

# Choral Evensong

## Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2026

### The Vigil of Saint Peter's Day



Welcome to this service of Choral Evensong, led by The Reverend Su McClellan, Cathedral Associate Minister. The Reverend Gillian Roberts will be preaching. The Cathedral Choir is directed by Joe Watson, Acting Director of Music. The organists are Liam Condon, Assistant Director of Music and Adam Heron, Organ Scholar. The responses are those by Philip Radcliffe (1905-1986).

We encourage our visitors to take photographs of our beautiful cathedral, **but please no photography during the service.**

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## Introit

Oculi omnium in te sperant,  
Domine,  
et tu das escam illorum in  
tempore opportuno.  
Gloria tibi Domine.

The eyes of all wait upon thee,  
O Lord:  
and thou givest them their meat  
in due season.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord.

*from Psalm 104*  
*Music by Charles Wood (1866-1926)*

## Psalm 50

1. The Lord, even the most mighty God, hath spoken ♦  
and called the world,  
from the rising up of the sun unto the going down thereof.
2. Out of Sion hath God appeared ♦  
in perfect beauty.
3. Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence ♦  
there shall go before him a consuming fire,  
and a mighty tempest shall be stirred up round about him.
4. He shall call the heaven from above ♦  
and the earth, that he may judge his people.
5. Gather my saints together unto me ♦  
those that have made a covenant with me with sacrifice.

6. And the heavens shall declare his righteousness ♦  
for God is Judge himself.
7. Hear, O my people, and I will speak ♦  
I myself will testify against thee, O Israel; for I am God, even thy God.
8. I will not reprove thee because of thy sacrifices,  
or for thy burnt-offerings ♦  
because they were not alway before me.
9. I will take no bullock out of thine house ♦  
nor he-goat out of thy folds.
10. For all the beasts of the forest are mine ♦  
and so are the cattle upon a thousand hills.
11. I know all the fowls upon the mountains ♦  
and the wild beasts of the field are in my sight.
12. If I be hungry, I will not tell thee ♦  
for the whole world is mine, and all that is therein.
13. Thinkest thou that I will eat bulls' flesh ♦  
and drink the blood of goats?
14. Offer unto God thanksgiving ♦  
and pay thy vows unto the most Highest.
15. And call upon me in the time of trouble ♦  
so will I hear thee, and thou shalt praise me.
16. But unto the ungodly said God ♦  
Why dost thou preach my laws, and takest my covenant in thy mouth;
17. Whereas thou hatest to be reformed ♦  
and has cast my words behind thee?
18. When thou sawest a thief, thou consentedst unto him ♦  
and hast been partaker with the adulterers.
19. Thou hast let thy mouth speak wickedness ♦  
and with thy tongue thou hast set forth deceit.
20. Thou satest, and spakest against thy brother ♦  
yea, and hast slandered thine own mother's son.

21. These things hast thou done, and I held my tongue,  
and thou thoughtest wickedly, that I am even such a one as thyself ♦  
but I will reprove thee,  
and set before thee the things that thou hast done.

22. O consider this, ye that forget God ♦  
lest I pluck you away, and there be none to deliver you.

23. Whoso offereth me thanks and praise, he honoureth me ♦  
and to him that ordereth his conversation right will I shew the  
salvation of God.

## The First Lesson

<sup>3</sup> Now Samuel had died, and all Israel had mourned for him and buried him in Ramah, his own city. Saul had expelled the mediums and the wizards from the land. <sup>4</sup>The Philistines assembled, and came and encamped at Shunem. Saul gathered all Israel, and they encamped at Gilboa. <sup>5</sup>When Saul saw the army of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart trembled greatly. <sup>6</sup>When Saul inquired of the LORD, the LORD did not answer him, not by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets. <sup>7</sup>Then Saul said to his servants, 'Seek out for me a woman who is a medium, so that I may go to her and inquire of her.' His servants said to him, 'There is a medium at Endor.'

<sup>8</sup> So Saul disguised himself and put on other clothes and went there, he and two men with him. They came to the woman by night. And he said, 'Consult a spirit for me, and bring up for me the one whom I name to you.' <sup>9</sup>The woman said to him, 'Surely you know what Saul has done, how he has cut off the mediums and the wizards from the land. Why then are you laying a snare for my life to bring about my death?' <sup>10</sup>But Saul swore to her by the LORD, 'As the LORD lives, no punishment shall come upon you for this thing.' <sup>11</sup>Then the woman said, 'Whom shall I bring up for you?' He answered, 'Bring up Samuel for me.' <sup>12</sup>When the woman saw Samuel, she cried out with a loud voice; and the woman said to Saul, 'Why have you deceived me? You are Saul!' <sup>13</sup>The king said to her, 'Have no fear; what do you see?' The woman said to Saul, 'I see a divine being\* coming up out of the ground.' <sup>14</sup>He said to her, 'What is his appearance?' She said, 'An old man is coming up; he is wrapped in a robe.' So Saul knew that it was Samuel, and he bowed with his face to the ground, and did obeisance.

<sup>15</sup> Then Samuel said to Saul, ‘Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?’ Saul answered, ‘I am in great distress, for the Philistines are warring against me, and God has turned away from me and answers me no more, either by prophets or by dreams; so I have summoned you to tell me what I should do.’ <sup>16</sup>Samuel said, ‘Why then do you ask me, since the LORD has turned from you and become your enemy?’ <sup>17</sup>The LORD has done to you just as he spoke by me; for the LORD has torn the kingdom out of your hand, and given it to your neighbour David. <sup>18</sup>Because you did not obey the voice of the LORD, and did not carry out his fierce wrath against Amalek, therefore the LORD has done this thing to you today. <sup>19</sup>Moreover, the LORD will give Israel along with you into the hands of the Philistines; and tomorrow you and your sons shall be with me; the LORD will also give the army of Israel into the hands of the Philistines.’

*1 Samuel 28:3-19*

## **The Magnificat**

*The Evening Service in B Minor by Thomas Tertius Noble (1867-1953).*

## **The Second Lesson**

<sup>20</sup> Once Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, and he answered, ‘The kingdom of God is not coming with things that can be observed; <sup>21</sup>nor will they say, “Look, here it is!” or “There it is!” For, in fact, the kingdom of God is among you.’

<sup>22</sup> Then he said to the disciples, ‘The days are coming when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. <sup>23</sup>They will say to you, “Look there!” or “Look here!” Do not go, do not set off in pursuit. <sup>24</sup>For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be in his day. <sup>25</sup>But first he must endure much suffering and be rejected by this generation. <sup>26</sup>Just as it was in the days of Noah, so too it will be in the days of the Son of Man. <sup>27</sup>They were eating and drinking, and marrying and being given in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed all of them. <sup>28</sup>Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot: they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, <sup>29</sup>but on the day that Lot left Sodom, it rained fire and sulphur from heaven and destroyed all of them <sup>30</sup>—it will be like

that on the day that the Son of Man is revealed. <sup>31</sup> On that day, anyone on the housetop who has belongings in the house must not come down to take them away; and likewise anyone in the field must not turn back

*Luke 17:20-End*

## **The Nunc Dimittis**

*The Evening Service in B Minor by Thomas Tertius Noble (1867-1953).*

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

O Almighty God, who by thy Son Jesus Christ didst give to thy Apostle Saint Peter many excellent gifts, and commandedst him earnestly to feed thy flock: Make, we beseech thee, all Bishops and Pastors diligently to preach thy holy Word, and the people obediently to follow the same, that they may receive the crown of everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **The Anthem**

Exultate, justi, in Domino; rectos decet collaudatio.

*Rejoice in the Lord, O ye just; praise befits the upright.*

Confitemini Domino in cithara; in psalterio decem chordarum psallite illi.

*Give praise to the Lord on the harp; sing to him with the psaltery, the instrument of ten strings.*

Cantate ei canticum novum; bene psallite ei in vociferatione.

*Sing to him a new canticle, sing well unto him with a loud noise.*

Exsultate, justi, in Domino; rectos decet collaudatio.

*Rejoice in the Lord, O ye just; praise befits the upright.*

*from Psalm 32:1-3*

*Music by Ludovico Viadana (1560-1627)*

### **The Hymn**

**Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days:  
a world without saints forgets how to praise.  
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,  
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.**

**Some march with events to turn them God's way;  
some need to withdraw, the better to pray;  
some carry the gospel through fire and through flood:  
our world is their parish; their purpose is God.**

**Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,  
who bear someone's cross or shoulder their own;  
they shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares:  
what patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!**

**Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days:  
a world without saints forgets how to praise.  
In loving, in living, they prove it is true –  
the way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.**

*Words by F. Pratt Green (1903-2000)*

*Tune CP 227 Paderborn German folk melody included in Paderborn Gesangbuch  
(1765)*

## **Voluntary**

*Rhapsody No 1 by Herbert Howells (1892–1983)*

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **Embrace the Middle East**

Communities supported by **Embrace the Middle East** in Lebanon are continuing their vital work in the midst of appalling levels of bombardment and the displacement of over 1.2 million people. As crisis builds on crisis, many of their long-standing funding streams, particularly from the United States, are drying up. These trusted local partners are asking simply not to be forgotten. If you are able you are invited to give to **Embrace's Middle East Emergency Appeal, Keeping Hope Alive** helping to provide emergency medical care, food aid, trauma care and mental health support, for those, particularly the children, caught up in the war.

In moments like this, headlines can move quickly - but fear, disruption, and trauma settle deeply and last. Thank you for standing with the Middle East at a time like this. When you give, you are not watching from a distance - you are equipping trusted people on the ground to act with compassion, skill, and urgency. To give visit

<https://embraceme.org/emergency-appeal> or use the QR code here.

Thank you.



### **Cathedral Small Groups**

The St Michael's Committee which represents the congregations of the Cathedral and takes responsibility for developing our shared life met this week. One of the things we discussed was small groups. Small groups have many different names in the Church: fellowship groups, bible study groups, cell groups life groups and (particularly in Coventry Cathedral) foyers! But the thing they have in common is that they are opportunities for members of the congregation to come together in smaller groups! Lots of people find meeting together outside of the main Sunday service is a helpful thing. But different sorts of small groups work for different people. So the St Michael's Committee would like to hear from YOU. Would you be interested in joining a small group of some sort - and what would your IDEAL small group look like?

To help us find out, why not complete this 2-minute anonymous quiz:

<https://forms.gle/piZQL2cM7hSxa3Cd6>

If you might be interested in starting a small group, please let us know!

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Can you help? We are looking for people who might be able to support our dedicated team of choir chaperones. You would be responsible for the safety and pastoral care of our wonderful choristers during rehearsals and services on a rota basis. Could you offer some time in the early evenings on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays, or on a Saturday morning, or before and during our Sunday services? Are you kind and able to work well with children? Are you reliable and willing to work with our policies to keep children safe?

This is an important role and so volunteers will go through our safer recruitment process, have a DBS check and complete training as part of our firm commitment to promoting a safe environment and culture for children, young people and vulnerable adults.

For more information, please speak to Jane Williams or email the Music Department Administrator at [April.Griffiths@Coventry.Anglican.org](mailto:April.Griffiths@Coventry.Anglican.org)

## **COMMUNITY OF THE CROSS OF NAILS**

### **CCN Young Reconcilers Gathering**

*4-7<sup>th</sup> August 2026*

Coventry's story is as relevant today as it's ever been. This summer, we are inviting young people aged 18-25 to come and be excited by its significance in a world in conflict. Together we will reflect on how it can reach into situations large and small and learn with us some key reconciliation skills and practice, alongside different nationalities of young peacebuilders. Our Cathedral and Diocese team will lead them through a full programme of talks and workshops, all within the regular rhythm of the cathedral's prayer and worship.

Earlybird cost (non-residential\*) is £120 per person, to include all meals and refreshments from the Tuesday evening until the Friday afternoon.

Those attending the full gathering until its close on Friday lunchtime will receive a Foundation Certificate in Reconciliation & Peacebuilding from Coventry Cathedral. Please consider this for yourself or share this information with young people you know. If you might be willing to sponsor a place for a young person, please speak to Kate.

## COMING SOON

### South Asian Heritage Celebration

Saturday, 25 July 2026, 12pm-3pm

#### Save the Date

Join us for a joyful celebration of South Asian heritage, culture, faith, and community. The afternoon will include music, dance, poetry, prayer, a keynote address, opportunities to hear personal stories through a panel discussion, and shared food and fellowship. All are warmly invited to come and celebrate the richness and diversity of our communities together. More details to follow.



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