



The Cathedral Eucharist

Sunday, 20th September, 2026

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

The President today is the Reverend Nitano Muller, Canon for Worship and Welcome. The Deacon is Margaret East, Cathedral Lay Reader. The Subdeacon is the Reverend Canon Kate Massey, Acting Dean, 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 Nicholas Wilton (1959-2025).

*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 lives! thy terrors now
can no more, O death, appal us;
Jesus lives! by this we know
thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us.
Alleluia!**

**Jesus lives! henceforth is death
but the gate of life immortal:
this shall calm our trembling breath,
when we pass its gloomy portal.
Alleluia!**

**Jesus lives! for us he died;
then, alone to Jesus living,
pure in heart may we abide,
glory to our Saviour giving.
Alleluia!**

**Jesus lives! our hearts know well
naught from us his love shall sever;
life nor death nor powers of hell
tear us from his keeping ever.
Alleluia!**

**Jesus lives! to him the throne
over all the world is given:
may we go where he is gone,
rest and reign with him in heaven.
Alleluia!**

*Words by C.F. Gellert (1715-1769)
translated by Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897)
Tune CP 148 St Albinus H.J. Gauntlett (1805-1876)*

The Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers
of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know
what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;
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 David East, Cathedral Church Warden.

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jonah.

^{3:10} When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

^{4:1} But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the LORD and said, 'O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to

anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.’ ⁴And the LORD said, ‘Is it right for you to be angry?’ ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶ The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered.

⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, ‘It is better for me to die than to live.’

⁹ But God said to Jonah, ‘Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?’ And he said, ‘Yes, angry enough to die.’ ¹⁰Then the LORD said, ‘You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night.

¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?’

Jonah 3:10 – End of 4

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Open our hearts, O Lord,

that we may pay attention to the words of your Son.

Cf. Acts 16:14

The Gospel Reading

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with

the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?' ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Matthew 20:1-16

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Offertory Hymn

**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 581 ii Nottingham Wenzel Müller (1747-1835)

Anthem

Panis angelicus fit panis hominum;
Dat panis coelicus figuris
terminum:
O res mirabilis! Manducat
Dominum Pauper, servus et
humilis.

*Bread of angels, made the bread of
men;
the Bread of heaven puts an end to
all symbols:
What a wonder! The Lord becomes
our food: poor, a servant, and
humble.*

Words by St Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)

Music by César Franck (1822-1890)

Communion Hymn

**All for Jesus, all for Jesus,
this our song shall ever be;
for we have no hope, nor Saviour,
if we have not hope in thee.**

**All for Jesus, thou wilt give us
strength to serve thee, hour by hour;
none can move us from thy presence
while we trust thy love and power.**

**All for Jesus, at thine altar
thou wilt give us sweet content;
there, dear Lord, we shall receive thee
in the solemn sacrament.**

**All for Jesus, thou hast loved us;
all for Jesus, thou hast died;
all for Jesus, thou art with us,
all for Jesus crucified.**

**All for Jesus, all for Jesus,
this the Church's song must be;
till, at last, we all are gathered
one in love and one in thee.**

*Words by W. J. Sparrow-Simpson (1859-1952)
Tune CP 277 All for Jesus John Stainer (1840-1901)*

Post Communion

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Closing Hymn

Through all the changing scenes of life,
in trouble and in joy,
the praises of my God shall still
my heart and tongue employ.

O magnify the Lord with me,
with me exalt his name;
when in distress to him I called,
he to my rescue came.

The hosts of God encamp around
the dwellings of the just;
deliv'rance he affords to all
who on his succour trust.

O make but trial of his love:
Experience will decide
how blest are they, and only they,
who in his truth confide.

Fear him, ye saints, and you will then
have nothing else to fear;
make you his service your delight,
your wants shall be his care.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom we adore,
be glory, as it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

*Words by Nahum Tate (1652-1715) and Nicholas Brady (1659-1726)
Tune CP 604 Wiltshire George Smart (1776-1867)*

The Blessing of a Cross of Nails

A Cross of Nails is given to new partners and friends of the Community of the Cross of Nails as a symbol of their sharing together with us in the ministry of reconciliation, and to new ICONS schools.

The president blesses the Crosses of Nails with these words

Eternal God, you have come among us in Christ to reconcile the world to yourself, and have entrusted us with the ministry of reconciliation. Strengthen all who work for the healing of conflict and pain amongst your human family. Bless ✠ this Cross of Nails and all those at ABESA, Anglican Board of Education in South Africa, who, inspired by the Cross of Nails, bear witness to the grace and truth of your crucified and risen Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

In the name of God,
who has created all people for friendship with himself;
in the name of Jesus Christ,
who commanded us to love our enemies;
in the name of our Lord the Spirit,
who rescues and restores us in peace;
we send this Cross of Nails to ABESA,
as a symbol of our partnership in the work of
reconciliation;
for the glory of God
and the coming of his kingdom of justice and peace.

Amen.

Organ Voluntary

Praeludium in E Minor "The Great" by Nicolaus Bruhns (1665-1697)

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.*

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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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

Preparing the Deanery for Andrew and Louise

As we prepare the Deanery for the arrival of our Dean-Designate, Canon Andrew Dodd and his family in November, there is some work to be done to make their new home ready.

If you are able to make a contribution towards the cost of this work, every gift would be greatly appreciated. If you are a handyman or have practical skills and would **rather lend a hand** with the work itself, we would be especially grateful for help with painting and decorating.

Please speak to Nitano or Kate if you would like to contribute or help practically.

Thank you for helping us prepare a warm welcome for Andrew and Louise and the family!

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).

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. The next preparation session will be held at St Michael's House on *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

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.

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*