



The Cathedral Eucharist

Feast of St Clare of Assisi

9th August 2026, 10.30

Welcome to Coventry Cathedral

A very warm welcome to Coventry Cathedral as we gather for this Sung Eucharist marking the Feast of **Saint Clare of Assisi**.

Today we give thanks for the community of St Clare's, a worshipping community rooted here at the Cathedral and led by the Revd Dr. Naomi, President, and the Revd Charlotte Gale, preacher, and both Associates Ministers at the Cathedral. Since its founding, St Clare's has embodied a vision of Christian life that resonates deeply with our own calling as a Cathedral: to be a community that is simple in spirit, generous in love, open in welcome, and committed to the practice of radical hospitality. St Clare's has become an important and cherished part of the Cathedral's common life, reminding us that the Gospel is proclaimed not only in words but in the way we receive one another, make space for those on the margins, and build communities where all can belong and flourish.

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

The organist is Jim Reed.

The service setting is *Missa Brevis in C* by Antonio Salieri (1750–1825). 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.

Whether you are a regular member of our congregations, part of the St Clare's community, or visiting us today, you are warmly welcomed.

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The Gathering

Before the service begins, the congregation is welcomed by The Reverend Canon Nitano Muller, Canon for Worship and Welcome.

Hymn

The Peace Bell is rung and we STAND to sing

**All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam:**

**O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him, alleluia.**

**Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice:**

**Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Thou fire so masterful and bright,
that givest us both warmth and light:**

**Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise him, alleluia.
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
let them his glory also show:**

**All you who are of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye alleluia.
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and on him cast your care:**

**And thou, most kind and gentle death,
waiting to hush our latest breath,
O praise him, alleluia.
Thou leadest home the child of God,
and Christ our Lord the way hath trod:**

**Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness;
O praise him, alleluia.
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:**

Words by W.H. Draper (1855-1933)

Based on St Francis of Assisi's Canticle of the Sun

Tune CP 250 Easter Song arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

The Greeting

The president says,

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayers of Penitence

We REMAIN STANDING. The deacon says,

God shows his love for us in that, while we were still sinners,
Christ died for us. Let us then show our love for him by
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

After a short pause, they lead everyone in saying either:

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

The president says,

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy on you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

We remain STANDING. The choir sings the Gloria.

Gloria in excelsis Deo et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te, gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam. Domine Deus rex cœlestis Deus Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite Jesu Christe. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi miserere nobis. Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus sanctus, tu solus Dominus, tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe cum Sancto Spiritu in gloria Dei Patris.
Amen.

*Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we
give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the
sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the
sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right
hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art
most high in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.*

The Collect

The president introduces the Collect for the day.

Almighty Father,
you have built up your Church
through the love and devotion of your saints:
inspire us to follow the example of *Clare*,
whom we commemorate today,
that we in our generation may rejoice with her
in the vision of your glory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

We SIT for the first reading.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading

Read by Louise Newland, representing the St Clare's community.

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

⁶Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the LORD shall be your rearguard.

⁹Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.
If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹The LORD will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.

¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

Isaiah 58:6-12

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation

We *STAND* and *TURN* to face the Gospel procession as it passes us.

The Choir sings the Alleluias once, and then we repeat them.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.



The choir sings the acclamation,

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Matthew 5.8

and then we repeat the Alleluias.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Gospel

The deacon says,

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. ⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

Matthew 14:13-21

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

A short organ improvisation may follow.

The Sermon

After a prayer of introduction from the preacher, we SIT for the sermon.

After the sermon, silence is kept for reflection.

The Nicene Creed

We STAND. The president leads us in saying:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

The president introduces the intercessions:

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father.

We SIT. One of the following responses may be used; either:

Lord, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

At the end the president says,

Merciful Father
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

We STAND. The president says,

May the God of peace sanctify you:
may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness
that you may be blameless before him
at the coming of our Lord Jesus with his saints.

1 Thessalonians 5.23; 3.13

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

The deacon says,

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We share the Peace with those around us.

The Offertory Hymn

We remain STANDING for the hymn, during which the gifts of the people are presented.

**Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.**

Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine:
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart: it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Words by Frances R. Havergal (1836-1879)

Tune CP 581ii Nottingham Wenzel Müller (1747-1835)

The Prayer of Preparation at the Table

The president says,

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The president says,

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

The president praises God for his mighty acts.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

We rejoice in the glorious splendour of your majesty
for you have given us a share with N
in the inheritance of the saints in light.

In the darkness of this passing age
they proclaim the glory of your kingdom.

Chosen as lights in the world,
they surround our steps as we journey on
towards the city of eternal light
where they sing the everlasting song of triumph.

In communion with angels and archangels
and all who have served you on earth
and worship you now in heaven,
we raise our voices to proclaim your glory,
for ever praising you and saying:

The choir sings the Sanctus and Benedictus.

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.
On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

The deacon says either:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus
**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with [*N and*] all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Silence is kept.

The Lord's Prayer

*We SIT. Please feel free to say the Lord's Prayer in any language or version
you feel comfortable with.*

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:
**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread, saying,

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

The Invitation to Communion

The president says,

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink
in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

Agnus Dei

The Choir sings the Agnus Dei.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy
on us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy
peace.*

The Giving of Communion

The ministers and the people receive Communion. During the distribution, motets, anthems or hymns may be sung.

Anthem

Adoremus in aeternum sanctissimum Sacramentum.

Laudate Dominum omnes gentes: laudate eum omnes populi.

Quoniam confirmata est super nos misericordia ejus: et veritas Domini manet in aeternum.

Gloria Patri et Filio: et Spiritui Sancto;

Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper: et in saecula saeculorum.

Amen.

Let us adore for ever the most holy Sacrament.

O praise the Lord, all ye heathen : praise him, all ye nations.

For his merciful kindness is ever more and more towards us : and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end.

Amen.

Words from Psalm 117 (116)

Composed by Antonio Lotti (1667–1740)

Communion Hymn

**Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast,
body of Christ, be thou my saving guest,
blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,
wash me with water flowing from thy side.**

**Strength and protection may thy Passion be,
O blessed Jesu, hear and answer me;
deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,
so shall I never, never part from thee.**

**Guard and defend me from the foe malign,
in death's dread moments make me only thine;
call me and bid me come to thee on high
where I may praise thee with thy saints for ay.**

*Words from 14th century Latin, attributed to Pope John XXII,
Tune CP 322 Anima Christi William Maher (1823-1877)*

The Prayers after Communion

The president prays alone, saying:

Faithful God,
who called *Clare* to serve you
and gave her joy in walking the path of holiness:
by this eucharist,
in which you renew within us the vision of your glory,
strengthen us all to follow the way of perfection
until we come to see you face to face;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The president offers a prayer and leads us in saying either:

**God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Blessing

We STAND. The president says,

God give you grace to follow his saints
in faith and truth and gentleness;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Hymn

*We remain **STANDING** to sing the closing hymn, turning to face the cross as it passes us.*

**The kingdom of God is justice and joy,
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy;
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.**

**The kingdom of God is mercy and grace,
the captives are freed, the sinners find place,
the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share,
and hope is awakened in place of despair.**

**The kingdom of God is challenge and choice,
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,
our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.**

**God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole;
the heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,
and all things cry 'Glory!' to God all in all.**

Words by Bryn Rees (1911-1983)

Tune CP 591 Hanover A Supplement to the New Version (1708)

The Dismissal

The deacon says,

**Go in peace to share the reconciling love of God.
In the name of Christ.
Amen.**

The Voluntary

Alla Marcia – Andrew Fletcher (b. 1950)

We invite those joining us for worship to contribute to the costs of mission at the Cathedral. Please use the cash or contactless donation points, or the QR code here. This will take you to the Cathedral's page for the Parish giving Scheme which will enable you to make a one-off donation, or set up a regular gift should you wish. Thank you so much for your support and generosity.



*If you would like to revisit this morning's sermon, please visit this page:
<https://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/worship-music/services/sermons>*

We serve refreshments at the back of the Nave after this service, please do join us and if you are visiting, please introduce yourself to one of the ministers.

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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"

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*