The Cathedral Eucharist
Sunday, 1st November 2026
All Saints Day
The Season of Reconciliation

The President today is the Reverend Canon Sacha Slavic, Cathedral Associate Minister. The Deacon is John Lloyd, Cathedral Lay Reader. The Subdeacon is Donald Parr, Cathedral Lay Reader. Our preacher today is the Reverend Su McClellan, Cathedral Associate Minister.

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 Missa 'O Quam Gloriosum' by Tomàs Luis de Victoria (1548-1611).

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

For all the saints who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blest.
Alleluia.

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness, still their one true light.
Alleluia.

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia.

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia.

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia.

The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest:
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia.

But lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array:
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia.

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Alleluia.

Words by W. Walsham How (1823-1897)
Tune CP 232 Sine Nomine *by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

The Collect

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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 Andrew Cullum, representing the Community.

A Reading from the Book of Revelation.

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could
count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing
before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches
in their hands. 10They cried out in a loud voice, saying,
'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'
11And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the
four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and
worshipped God, 12singing,
'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honour
and power and might
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in
white, and where have they come from?' 14I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one
that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the
great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the
blood of the Lamb.
15 For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
16 They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
17 for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

Revelation 7:9-End

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, God's own people,
called out of darkness into his marvellous light.
Alleluia!

1 Peter 2:9

The Gospel Reading

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

[1]When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. [2]Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
[3] 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
[4] 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
[5] 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
[6] 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
[7] 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
[8] 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
[9] 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
[10] 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
[11] 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. [12]Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Matthew 5:1-12

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

Offertory Hymn

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days:
a world without saints forgets how to praise.
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.

Some march with events to turn them God's way;
some need to withdraw, the better to pray;
some carry the gospel through fire and through flood:
our world is their parish; their purpose is God.

Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,
who bear someone's cross or shoulder their own;
they shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares:
what patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days:
a world without saints forgets how to praise.
In loving, in living, they prove it is true –
the way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.

Words by F. Pratt Green (1903-2000)
Tune CP 227 Paderborn *German folk melody included in Paderborn Gesangbuch (1765)*

Anthem

O quam gloriosum est regnum in quo cum Christo gaudent omnes sancti! Amicti stolis albis sequuntur Agnum quocunque ierit.	*O how glorious is the kingdom, wherein all the saints rejoice with Christ! Clothed in white robes, they follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth.*

Music by Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)

Communion Hymn

Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast,
body of Christ, be thou my saving guest,
blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,
wash me with water flowing from thy side.

Strength and protection may thy Passion be,
O blessed Jesu, hear and answer me;
deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,
so shall I never, never part from thee.

Guard and defend me from the foe malign,
in death's dread moments make me only thine;
call me and bid me come to thee on high
where I may praise thee with thy saints for ay.

Words from 14th century Latin, attributed to Pope John XXII, translator unknown.
Tune CP 322 Anima Christi *William Maher (1823-1877)*

Post Communion

Lord of heaven,
in this eucharist you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect: as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Closing Hymn

Disposer supreme, and Judge of the earth,
who choosest for thine the meek and the poor;
to frail earthen vessels, and things of no worth,
entrusting thy riches which ay shall endure;

Those vessels soon fail, though full of thy light,
and at thy decree are broken and gone;
thence brightly appeareth thy truth in its might,
as through the clouds riven the lightnings have shone.

Like clouds are they borne to do thy great will,
and swift as the winds about the world go:
the Word with his wisdom their spirits doth fill;
they thunder, they lighten, the waters o'erflow.

Their sound goeth forth, 'Christ Jesus the Lord!'
then Satan doth fear, his citadels fall;
as when the dread trumpets went forth at thy word,
and one long blast shattered the Canaanite's wall.

O loud be their trump, and stirring their sound,
to rouse us, O Lord, from slumber of sin:
the lights thou hast kindled in darkness around,
O may they awaken our spirits within.

All honour and praise, dominion and might,
to God, Three in One, eternally be,
who round us hath shed his own marvellous light,
and called us from darkness his glory to see.

Words by Jean de Santeul (1630-97)
translated by Isaac Williams (1802-65)
Tune CP 546 Hanover *A Supplement to the New Version 1708*

Organ Voluntary

Placare Christe Servulis by Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

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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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 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

Welcome our new Archdeacons and Dean of Coventry

We look forward to welcoming our new Archdeacons and the Revd Canon Andrew Dodd as next Dean of Coventry at their forthcoming installation services:

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 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!

RECONCILIATION BOOK GROUP
Thursday Afternoons in November
2pm at St Clare's at the Cathedral

Over the four weeks of our reconciliation season, Canon Kate will be convening a Reconciliation Book Group to study a classic text by Catholic theologian Robert J Schreiter *Reconciliation: Mission and Ministry in a Changing Social Order.* Each session will begin with an overview of that week's chapter followed by a conversation around its relevance to our own practices of reconciliation. Copies of this book are available online from Blackwells, from several second-hand book outlets or on Kindle If you are struggling to source a copy, but would still like to participate, please speak to Kate as we have a limited number of copies to loan.

COMING SOON

Mozart's Requiem

TODAY - Sunday, 1st November at 3pm

Join us for a special service commemorating the faithful departed. All Souls is a time to remember those we have loved and lost, give thanks for their lives and entrust them to God's eternal care. Mozart's moving *Requiem* offers a powerful expression of remembrance and Christian hope.

LORD MAYORS PEACE LECTURE 2026

You are cordially invited to the Coventry Peace Lecture to be given by John Witcombe, Dean of Coventry Cathedral 2013 to 2026, on the theme of **Is Reconciliation possible in the midst of Conflict? Coventry's Gift to the World.** The lecture takes place on 2nd November at Coventry Cathedral. Doors open 6.30pm for 7.00pm start. All welcome.

How NOT to Flee a War
Tuesday 3 November 2026 | 5.00–7.00pm

You are invited to *How NOT to Flee a War*, a live storytelling performance by Jez Myers and his partner, Ukrainian journalist Maria Romanenko, at Warwick Business School, University of Warwick (Room 2.005, Coventry, CV4 7AL).

Beginning on the morning of 24 February 2022, when explosions woke them in Kyiv, the performance tells the story of their attempts to flee the war. Both heartbreaking and unexpectedly funny, it offers a deeply human perspective on war, displacement and the realities of seeking safety, followed by a Q&A. **Admission is free, but places are limited.** Please register your attendance by emailing the organisers.

For more information, visit www.talksforukraine.com.

Save the date – Friends of Coventry Cathedral Event

On Friday 13th November, British-German historian, Katya Hoyer will be speaking at Coventry Cathedral at an event organised by the Friends of Coventry Cathedral. Katya is an award-winning author and has recently released an outstanding book on the Weimar Republic. It should be an excellent evening. The event is free (although a donation of £10 is suggested) and you must reserve a seat, so please book your place using the link provided in the congregational weekly email or email secretaryfriendscc@gmail.com

A SEASON OF RECONCILIATION 2026

"Reconciliation Now: How to speak with hope in a fractured world"

What does reconciliation look like now, in a world marked by war, division, injustice and uncertainty? How do we speak of hope when the world is on fire, and what does it mean to be a Church committed to peace while still wrestling with questions of belonging, truth and trust? This November, our annual Season of Reconciliation invites us to explore these questions through a four-part sermon series. Building on our distinctive vocation of reconciliation, we will consider not only the hope we inherit, but the work reconciliation demands of us today.

Sunday, 8th November | Remembrance Sunday

(NOTE: Service starts at 10am)

"Courage to Work for Peace"

As conflicts continue around the world, how do we pursue peace when violence is still unfolding? Canon Kate will reflect on her experience of a recent visit to Odessa, Ukraine, and what faithful witness and solidarity looks like in the midst of war.

Preacher: The Reverend Canon Kate Massey, Canon for Arts and Reconciliation and Acting Dean.

Sunday, 15th November | Safeguarding Sunday

"The Courage to tell the Truth"

Exploring the correlation of truth-telling, accountability and deep listening in shaping a Safe Church. We reflect on the Church's calling to become a place of safe belonging and what continues to hinder that becoming.

Preacher: The Reverend Canon Nitano Muller, Canon for Worship & Welcome and Interim Chapter Safeguarding Lead.

Sunday, 22nd November | Christ the King Sunday

"Hope Has a Name"

As we celebrate Christ's reign, we ask what it means to recognise Christ in our neighbours, welcome the stranger and live towards God's vision of a reconciled world.

Preacher: The Reverend Matthew Arnold, Priest-on-Placement.

Sunday, 29th November | Advent Sunday

Dean-Designate Andrew will lead us on his first Sunday in office, which also happens to be the start of the liturgical calendar year.

Join us for our **10.30am Cathedral Eucharist**, where he will preside and preach his first sermon. Join us at **5pm for our annual Advent Carol's Service: "Light in Our Darkness"** as we step into this season of holy expectation.

CONGREGATIONAL SKILLS SURVEY!

The St Michael's Committee would like to learn more about the skills, experience and interests of our congregation so we can better involve our congregation members in the ministry of our Cathedral. You can complete a paper copy of the survey available from the welcome desk, or you can complete the electronic copy attached to the congregational email. It should only take a few minutes!