

Choral Evensong

Sunday, 19th July, 2026

The Seventh Sunday after Trinity



*Welcome to this service of Choral Evensong, led by The Reverend Nitano Muller,
Canon for Worship and Welcome. John Lloyd, Cathedral Lay Reader, will be
preaching.*

*Today we welcome Nonsuch Singers, directed by Tom Bullard. The organist is
Richard Pearce.*

The responses are those by Joanna Forbes L'Estrange (1971-).

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

If you would like to access the loop system, please speak to one of the vergers.

Introit

God be in my head and in my understanding.
God be in mine eyes and in my looking.
God be in my mouth and in my speaking.
God be in my heart and in my thinking.
God be at mine end and at my departing.

*Words from the Sarum Primer (1558)
Music by Arnold Pugh (1935-2019)*

Psalm 67

1. God be merciful unto us, and bless us ♦
and shew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us:
2. That thy way may be known upon earth ♦
thy saving health among all nations.
3. Let the people praise thee, O God ♦
yea, let all the people praise thee.
4. O let the nations rejoice and be glad ♦
for thou shalt judge the folk righteously,
and govern the nations upon earth.
5. Let the people praise thee, O God ♦
let all the people praise thee.

6. Then shall the earth bring forth her increase ♦
and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.
7. God shall bless us ♦
and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

The First Lesson

^{2:10} Then David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. ¹¹The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned for seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. ¹²So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

^{3:16} Later, two women who were prostitutes came to the king and stood before him. ¹⁷One woman said, 'Please, my lord, this woman and I live in the same house; and I gave birth while she was in the house. ¹⁸Then on the third day after I gave birth, this woman also gave birth. We were together; there was no one else with us in the house, only the two of us were in the house. ¹⁹Then this woman's son died in the night, because she lay on him. ²⁰She got up in the middle of the night and took my son from beside me while your servant slept. She laid him at her breast, and laid her dead son at my breast. ²¹When I rose in the morning to nurse my son, I saw that he was dead; but when I looked at him closely in the morning, clearly it was not the son I had borne.' ²²But the other woman said, 'No, the living son is mine, and the dead son is yours.' The first said, 'No, the dead son is yours, and the living son is mine.' So they argued before the king.

²³ Then the king said, 'One says, "This is my son that is alive, and your son is dead"; while the other says, "Not so! Your son is dead, and my son is the living one."' ²⁴So the king said, 'Bring me a sword', and they brought a sword before the king. ²⁵The king said, 'Divide the living boy in two; then give half to one, and half to the other.' ²⁶But the woman whose son was alive said to the king—because compassion for her son burned within her—'Please, my lord, give her the living boy; certainly do not kill him!' The other said, 'It shall be neither mine nor yours; divide it.' ²⁷Then the king responded: 'Give the first woman the living boy; do not kill him. She is his mother.' ²⁸All Israel heard of the judgement that the king had rendered; and they stood in awe of the

king, because they perceived that the wisdom of God was in him, to execute justice.

1 Kings 2: 10-12, 3: 16-28

The Magnificat

Second Service by Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)

The Second Lesson

¹ While Peter and John were speaking to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came to them, ²much annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming that in Jesus there is the resurrection of the dead. ³So they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴But many of those who heard the word believed; and they numbered about five thousand.

⁵The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' ¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved." ¹³Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and ordinary men, they were amazed and recognized them as companions of Jesus. ¹⁴When they saw the man who had been cured standing beside them, they had nothing to say in opposition. ¹⁵So they ordered them to leave the council while they discussed the matter with one another. ¹⁶They said, "What will we do with them? For it is obvious to all who live in Jerusalem that a notable sign has been done through them; we cannot deny it. ¹⁷But to

keep it from spreading further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name.”¹⁸ So they called them and ordered them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.¹⁹ But Peter and John answered them, “Whether it is right in God’s sight to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge;²⁰ for we cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard.”²¹ After threatening them again, they let them go, finding no way to punish them because of the people, for all of them praised God for what had happened.²² For the man on whom this sign of healing had been performed was more than forty years old.

Acts 4:1-22

The Nunc Dimittis

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The Collect of the Day

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of thy name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Anthem

Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion
and turneth the shadow of death into the morning.
Alleluia, yea, the darkness shineth as the day,
the night is light about me.

*Words from Amos 5.8 and Psalm 139
Music by Jonathan Dove (b. 1959)*

The Hymn

**Glory to thee, my God, this night
for all the blessings of the light;
keep me, O keep me, King of kings,
beneath thy own almighty wings.**

**Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son,
the ill that I this day have done,
that with the world, myself, and thee,
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.**

**Teach me to live, that I may dread
the grave as little as my bed;
teach me to die, that so I may
rise glorious at the awful day.**

**O may my soul on thee repose,
and may sweet sleep mine eyelids close,
sleep that may me more vigorous make
to serve my God when I awake.**

**When in the night I sleepless lie,
my soul with heavenly thoughts supply;
let no ill dreams disturb my rest,
no powers of darkness me molest.**

**Praise God, from who all blessings flow,
praise him, all creatures here below,
praise him above, angelic host,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Words by Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Tune CP 14 Tallis's Canon Thomas Tallis (c.1505-1585)

Voluntary

Recessional by William Mathias (1934-1992)

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COMMUNITY NEWS

ANNOUNCING THE NEXT DEAN OF COVENTRY

It's been an exciting week as Coventry Cathedral and The Bishop of Coventry, the Right Reverend Sophie Jelley, were pleased to announce the appointment of the Revd Canon Andrew Dodd as the next Dean of Coventry.

Andrew is currently Canon Treasurer at Canterbury Cathedral, where he oversees major building projects across the Cathedral estate and leads its work on environmental sustainability and achieving Net Zero Carbon. He brings extensive experience of leading change, caring for historic buildings and helping churches respond to the opportunities and challenges of the future.

Andrew was ordained in the Diocese of Southwark in 2000. After serving his curacy in New Addington, he became Rector of St Mary's Newington at Elephant and Castle, where he continued his commitment to serving diverse communities before moving to Grimsby.

We are looking forward to welcoming Andrew, who will take on the position of the next Dean of Coventry from the 28th November 2026. We welcomed Andrew to Coventry on Thursday, 16 July and gave him a tour of the Cathedral, the Blitz Museum and Tower Climb as well as venturing out into Coventry city centre. More information on the installation date coming soon!

In the meantime we invite you to pray for Andrew and his family as he prepares to join us in Coventry.

You can also read the full press release at <https://tinyurl.com/38fa4j3j>



Gracious God, we give you thanks for calling Andrew to be Dean of our Cathedral. Grant him wisdom, courage and joy in his ministry among us, and knit us together in your love, that together we may serve Christ faithfully; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

COMMUNITY OF THE CROSS OF NAILS

CCN Young Reconcilers Gathering

4-7th 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

Exploring Mark's Gospel

The first of our Small Groups begins this July with a five-week Bible Study exploring the Gospel of Mark. The group will meet **every Wednesday in July** (starting on 1 July) at 7.00pm in St Michael's House.

Whether you are new to church, new to Christianity, curious about the Bible, or simply looking to deepen your faith, this group offers a welcoming space to read and discuss Scripture together. We will explore practical and life-giving ways of engaging with the Bible and discovering what it has to say to us today.

If you would like to join or would like to know more, please speak to Jacob Highton, co-leader of the group, or email jacobhighton@gmail.com.

South Asian Heritage Celebration

Saturday, 25 July 2026, 12pm-3pm

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.

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*