

Choral Evensong

Sunday, 9th August, 2026

10th Sunday after Trinity



Welcome to this service of Choral Evensong, led by The

Reverend Su McClellan, Cathedral Associate Minister.

Today we welcome the **Willan Singers**, directed by Peter Hopkins.

The organist is Jim Reed.

The responses are those by Richard Lloyd Neary (b. 1946).

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

*Te mane laudum carmine,
Te deprecemur vespere;
Te nostra supplex gloria
Per cuncta laudet saecula.*

*You we praise with song in the morning;
You we implore at evening;
May our humble glory praise you
Through all the ages.*

Music by Giovanni Matteo Asola (c. 1532–1609)

Psalms 86

1. Bow down thine ear, O Lord, and hear me : for I am poor, and in misery.
2. Preserve thou my soul, for I am holy : my God, save thy servant that putteth his trust in thee.
3. Be merciful unto me, O Lord : for I will call daily upon thee.
4. Comfort the soul of thy servant : for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
5. For thou, Lord, art good and gracious : and of great mercy unto all them that call upon thee.
6. Give ear, Lord, unto my prayer : and ponder the voice of my humble desires.
7. In the time of my trouble I will call upon thee : for thou hearest me.
8. Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord : there is not one that can do as thou doest.
9. All nations whom thou hadst made shall come and worship thee, O Lord : and shall glorify thy Name.

10. For thou art great, and doest wondrous things : thou art God alone.
11. Teach me thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in thy truth : O knit my heart unto thee, that I may fear thy Name.
12. I will thank thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart : and will praise thy Name for evermore.
13. For great is thy mercy toward me : and thou hast delivered my soul from the nethermost hell.
14. O God, the proud are risen against me : and the congregations of naughty men have sought after my soul, and have not set thee before their eyes.
15. But thou, O Lord God, art full of compassion and mercy : long-suffering, plenteous in goodness and truth.
16. O turn thee then unto me, and have mercy upon me : give thy strength unto thy servant, and help the son of thine handmaid.
17. Shew some token upon me for good, that they who hate me may see it and be ashamed : because thou, Lord, hast holpen me and comforted me.

The First Lesson

⁴¹Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, all that he did as well as his wisdom, are they not written in the Book of the Acts of Solomon? ⁴²The time that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel was forty years. ⁴³Solomon slept with his ancestors and was buried in the city of his father David; and his son Rehoboam succeeded him.

¹Rehoboam went to Shechem, for all Israel had come to Shechem to make him king. ²When Jeroboam son of Nebat heard of it (for he was still in Egypt, where he had fled from King Solomon), then Jeroboam returned from Egypt. ³And they sent and called him; and Jeroboam and all the assembly of Israel came and said to Rehoboam, ⁴“Your father made our yoke heavy. Now therefore lighten the hard service of your father and his heavy yoke that he placed on us, and we will serve you.” ⁵He said to them, ‘Go away for three days, then come again to me.’ So the people went away.

⁶Then King Rehoboam took counsel with the older men who had attended his father Solomon while he was still alive, saying, ‘How do you advise me to answer this people?’ ⁷They answered him, ‘If you will be a servant to this people today and serve them, and speak good words to them when you answer them, then they will be your servants for ever.’ ⁸But he disregarded the advice that the older men gave him, and consulted the young men who had grown up with him and now attended him. ⁹He said to them, ‘What do you advise that we answer this people who have said to me, “Lighten the yoke that your father put on us”?’ ¹⁰The young men who had grown up with him said to him, ‘Thus you should say to this people who spoke to you, “Your father made our yoke heavy, but you must lighten it for us”; thus you should say to them, “My little finger is thicker than my father's loins. ¹¹Now, whereas my father laid on you a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke. My father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions.” ’

¹²So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam on the third day, as the king had said, ‘Come to me again on the third day.’ ¹³The king answered the people harshly. He disregarded the advice that the older men had given him ¹⁴and spoke to them according to the advice of the young men, ‘My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to your yoke; my father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions.’ ¹⁵So the king did not listen to the people, because it was a turn of affairs brought about by the LORD that he might fulfil his word, which the LORD had spoken by Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam son of Nebat.

¹⁶When all Israel saw that the king would not listen to them, the people answered the king,
‘What share do we have in David?
We have no inheritance in the son of Jesse.
To your tents, O Israel!
Look now to your own house, O David.’
So Israel went away to their tents. ¹⁷But Rehoboam reigned over the Israelites who were living in the towns of Judah.

¹⁸When King Rehoboam sent Adoram, who was taskmaster over the forced labour, all Israel stoned him to death. King Rehoboam then hurriedly mounted his chariot to flee to Jerusalem. ¹⁹So Israel has been in rebellion against the house of David to this day.

²⁰When all Israel heard that Jeroboam had returned, they sent and called him to the assembly and made him king over all Israel. There was no one who followed the house of David, except the tribe of Judah alone.

1 Kings 11: 41-12:20

The Magnificat

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in A by Samuel Arnold (1740–1802)

The Second Lesson

⁸In Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet and had never walked, for he had been crippled from birth. ⁹He listened to Paul as he was speaking. And Paul, looking at him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, ¹⁰said in a loud voice, ‘Stand upright on your feet.’ And the man sprang up and began to walk. ¹¹When the crowds saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, ‘The gods have come down to us in human form!’ ¹²Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. ¹³The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates; he and the crowds wanted to offer sacrifice. ¹⁴When the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting, ¹⁵‘Friends, why are you doing this? We are mortals just like you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them. ¹⁶In past generations he allowed all the nations to follow their own ways; ¹⁷yet he has not left himself without a witness in doing good—giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, and filling you with food and your hearts with joy.’ ¹⁸Even with these words, they scarcely restrained the crowds from offering sacrifice to them.

¹⁹But Jews came there from Antioch and Iconium and won over the crowds. Then they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead. ²⁰But when the disciples surrounded him, he got up and went into the city. The next day he went on with Barnabas to Derbe.

Acts 14: 8-20

The Nunc Dimittis

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in A by Samuel Arnold (1740–1802)

The Collect of the Day

Let thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of thy humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Anthem

From the rising of the sun
unto the going down of the same
my name shall be great among the Gentiles;
and in ev'ry place incense shall be offer'd up unto my name:
for my name shall be great among the heathen,
thus saith the Lord!
from Malachi 1.11

Music by Frederick Arthur Gore Ouseley (1825-1889)

The Hymn

**Jesus, where'er thy people meet,
there they behold thy mercy-seat;
where'er they seek thee thou art found,
and every place is hallowed ground.**

**For thou, within no walls confined,
inhabitest the humble mind;
such ever bring thee when they come,
and, going, take thee to their home.**

**Dear Shepherd of thy chosen few,
thy former mercies here renew;
here to our waiting hearts proclaim
the sweetness of thy saving name.**

**Here may we prove the power of prayer
to strengthen faith and sweeten care,
to teach our faint desires to rise,
and bring all heaven before our eyes.**

**Lord, we are few, but thou art near;
nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear:
O rend the heavens, come quickly down,
and make a thousand hearts thine own!**

*Words by William Cowper (1731-1800)
Tune CP492 Wareham by William Knapp (1698-1768)*

Voluntary

Prelude in E minor, BWV 548 by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

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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*

COMMUNITY NEWS

Wonder: “Simplicity”

Wednesday, 12 August, 7.30pm

Wonder is back this month. Join us at 7.30pm in the New Cathedral to think about the practice of simplicity in our frenetic world...

Young Reconcilers: Thank You

Thank you to everyone who supported our Young Reconcilers both financially and in prayer. We had a wonderful week with 18 young adults drawn from six different countries learning together about reconciliation. It was a deeply encouraging experience for us as a Cathedral team as we saw their passion for peace and justice. It has also helped inform how we continue to share Coventry's message for the future. Huge thanks must go to our CCN Co-ordinator, Alice Farnhill, for organising the gathering, and to our amazing interns for facilitating it so well. We were blessed to have input from Anna Naish, Coventry's Diocese's Lay Learning and Training Lead and Dean Jay Ruka from our CCN partner at Taranaki Cathedral as well as members of our own Cathedral team. Our participants also visited a local Sikh Gurdwara and learned Taiko Drumming. We look forward to seeing what these young reconcilers will do with their enthusiasm and the experiences they have gained.

Let's play this summer: Family events

Come and join us each Thursday during the Summer Holidays to explore different themes through classic children's books!

Thursday 13th August 10 - 1pm: Let's Play & Picnic!

Bring along a picnic to share after a morning of fun!

Thursday 20th August 10 - 2pm, Let's Play: Sport's Day!

Free flowing activities in the Ruins!

Thursday 27th August 10 - 12noon, Let's Play: Be Brave!

Games, crafts and much more, all around the topic of "being brave"