their bags with grain, to return every man's money to his sack, and to give them provisions for their journey. This was done for them.

Genesis 42:1-25

The Magnificat

Found on page 6 of the purple Evensong booklet

The Second Lesson

¹ I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. ⁶ Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷ Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' ⁸ We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹ We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰ And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹ These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹² So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³ No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it. ¹⁴ Therefore, my dear friends, flee from the worship of idols. ¹⁵ I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. ¹⁶ The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? ¹⁷ Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. ¹⁸ Consider the people of Israel; are not those who eat the sacrifices partners in the altar? ¹⁹ What do I imply then? That food sacrificed to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? ²⁰ No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be partners with demons. ²¹ You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. ²² Or are we provoking the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than he? ²³ 'All things are lawful', but not all

things are beneficial. 'All things are lawful', but not all things build up. ²⁴ Do not seek your own advantage, but that of others.

I Corinthians 10:1-24

The Nunc Dimittis

Found on page 7 of the purple Evensong booklet

The Collect of the Day

O God, who hast prepared for them that love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Hymn

**Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world we pray,
that with thy wonted favour thou
wouldst be our guard and keeper now.**

**From all ill dreams defend our eyes,
from nightly fears and fantasies;
tread under foot our ghostly foe,
that no pollution we may know.**

**O Father, that we ask be done,
through Jesus Christ, thine only Son;
who, with the Holy Ghost and thee,
doth live and reign eternally. Amen.**

Words attributed to Saint Ambrose (339-397)

translated by J. M. Neale (1818-1866)

Tune CP 13 Te Lucis Ante Terminum Mode viii

Voluntary

Please do stay for the voluntary, performed today by Amelia Parkin.

Wir glauben all an einen Gott BWV 680 by J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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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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COMMUNITY NEWS

*The Charity Day and sponsored abseil that happened last Saturday was a great success, with the Cathedral and local charities involved raising a collective total of £45,000, as well as raising their profile and making lots of new friends!
Many thanks to all involved for making the day such a great success.*

*Simon Danks,
Chief Operating Officer*

COMING SOON

Proud to be Coventry Cathedral

9th August

This year Coventry Cathedral will be joining in with the Coventry Pride celebrations on Saturday 9th August 2025. The day begins with the Coventry PRIDE 2025 march. At the time of writing, the march route and start time are yet to be confirmed, but we are anticipating it will leave from the city centre in the late morning and so we are planning to gather at the Cathedral at 10.30am. Please watch out for further updates or email Nitano, Kate or Ruth for details nearer the time (see below for email addresses). We will be donning glitter (if you wish!) and carrying a banner which reads "Proud to be Coventry Cathedral". The march ends at Fargo Village, where we will join in with the rest of the day's celebrations, hosting a stall which shares the Cathedral's message of welcome and love. If you would like to join us on the march, fancy cheering on the parade from the Cathedral, are willing a short timeslot to share the message of welcome at Fargo Village, or if you have any questions; again please email
nitano.muller@coventry.anglican.org, kate.massey@coventry.anglican.org or
ruth.lubranolavadera@coventry.anglican.org and we will keep you updated with plans for the day.

Summer Organ Recital Series

Monday 28th July, 12:30pm

Our 2025 summer organ recital series continues with a recital from Imogen Morgan.

F. Mendelssohn Organ Sonata in Bb, op. 65 no. 4

J. Bingham Jacquet's Ghost

L. Vierne Carillon de Longpoint

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

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

Cathedral's Summer Holiday Program

Theme: "All our Feelings"

Bring your little ones to the Cathedral over the summer to explore all we have to offer through games, crafts and fun activities for the family.

Let's Play! Happy and Sad

31st July, 10.30am-12pm

FREE Games, Crafts and Activities

Let's Play! Brave and Afraid

7th August, 10.30am-3pm

Teddy Zipline (£2 A GO, Spectators FREE)

Bring your own Picnic!

Let's Watch and Make!

14th August, 10.30am-12.30pm

"Inside Out" (Please book online)

Let's Play! Excited and Calm

21st August, 10.30am-12pm

FREE yoga & Zumba (Please book online)

Let's Play! Together and Alone

28th August, 10.30am-12pm

FREE Games, Crafts and Activities