

Choral Evensong

Sunday, 13th September, 2026

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity



Welcome to this service of Choral Evensong, led by the Reverend Su McClellan, Cathedral Associate Minister. Our preacher this evening is the Reverend Nitano Muller, Canon for Worship and Welcome.

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.*

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

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 119:41-48

41. Let thy loving mercy come also unto me, O Lord ♦
even thy salvation, according unto thy word.
42. So shall I make answer unto my blasphemers ♦
for my trust is in thy word.
43. O take not the word of thy truth utterly out of my mouth ♦
for my hope is in thy judgements.
44. So shall I alway keep thy law ♦
yea, for ever and ever.
45. And I will walk at liberty ♦
for I seek thy commandments.
46. I will speak of thy testimonies also, even before kings ♦
and will not be ashamed.

47. And my delight shall be in thy commandments ♦
which I have loved.
48. My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments,
which I have loved ♦
and my study shall be in thy statutes.

The First Lesson

¹ In the seventh year, in the fifth month, on the tenth day of the month, certain elders of Israel came to consult the LORD, and sat down before me. ²And the word of the LORD came to me: ³Mortal, speak to the elders of Israel, and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD: Why are you coming? To consult me? As I live, says the Lord GOD, I will not be consulted by you. ⁴Will you judge them, mortal, will you judge them? Then let them know the abominations of their ancestors, ⁵and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD: On the day when I chose Israel, I swore to the offspring of the house of Jacob—making myself known to them in the land of Egypt—I swore to them, saying, I am the LORD your God. ⁶On that day I swore to them that I would bring them out of the land of Egypt into a land that I had searched out for them, a land flowing with milk and honey, the most glorious of all lands. ⁷And I said to them, Cast away the detestable things your eyes feast on, every one of you, and do not defile yourselves with the idols of Egypt; I am the LORD your God. ⁸But they rebelled against me and would not listen to me; not one of them cast away the detestable things their eyes feasted on, nor did they forsake the idols of Egypt. Then I thought I would pour out my wrath upon them and spend my anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt.

³³ As I live, says the Lord GOD, surely with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and with wrath poured out, I will be king over you. ³⁴I will bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you are scattered, with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and with wrath poured out; ³⁵and I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I will enter into judgement with you face to face. ³⁶As I entered into judgement with your ancestors in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will enter into judgement with you, says the Lord GOD. ³⁷I will make you pass

under the staff, and will bring you within the bond of the covenant. ³⁸I will purge out the rebels among you, and those who transgress against me; I will bring them out of the land where they reside as aliens, but they shall not enter the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the LORD.

³⁹ As for you, O house of Israel, thus says the Lord GOD: Go, serve your idols, every one of you now and hereafter, if you will not listen to me; but my holy name you shall no more profane with your gifts and your idols.

⁴⁰ For on my holy mountain, the mountain height of Israel, says the Lord GOD, there all the house of Israel, all of them, shall serve me in the land; there I will accept them, and there I will require your contributions and the choicest of your gifts, with all your sacred things. ⁴¹ As a pleasing odour I will accept you, when I bring you out from the peoples, and gather you out of the countries where you have been scattered; and I will manifest my holiness among you in the sight of the nations. ⁴² You shall know that I am the LORD, when I bring you into the land of Israel, the country that I swore to give to your ancestors. ⁴³ There you shall remember your ways and all the deeds by which you have polluted yourselves; and you shall loathe yourselves for all the evils that you have committed. ⁴⁴ And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I deal with you for my name's sake, not according to your evil ways or corrupt deeds, O house of Israel, says the Lord GOD.

Ezekiel 20:1-8, 33-44

The Magnificat

Evening Service in E by Herbert Murrill (1909-1952)

The Second Lesson

¹⁷ From Miletus he sent a message to Ephesus, asking the elders of the church to meet him. ¹⁸ When they came to him, he said to them: 'You yourselves know how I lived among you the entire time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹ serving the Lord with all humility and with tears, enduring the trials that came to me through the plots of the Jews. ²⁰ I did not shrink from doing anything helpful, proclaiming the message to you and teaching you publicly and from house to

house,²¹ as I testified to both Jews and Greeks about repentance towards God and faith towards our Lord Jesus.²² And now, as a captive to the Spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there,²³ except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and persecutions are waiting for me.²⁴ But I do not count my life of any value to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the good news of God's grace.

²⁵ 'And now I know that none of you, among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom, will ever see my face again.²⁶ Therefore I declare to you this day that I am not responsible for the blood of any of you,²⁷ for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God.²⁸ Keep watch over yourselves and over all the flock, of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God that he obtained with the blood of his own Son.²⁹ I know that after I have gone, savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock.³⁰ Some even from your own group will come distorting the truth in order to entice the disciples to follow them.³¹ Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to warn everyone with tears.³² And now I commend you to God and to the message of his grace, a message that is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all who are sanctified.³³ I coveted no one's silver or gold or clothing.³⁴ You know for yourselves that I worked with my own hands to support myself and my companions.³⁵ In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." '

³⁶ When he had finished speaking, he knelt down with them all and prayed.³⁷ There was much weeping among them all; they embraced Paul and kissed him,³⁸ grieving especially because of what he had said, that they would not see him again. Then they brought him to the ship.

Acts 20:17-End

The Nunc Dimittis

Evening Service in E by Herbert Murrill (1909-1952)

The Collect of the Day

Keep, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church with thy perpetual mercy; and, because the frailty of man without thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anthem

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise him with the sound of the trumpets.

Praise God in his holy place,
praise him in his mighty heavens.

Praise him for his powerful deeds,
praise his surpassing greatness.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise him with the sound of the trumpets.

O praise him with sound of trumpet,
praise him with lute and harp.

Praise him with timbrel and dance,
praise him with strings and pipes.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise him with the sound of the trumpets.

O praise him with resounding cymbals,
praise him with clashing of cymbals.

Let everything that lives and that breathes
give praise to the Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise him with the sound of the trumpets.

Give praise to the Father Almighty,
to his Son, Jesus Christ the Lord,
to the Spirit who dwells in our hearts,
both now and forever. Amen.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise him with the sound of the trumpets.

Words Psalm 150

Music by Colin Mawby (1936-2019)

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)

The Organ Voluntary

Fanfare by John Cook (1918-1984)

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JOINING OUR CHOIRS

Boys and girls between the ages of 7 and 11 are welcome to audition for our Cathedral Choir. Do you know a child who loves to sing?

There are many benefits to joining the choir – new friends, a free, world-class music education, singing services and at special events in amazing places, choir tours, broadcasts, recordings and social events too. If you or someone you know might be interested in joining the choir, please be in touch with the Acting Director of Music to arrange a meeting. Email: Music.Administrator@CoventryCathedral.org.uk

Our Cathedral Chamber Choir

Our Cathedral Chamber Choir sing voluntarily at various services throughout the year and are currently open for auditions on all voice parts. Rehearsals usually take place on occasional Thursday evenings in the lead up to a service. If you would be interested in joining our Chamber Choir, please get in touch with Liam Condon, Assistant Director of Music, for an audition.

Email: Liam.Condon@coventry.anglican.org

Coventry Cathedral Chorus

The Chorus is one of the Midlands' leading amateur choirs, bringing together around 60 singers to perform a wide range of choral music in and beyond Coventry. Founded shortly after the consecration of Coventry Cathedral in 1963, the Chorus continues a rich tradition of singing in notable venues across the UK and Europe.

Rehearsals take place at the Cathedral on Tuesday evenings, 7.15–9.30pm. New singers are always welcome. To find out more or arrange to attend a rehearsal, visit coventrycathedralchorus.com or

contact the Membership Secretary at membership@coventrycathedralchorus.com. Follow Coventry Cathedral Chorus on Facebook and @CovCathChorus on X.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Children's Work at the Cathedral

We are so excited to begin offering age-appropriate faith activities for our younger worshippers and hope this will make the Cathedral a more welcoming space for families with children. during our 10.30am Sunday service

We are planning to start this group in September and so are beginning to safely recruit our Children's Group volunteers. We are mainly looking for Children's Group Helpers who will support group leaders in welcoming the children and keeping them safe. However, if you have some experience of leading children's groups and have some time and energy to spare, you might want to be a Children's Group Leader and so do speak to Sarah Raistrick or Kate if you wonder which role fits you best. Recruitment packs including role descriptions will be available at the Cathedral on Sunday mornings which will contain all the information you require. These are new roles in the Cathedral and all of the team will need to be safely recruited - even if you have already been safely recruited for another role.

However, if you have done the necessary safeguarding training in the past three years, you will not need to repeat this. All roles require an enhanced DBS with Barring (Children's List).

Do please pray for this new development in the life of our cathedral.

Baptism & Confirmation

Young people and adults who are interested in exploring Baptism and Confirmation are warmly invited to speak to Canon Nitano Muller. The next Confirmation Service will take place at Coventry Cathedral on Sunday 27 September at 4.00pm. Preparation sessions will be held at St Michael's House on *Thursday 17 September and Thursday 24 September, both at 7.00pm.*

If you would like to find out more or register your interest, please contact **Nitano.Muller@Coventry.Anglican.org**.

Bring your own mug!

If you're a regular with us, please consider bringing your own reusable mug for coffee after the service. It's a small way we can care for creation, reduce waste and be good stewards of the resources entrusted to us.

Your mug. Our coffee. A little less waste.

75: Towards a New Cathedral

The Chapel of Christ the Servant

It is 75 years since Basil Spence's winning design for Coventry Cathedral was first revealed to the public, his drawings perhaps first alluding to the establishment of a modern church architecture in Britain. His proposal was one of 219 submitted in competition with other architects, though only 15 entries were effectively published. By contrast the remaining 204 submissions were subjected to ridicule following their exhibition at the King Henry VIII School in Coventry. Now, on the competitions Diamond Jubilee, the 75 exhibition returns to Coventry's unsuccessful entries as part of a wider study on the representation of architectural competitions and the unbuilt in Britain. Prioritising contemporary submission material and mediated debate, this exhibition identifies Coventry's losing proposals as underexplored yet valuable contributions displaying an overlooked diversity of design in Britain's early attempts to define a post-war ecclesiastical architecture.

COMING SOON

WONDER

Wonder is back this Wednesday at 7.30pm when our theme will be *Abundance*. All are welcome as we make meaning in curious and creative ways.

Harvest Fest with the Food Union

Saturday 12th September 12noon- 5pm

Harvest Fest is upon us again. Our FREE all day festival offering a chance for local green initiatives to showcase their previous years hard work and share details on how you can get involved in their amazing programs. There will be a full schedule of amazing live music, family activities, games and workshops.

Food and drink will be on sale from our favourite local outlets including seasonal meals from The Pod, local ales from Slaughterhouse Brewery, and coffee and cake from the Caffeine Project.

Combined Community Bring and Share Lunch

Sunday, 27 September | 12.45pm

The St Michael's Committee are inviting the congregation of the Cathedral, St Clare's and our wonderful choir to join us in a Bring and Share lunch on Sunday 27th September. Could you bring a plate of sandwiches, a salad, some samosas or some cake? Or perhaps even something even more exciting? We will sit at the back of the Nave and share food together as we celebrate the festival of the saint for whom our Cathedral is named!

This will be followed by a service of Confirmation, led by our Bishop at 4pm (*this service will replace Choral Evensong*).

Reconciliation Patronal Service

Tuesday 29 September | 6.45pm

We are delighted to mark our Patronal Festival of St Michael and All Angels with a special service that will be recorded live for BBC Radio 4. We warmly encourage members of our congregation to come and be part of this special occasion.

PLEASE NOTE: Doors open at 6.15pm, and the congregation must be seated by 6.40pm, ready for the service and recording to begin promptly at 6.45pm.

Please note: **no late entry** will be possible once the recording has begun.

The service will subsequently be broadcast on BBC Radio 4 on Sunday 11 October at 8.10am.

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*