

The Cathedral Eucharist
Sunday, 6th September, 2026
The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity



The President today is the Reverend Canon Kate Massey, Canon for Arts and Reconciliation and Acting Dean. The Deacon is The Reverend Gillian Roberts.

The Subdeacon is the Reverend Canon Nitano Muller, Canon for worship and Welcome, who is also preaching.

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 service setting today is Missa Brevis by Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901).

*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

**O for a thousand tongues to sing
my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!**

**Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.**

**He speaks; and, listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive,
the mournful broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.**

**Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Saviour come;
and leap, ye lame, for joy!**

**My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim
and spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of thy name.**

Words by Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Tune CP 424 Richmond melody by Thomas Haweis (1734-1820)

The Collect

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your
presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in
spirit and in truth; 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 Gaurav Shah, representing the Phoenix Club.

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; ¹³ let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Romans 13:8-End

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself,
and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:19

The Gospel Reading

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴ From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' ²⁸But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' ²⁹Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

Mark 7:24-End

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Offertory Hymn

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast':
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live':
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright':
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till travelling days are done.**

*Words by Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)
Tune CP 469 Kingsfold from English Country Songs 1893
harmonised by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

Anthem

Ave verum corpus, natum
ex Maria Virgine,
vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine.
Cuius latus perforatum
vero fluxit sanguine;
esto nobis praegustatum,
in mortis examine.

O clemens, O pie,
O dulcis Jesu, Fili Mariae.

*Hail, true Body, born
of the Virgin Mary,
truly suffered, sacrificed
on the cross for mankind,
from whose pierced side
flowed water and blood:
Be for us a foretaste of the Heavenly banquet
in the trial of death!*

*O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus,
O Jesus, son of Mary.*

*Words attributed to Pope Innocent VI
Music by Sir Edward Elgar (1857-1934)*

Communion Hymn

**O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray
that all thy Church might be for ever one,
grant us at every Eucharist to say
with longing heart and soul, 'Thy will be done:'
O may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.**

**For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;
make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;
draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
by drawing all to thee, O Prince of peace:
thus may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.**

**We pray thee too for wanderers from thy fold;
O bring them back, good shepherd of the sheep,
back to the faith which saints believed of old,
back to the Church which still that faith doth keep:
soon may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.**

**So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,
may we be one with all thy Church above,
one with thy saints in one unbroken peace,
one with the saints in one unbounded love:
more blessed still, in peace and love to be
one with the Trinity in Unity.**

W.H. Turton (1856-1938)

Tune CP 318 Song I Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

Post Communion

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in
prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of
heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not,
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.**

***Great is thy faithfulness, great is thy faithfulness;
morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided,
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!***

**Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.**

**Pardon for sin, and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

Words by Thomas Chisholm (1866-1960)

Tune CP 453 Great is thy faithfulness W.M. Runyan (1870-1957)

Organ Voluntary

Prelude and Fugue in C Major BWV 545 by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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 below. 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.

A warm welcome to the members of the National Council of Bellringers, meeting in Rugby this weekend. We pray your time in conference and your fellowship has been fruitful and productive.

Safeguarding at Coventry Cathedral

We are committed to the safeguarding of all people. For details, please visit <https://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/safeguarding>

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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

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.

COMING SOON

Combined Community Lunch

Sunday, 27 September | 1.00pm

Join us after the Cathedral Eucharist as we celebrate Michaelmas together as a community. We will be joined by members of St Clare's for a **combined Bring-and-Share Lunch**, with light entertainment and activities to help us get to know one another.

We hope as many of you as possible will join us for this special occasion as we gather around the table, celebrate our communities and begin what we hope will become a regular feature of our shared life.

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. 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.

Come and celebrate our patronal festival with us and help us make this a joyful and memorable occasion for our Cathedral community.

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*