

The Cathedral Eucharist Sunday, 16th August, 2026

The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity



The President today is the Reverend Canon Kate Massey, Acting Dean. The Deacon is Margaret East, Cathedral Lay Reader. The Subdeacon is the Reverend Gillian Roberts, who is also preaching.

Today we welcome the choir of Saint Stephen's Church, Canterbury, directed by Stephen Barker.

*The service setting is The Canterbury Service by Stephen Barker (1977 -). 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.

Opening Hymn

**All hail the power of Jesus' name!
let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem
and crown him Lord of all.**

**Crown him, ye morning stars of light,
who fixed this floating ball;
now hail the Strength of Israel's might,
and crown him Lord of all.**

**Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,
who from his altar call;
extol the Stem-of-Jesse's Rod,
and crown him Lord of all.**

**Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
ye ransomed of the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all.**

**Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all.**

**Let every tribe and every tongue
before him prostrate fall.
and shout in universal song
the crowned Lord of all.**

Words by E. Perronet (c.1726-1792)

Tune CP 163 Miles Lane William Shrubsole (1760-1806)

The Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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.

The First Reading

Read by Anjela Shah, Cathedral Churchwarden.

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

¹ Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant—

⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;

for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

⁸ Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Isaiah 56:1,6-8

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation

We say together;

**Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom
and cured all kinds of sickness among the people.**

Cf. Matthew 4:23

The Gospel Reading

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' ²⁴He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' ²⁶He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' ²⁷She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

Matthew 15:21-28

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Offertory Hymn

**At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him King of glory now:
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.**

**Humbled for a season, to receive a name
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious, when from death he passed.**

**Bore it up triumphant with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures, to the central height,
to the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast;
filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.**

**Name him, Christians, name him, with love strong as death,
but with awe and wonder and with bated breath:
he is God the Saviour, he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshipped, trusted, and adored.**

**In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue
all that is not holy, all that is not true:
crown him as your Captain in temptation's hour;
let his will enfold you in its light and power.**

**Surely, this Lord Jesus shall return again,
with his Father's glory, with his angel train;
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.**

*Words by Caroline M. Noel (1817-1877)
Tune CP 380 Evelyns W.H. Monk (1823-1889)*

Anthem

My spirit longs for thee
Within my troubled breast,
Though I unworthy be
Of so divine a guest.

Of so divine a guest
Unworthy though I be,
Yet has my heart no rest
Unless it come from thee.

Unless it come from thee,
In vain I look around;
In all that I can see
No rest is to be found.

No rest is to be found
But in thy blessed love:
O let my wish be crowned,
And send it from above!

Words by John Byrom (1691-1763)
Music by Christopher Gower (1939 -)

Communion Hymn

**Just as I am, without one plea
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidst me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, (thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down),
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, of that free love
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.**

*Words by Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871)
Tune CP 308i Saffron Walden A.H. Brown (1830-1926)*

Post Communion

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

**Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it,
for by his power each tree and flower was planned and made.
Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it;
sun, moon and stars in heaven cry: Jesus is Lord!**

***Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
praise him with Halleluias, for Jesus is Lord!***

**Jesus is Lord! Yet from his throne eternal
in flesh he came to die in pain on Calvary's tree.
Jesus is Lord! From him all life proceeding,
yet gave his life a ransom, thus setting us free:**

Jesus is Lord ...

**Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty conqueror,
from death he rose; and all his foes shall own his name.
Jesus is Lord! God sends his Holy Spirit
to show by works of power that Jesus is Lord:**

Jesus is Lord ...

*Words by David Mansell (1936 -)
Tune CP 170 JESUS IS LORD by David Mansell (1936 -)*

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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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, choir pay, 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

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 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"

Meg Bowen

It is with sadness that we share the news of the passing of Meg Bowen, a longstanding member of the Cathedral congregation.

For many years Meg sang in St Michael's Singers (Coventry Cathedral Chorus) and as part of her ministry she also served as a Cathedral Churchwarden. The Cathedral Music Department will continue to benefit from the endowment fund set up in memory of her father. She was a keen Patron of the Cathedral's work in Romania organised through the charity SHARE. She often talked about her visit to Romania with a group from the congregation to present a Cross of Nails to the Romanian Charity – Ascensuim in 1996. Meg always had an interest in plants and gardening. She spent time quietly caring for the Cathedral flower beds, and in the summer months her enthusiasm fostered several colourful beds of the Coventry Cathedral Rose. Last December Meg moved down to Kent to be close to her family, and she died quietly on the 11th August 2026, just a few days before her 97th birthday.

Thanks to Jane Williams for writing this beautiful tribute.

CATHEDRAL PRAYER LIST

At the Cathedral, it is our privilege to pray for those who are unwell or going through a difficult time. Every Sunday, we remember together around 8-10 people who are part of the congregation who have requested our prayers. On weekdays, we pray for about 25 more. Every so often it is good to refresh the list. There may well be people who are no longer in need of our prayers. There may even be people that have forgotten they were ever on the prayer list! So if you or someone you know has been added to the prayer list at some point in the last year, could you confirm that you would like us to keep praying for that situation? If the need for particular prayer has passed, let us know - people can always be added again if needs be. And if you know of someone who would benefit from our prayers, again please let us know. You can email any information to kate.massey@coventry.anglican.org

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*

August

3RD AUGUST - JONATHAN CLINCH
(ROYAL ACADEMY OF MUSIC)

*Awakening**, *Toccata of Light**, *Meditation on the Autumn Equinox*, *Winter Solstice**, *Spring Equinox**, *Summer Solstice**,
from *The Reckoning of Time* - Saxton (*World Premiere Performance)

Drummers of Provence in the Place Des Vieux Salins, *Sunlit Clouds on Cap Nègre*
from *Wanderings in Provence* - Reuchsel

10TH AUGUST - KATHE WRIGHT KAUFMAN (TRINITY CATHEDRAL IN COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA)
Rhapsody in C-sharp minor Op. 17, No. 3 - Howells
Lacrimae - Carter

Variations on 'Jesu dulcis memoria' - French
'Allelu' from *Symphonie VI* Op. 42, No. 2 - Widor

17TH AUGUST - MELODIE MICHEL (FREELANCE)
Prelude in E minor (Grieg) - Brulhus
'Allelu' from *5th Trio Sonata BWV 529* - J.S. Bach
Variations sérieuses - Mendelssohn

24TH AUGUST - VICTORIA LILRIKSEN (FREELANCE)
Ride of the Valkyries from *Die Walküre* WWV 86B - Wagner, arr. Lemaire

Concerto for 4 Harpsichords in A Minor, after A. Vivaldi
BWV 1065 - J.S. Bach, arr. Schneiding
Requiem-Knut - Grieg, arr. Nordstoga
'Toccata from Suite Op. 5 - Durufle

31ST AUGUST - LIAM CONDON (COVENTRY CATHEDRAL)
Symphonie VI Op. 42, No. 2 - Widor

Get full information on all our Lunchtime Organ Recitals for 2026 by scanning the QR code below or visiting our website.



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September

7TH SEPTEMBER - KETH HEARNSHAW (FREELANCE)
Zadok the Priest - Handel, arr. Best

A Fanny - Stanley
Grand Choeur Dialogue - Gigout
Nimrod - Elgar, arr. Harris
'Finale' from Symphonie I Op.14 - Vieme

14TH SEPTEMBER - HUGH ROWLANDS (NEW COLLEGE, OXFORD)
Fantasy and Fugue on 'Ad Nos, ad salutem undam' - Liszt

21ST SEPTEMBER - OLIVER HANCOCK (ST MARY'S CHURCH, WARWICK)
Piaceate Christe servilis - Dupré
Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr BWV 662 - J.S. Bach
Psalm Prelude No.1, Set 2 *De profundis* - Howells
Variations sur 'Amazing Grace' - Bédard

28TH SEPTEMBER - RACHEL MAHON (COVENTRY CATHEDRAL)
Fantasia in A minor - Byrd
Herr Gott, nun schlauss den Himmel auf BWV 617 - J.S. Bach
Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr BWV 663 - J.S. Bach
Introduction and Passacaglia on a Theme by Raymond Daveluy Op. 44 - Laurin

4TH JUL Y 6:30pm

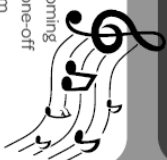
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Singers from across the region are coming together at Coventry Cathedral for a one-off performance of Mozart's Requiem

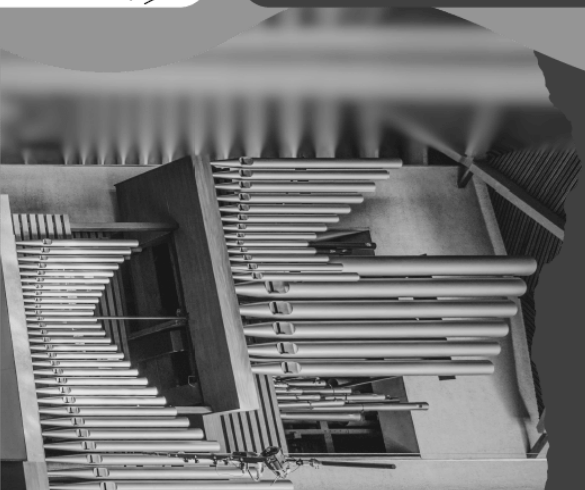
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Free Monday Lunchtime Organ Recitals 2026



*Mondays, 12:30pm - 1pm
May - September*