# Choral Evensong
# Sunday, 11th October, 2026
# The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

*Welcome to this service of Choral Evensong, led by the Reverend Nitano Muller, Canon for Worship and Welcome. Our preacher this evening is John Lloyd, Cathedral Lay Reader.*

*The Cathedral Choir is directed by Rachel Mahon, Director of Music. The organists are Liam Condon, Assistant Director of Music and Adam Heron, Organ Scholar.*

*The responses are those by Bernard Rose (1916-1996).*

*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

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| Oculi omnium in te sperant, Domine,<br>et tu das escam illorum in tempore opportuno.<br>Gloria tibi Domine. | *The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord:*<br>*and thou givest them their meat in due season.*<br>*Glory be to thee, O Lord.* |

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

## Psalm 139:1-18

1. O Lord, thou hast searched me out and known me ◆
thou knowest my down-sitting and mine up-rising,
thou understandest my thoughts long before.

2. Thou art about my path, and about my bed ◆
and spiest out all my ways.

3. For lo, there is not a word in my tongue ◆
but thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether.

4. Thou hast fashioned me behind and before ◆
and laid thine hand upon me.

5. Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me ◆
I cannot attain unto it.
6. Whither shall I go then from thy Spirit ◆
or whither shall I go then from thy presence?
7. If I climb up into heaven, thou art there ◆
if I go down to hell, thou art there also.
8. If I take the wings of the morning ◆
and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea;
9. Even there also shall thy hand lead me ◆
and thy right hand shall hold me.
10. If I say, Peradventure the darkness shall cover me ◆
then shall my night be turned to day.
11. Yea, the darkness is no darkness with thee,
but the night is as clear as the day ◆
the darkness and light to thee are both alike.
12. For my reins are thine ◆
thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.
13. I will give thanks unto thee,
for I am fearfully and wonderfully made ◆
marvellous are thy works, and that my soul knoweth right well.
14. My bones are not hid from thee ◆
though I be made secretly, and fashioned beneath in the earth.
15. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect ◆
and in thy book were all my members written;
16. Which day by day were fashioned ◆
when as yet there was none of them.
17. How dear are thy counsels unto me, O God ◆
O how great is the sum of them!
18. If I tell them, they are more in number than the sand ◆
when I wake up I am present with thee.

## The First Lesson

[1] My child, do not forget my teaching,
but let your heart keep my commandments;
[2] for length of days and years of life
and abundant welfare they will give you.

[3] Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you;
bind them round your neck,
write them on the tablet of your heart.
[4] So you will find favour and good repute
in the sight of God and of people.

[5] Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
and do not rely on your own insight.
[6] In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.
[7] Do not be wise in your own eyes;
fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.
[8] It will be a healing for your flesh
and a refreshment for your body.

[9] Honour the LORD with your substance
and with the first fruits of all your produce;
[10] then your barns will be filled with plenty,
and your vats will be bursting with wine.

[11] My child, do not despise the LORD's discipline
or be weary of his reproof,
[12] for the LORD reproves the one he loves,
as a father the son in whom he delights.

[13] Happy are those who find wisdom,
and those who get understanding,
[14] for her income is better than silver,
and her revenue better than gold.
[15] She is more precious than jewels,
and nothing you desire can compare with her.

16 Long life is in her right hand;
in her left hand are riches and honour.
17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
and all her paths are peace.
18 She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her;
those who hold her fast are called happy.

*Proverbs 3:1-18*

## The Magnificat

*Magnificat by Hendrik Andriessen (1892 – 1981)*

## The Second Lesson

1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called
children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does
not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God's
children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do
know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see
him as he is. 3 And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just
as he is pure. 4 Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is
lawlessness. 5 You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in
him there is no sin. 6 No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins
has either seen him or known him. 7 Little children, let no one deceive
you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is
righteous. 8 Everyone who commits sin is a child of the devil; for the
devil has been sinning from the beginning. The Son of God was
revealed for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil. 9 Those
who have been born of God do not sin, because God's seed abides in
them; they cannot sin, because they have been born of God. 10 The
children of God and the children of the devil are revealed in this way:
all who do not do what is right are not from God, nor are those who
do not love their brothers and sisters. 11 For this is the message you
have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. 12 We
must not be like Cain who was from the evil one and murdered his
brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were
evil and his brother's righteous. 13 Do not be astonished, brothers and

sisters, that the world hates you. [14]We know that we have passed from death to life because we love one another. Whoever does not love abides in death. [15]All who hate a brother or sister are murderers, and you know that murderers do not have eternal life abiding in them.

*I John 3:1-15*

## The Nunc Dimittis

*Tone 1, Latin*

## The Collect of the Day

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee; Mercifully grant, that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Anthem

Let the people praise thee, O God;
Yea, let all the people praise thee.
O let the nations rejoice and be glad,
For thou shalt judge the folk righteously,
And govern the nations upon earth.
Then shall the earth bring forth her increase,
And God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.
God shall bless us and all the ends of the world shall fear him.
God be merciful unto us, and bless us:
And shew us the light of his countenance,
And be merciful unto us.
That thy way may be known upon earth:
Thy saving health among all nations.
Let the people praise thee, O God;
Yea let all the people praise thee.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now,
And ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*Words Psalm 67*
*Music by William Mathias (1934-1992)*

## The Hymn

**Faithful vigil ended,**
**watching, waiting cease;**
**Master, grant your servant**
**his discharge in peace.**

**All the Spirit promised,**
**all the Father willed,**
**now these eyes behold it**
**perfectly fulfilled.**

**This your great deliverance**
**sets your people free;**
**Christ their light uplifted**
**all the nations see.**

**Christ, your people's glory!**
**Watching, doubting cease:**
**grant to us your servants**
**our discharge in peace.**

*Words by Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024)*
*Tune CP 360* Pastor Pastorum (Gott Ein Vater) *by F. Silcher (1789-1860)*

## The Organ Voluntary

*Fuga sopra il Magnificat, BWV 733 by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

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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 Notices:

### Prayers for Israel-Palestine

This week, Revd Su McClellan and Dean-Designate Andrew Dodd are visiting Israel-Palestine as part of a programme of listening, learning and meeting with people and communities in the region. We invite your prayers for them as they travel: for safe journeys, open hearts and attentive ears, and for all those they meet.

Please also join us in praying for all who live in the land, especially those who long for peace, justice and a future in which all can flourish.

### Stories from South Sudan

Join Christian Aid for a special evening with partners from South Sudan, who will share first-hand stories and insights from their work alongside communities facing conflict, displacement, food insecurity and the impacts of climate change.

Hear from South Sudanese partners, ask questions, and connect with others committed to global justice and building a more just and resilient future. Light refreshments will be provided.

**Thursday 15 October 2026, 7.00–9.30pm**
**Queens Road Baptist Church, Coventry CV1 3EG**

### Thank You to Joe Watson

Joe Watson, our Acting Director of Music, will be leaving us soon. We give thanks for the extraordinary gifts he has shared with us, and for the creativity, musicianship and generosity he has brought to our Music Department and to the wider life of the Cathedral.

Joe's final service with us will be Choral Evensong on Sunday 18 October at 4pm. We hope you will join us as we give thanks for ministry among us and wish him every blessing for what lies ahead.

**Welcome our new Bishop of Warwick and Dean of Coventry**

We look forward to welcoming the Revd Canon Dr. Tim Lomax as the Bishop of Warwick and the Revd Canon Andrew Dodd as next Dean of Coventry at their forthcoming installation services:

**Installation of the Bishop of Warwick**

*(with the installation of Archdeacons)*

Saturday, 14th November at 3.30pm

**Installation of the Dean of Coventry**

Saturday, 28th November at 2pm

If you would like to attend either service, please sign up using the **Eventbrite link** shared with via congregational email, or add your name to the list with the Churchwardens. This will help us plan seating and hospitality.

Come and be part of these important moments in the life of our Cathedral and Diocese!

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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)*

**Sunday**

10:30 – 11:45am: *The Cathedral Eucharist*

4 – 5pm: *Choral Evensong*