



The Cathedral Eucharist

Sunday, 13th September, 2026

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

The President today is the Reverend Nitano Muller, Canon for Worship and Welcome. The Deacon is The Reverend Canon Sacha Slavic, Cathedral Associate Minister. The Subdeacon is the Reverend Su McClellan, Cathedral Associate Minister. Our preacher this morning is the Reverend Ecclesia De Lange, Director of Inclusive and Affirming Ministries (IAM), South Africa. 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 Messe Solennelle by Louis Vierne (1870-1937).

*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

**Jesus, where'er thy people meet,
there they behold thy mercy-seat;
where'er they seek thee thou art found,
and every place is hallowed ground.**

**For thou, within no walls confined,
inhabitest the humble mind;
such ever bring thee when they come,
and, going, take thee to their home.**

**Dear Shepherd of thy chosen few,
thy former mercies here renew;
here to our waiting hearts proclaim
the sweetness of thy saving name.**

**Here may we prove the power of prayer
to strengthen faith and sweeten care,**

to teach our faint desires to rise,
and bring all heaven before our eyes.

Lord, we are few, but thou art near;
nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear:
O rend the heavens, come quickly down,
and make a thousand hearts thine own!

Words by William Cowper (1731-1800)

Tune CP492 Wareham by William Knapp (1698-1768)

The Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 Brenda Williams, representing the Cathedral Community.

A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

¹⁹ The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. ²⁰ It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. ²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea.

The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. ²² The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ²³ The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. ²⁴ At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. ²⁵ He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the

Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.²⁶ Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.'²⁷ So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea.²⁸ The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained.²⁹ But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.³⁰ Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.³¹ Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Exodus 14:19-End

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Speak, Lord; your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.

1 Samuel 3:9; John 6:68

The Gospel Reading

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹ Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' ²² Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³ 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and

payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." ²⁹Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

Matthew 18:21-35

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

Offertory Hymn

**Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live.
A place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
all are welcome in this place.**

**Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true.
Where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;**

here as one we claim the faith of Jesus;
 all are welcome in this place.
 Let us build a house where all are named,
 their songs and visions heard
 and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
 as words within the **Word**.
 Built of tears and cries and laughter,
 prayers of faith and songs of grace.
 Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
 all are welcome in this place.

Words and music: TWO OAKS by Marty Haugen (b. 1950)
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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 (1282-1362)
Music by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

Post Communion

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because
 without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your
 help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our
 salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

**God is Love: let heav'n adore him;
God is Love: let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him,
and exalt him with one voice.
He who laid the earth's foundation,
he who spread the heav'ns above,
he who breathes through all creation,
he is Love, eternal Love.**

**God is Love: and he enfoldeth
all the world in one embrace;
with unfailing grasp he holdeth
every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then they find that selfsame aching
deep within the heart of God.**

**God is Love: and though with blindness
sin afflicts the souls of all,
God's eternal loving-kindness
holds and guides them lest they fall.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.**

*Words by Timothy Rees (1874-1939), adapted
Tune CP 278 Hyfrydol Melody by R.H. Pritchard (1811-1887),
harmonised by editors of English Hymnal 1906*

Organ Voluntary

Carillon de Longpont by Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

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.

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*

Safeguarding at Coventry Cathedral

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

Our Safeguarding Team are:



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Alternatively, you can contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team led by Sarah
Price by phoning 024 7652 1345 or emailing
safeguarding@coventry.anglican.org

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

Post Service Courageous Conversation

Today, 12.15pm-1.00pm

Join us in the Chapel of Unity after the service for a conversation with Ecclesia de Lange and Marlow Valentine from Inclusive and Affirming Ministries (IAM), exploring faith, belonging, inclusion and the courage to remain.

Bring your coffee (hopefully in your own mug! If not, we've got spares). Come, listen, ask questions and join the conversation.

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 Slaugherthouse 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.