The Cathedral Eucharist
Sunday, 11th October, 2026
The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

The President today is the Reverend Matthew Arnold, Priest-on-Placement. The Deacon is the Reverend Canon Sacha Slavic, Cathedral Associate Minister. The Subdeacon is Donald Parr, Cathedral Lay Reader. Our preacher today is the Reverend Catherine Matlock,
The Cathedral Choir is directed by Rachel Mahon, 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 Jean Langlais (1907-1991).
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 worship the King all glorious above;
O gratefully sing his power and his love:
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of days,
pavilioned in splendour, and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
his chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end!
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

O measureless Might, ineffable Love,
while angels delight to hymn thee above,
thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

Words by Robert Grant (1799-1838)
Tune CP 546 Hanover *A Supplement to the New Version (1708)*
Descant by Alan Gray (1855-1935)

The Collect

O God, forasmuch as without you
we are not able to please you;
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
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 Meshail Daud, Cathedral Executive Assistant and Server

A Reading from letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.
[2] I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.
[3]Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.
[4] Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. [5]Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. [6]Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

[7]And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
[8] Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. [9]Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace

Philippians 4:1-9

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
enlighten the eyes of our hearts,
so that we may know the hope to which he has called us.
Ephesians 1:17-18

The Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[1] Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: [2]"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. [3]He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. [4]Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." [5]But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, [6]while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. [7]The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. [8]Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. [9]Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding

banquet." [10]Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.
[11] 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, [12]and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. [13]Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." [14]For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Matthew 22:1-14

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

Offertory Hymn

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
first-begotten from the dead,
thou alone, our strong defender,
liftest up thy people's head.
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Jesu, true and living bread.

Here our humblest homage pay we,
here in loving reverence bow;
here for faith's discernment pray we,
lest we fail to know thee now.
Alleluia, Alleluia,
thou art here, we ask not how.

Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
as of old in Bethlehem,
here as there thine angels hail thee,
Branch and Flower of Jesse's Stem.
Alleluia, Alleluia,
we in worship join with them.

Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished
once for all when thou wast slain,
in its fullness undiminished
shall for evermore remain,
Alleluia, Alleluia,
cleansing souls from every stain.

Life-imparting heavenly Manna,
stricken Rock with streaming side,
heaven and earth with loud hosanna
worship thee, the Lamb who died,
Alleluia, Alleluia,
risen, ascended, glorified.

Words by G.H. Bourne (1840-1925)
Tune CP 311 St Helen *G.C. Martin (1844-1916)*

Communion Hymn

As pants the hart for cooling streams
when heated in the chase,
so longs my soul, O God, for thee,
and thy refreshing grace.

For thee, my God, the living God,
my thirsty soul doth pine:
O when shall I behold thy face,
thou majesty divine?

Why restless, why cast down, my soul?
Hope still, and thou shalt sing
the praise of him who is thy God,
thy health's eternal spring.

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)
Psalm 42 in *A New Version of the Psalms of David 1696*
Tune CP 379 Martyrdom in R. A. Smith's *Sacred Harmony* 1825

Anthem

Verbe égal au Très-Haut, notre unique espérance, jour éternel de la terre et des cieux; de la paisible nuit nous rompons le silence, Divin Sauveur, jette sur nous les yeux!	*Word, equal to the Most High, our only hope,* *eternal day of the earth and the heavens,* *we break the silence of the peaceful night.* *Divine Saviour, cast your eyes upon us!*
Répands sur nous le feu de ta grâce puissante, que tout l'enfer fuie au son de ta voix; dissipe le sommeil d'une âme languissante, qui la conduit à l'oubli de tes lois!	*Spread upon us the fire of your powerful grace,* *that all hell might flee at the sound of your voice;* *dispel the languishing soul's torpor which has caused it to forget your laws!*
O Christ, sois favorable à ce peuple fidèle pour te bénir maintenant rassemblé. Reçois les chants qu'il offre à ta gloire immortelle, et de tes dons qu'il retourne comblé!	*O Christ, show favour to this faithful people* *now gathered to bless you.* *Receive the songs it offers to your immortal glory,* *and may it return filled with your gifts!*

Music by Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

Post Communion

Holy and blessed God,
you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
may we honour you,
not only with our lips
but in lives dedicated to the service
of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Closing Hymn

Lord of all power, I give you my will,
in joyful obedience your tasks to fulfil.
Your bondage is freedom, your service is song,
and, held in your keeping, my weakness is strong.

Lord of all wisdom, I give you my mind,
rich truth that surpasses our knowledge to find.
What eye has not seen and what ear has not heard
is taught by your Spirit and shines from your word.

Lord of all bounty, I give you my heart;
I praise and adore you for all you impart:
your love to inspire me, your counsel to guide,
your presence to cheer me, whatever betide.

Lord of all being, I give you my all;
if e'er I disown you I stumble and fall;
but, sworn in glad service your word to obey,
I walk in your freedom to the end of the way.

Words by Jack Winslow (1882-1974)
Tune CP 508 Miniver *by Cyril Taylor (1907-1991)*

Organ Voluntary

Toccata in D Major by Marcel Lanquetuit (1894-1985)

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

Our Safeguarding Team are:

Canon Nitano
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Cathedral Community Safeguarding Officer

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Safeguarding Lead for Policy and Process

You can report a concern to our Safeguarding Team by emailing cathedral.safeguarding@coventrycathedral.org.uk or phoning 02476 52 1360.
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. 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. Visit coventrycathedralchorus.com or contact the Membership Secretary at membership@coventrycathedralchorus.com. Follow Coventry Cathedral Chorus on Facebook and @CovCathChorus on X.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Tree Planting in Memory of Pauline Lawrence

TODAY

Following the morning service on Sunday 11 October, we will gather in the Unity Garden to plant a tree in memory of Pauline Lawrence, who died last year. Pauline was a beloved member of the cathedral congregation.

All are warmly invited to join us for this simple act of remembrance and thanksgiving for Pauline's life.

Prayers for Israel-Palestine

This week, Revd Su McClellan and Dean-Designate Andrew Dodd are visiting Israel-Palestine as part of a programme of listening, learning and meeting with people and communities in the region. We invite your prayers for them as they travel: for safe journeys, open hearts and attentive ears, and for all those they meet.

Please also join us in praying for all who live in the land, especially those who long for peace, justice and a future in which all can flourish.

Stories from South Sudan

Join Christian Aid for a special evening with partners from South Sudan, who will share first-hand stories and insights from their work alongside communities facing conflict, displacement, food insecurity and the impacts of climate change.

Hear from South Sudanese partners, ask questions, and connect with others committed to global justice and building a more just and resilient future. Light refreshments will be provided.

Thursday 15 October 2026, 7.00–9.30pm
Queens Road Baptist Church, Coventry CV1 3EG

Thank You to Joe Watson

Joe Watson, our Acting Director of Music, will be leaving us soon. We give thanks for the extraordinary gifts he has shared with us, and for the creativity, musicianship and generosity he has brought to our Music Department and to the wider life of the Cathedral.

Joe's final service with us will be Choral Evensong on Sunday 18 October at 4pm. We hope you will join us as we give thanks for ministry among us and wish him every blessing for what lies ahead.

Welcome our new Bishop of Warwick and Dean of Coventry

We look forward to welcoming the Revd Canon Dr. Tim Lomax as the Bishop of Warwick and the Revd Canon Andrew Dodd as next Dean of Coventry at their forthcoming installation services:

Installation of the Bishop of Warwick

(with the installation of Archdeacons)

Saturday, 14th November at 3.30pm

Installation of the Dean of Coventry

Saturday, 28th November at 2pm

If you would like to attend either service, please sign up using the **Eventbrite link** shared with via congregational email, or add your name to the list with the Churchwardens. This will help us plan seating and hospitality.

Come and be part of these important moments in the life of our Cathedral and Diocese!

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*