



Christ Church
Cathedral
Ottawa

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost | Cross of Nails Sunday

Sunday | September 21st | 2025

10.30 am | Choral Eucharist | BAS

Messe à deux voix | Auguste Durand

The flowers are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of George and Lillian Marjerrison, Laura and Herbert Wilson

Welcome

Children are welcome to fully participate in the service
and activity sheets are available at the entrance to the Cathedral.
Sidespeople can provide headsets for those who need hearing assistance.
Please turn off or set mobile devices to silent mode.

*Our diocese was founded on the homeland of the Anishinaabe Algonquins.
May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.*

The Community of the Cross of Nails

The Community of the Cross of Nails (CCN) is a Christian network of more than 270 churches, schools, chaplaincies and retreat centres, who drawn together by the story of Coventry Cathedral, share a common commitment to work and pray for peace, justice and reconciliation through: healing the wounds of history; learning to live with difference and celebrate diversity; and building a culture of justice and peace.

Many contemporary conflicts have deep roots in past wrongs. CCN Partners nurture real hope amongst hurting and wounded people and communities. Our present requires new patterns of community, wherein we learn how to live together with deep differences and celebrate the rich diversity that God has created in humanity. The most fundamental threat to the future of us all is the collective failure of our moral imagination to find ways to resolve our differences and disputes without recourse to violence.

CCN Partners engage with the challenges faced by many communities where a just and inclusive society is crucial for stability and peace. As a network of ordinary people, we work to seek peace and pursue it in our relationships. Christ Church Cathedral became a partner and was presented with a Cross of Nails in 2017 for our work in reconciliation with indigenous peoples. It may be found on the pillar in the Chapel of Reconciliation.

In September every year, one Sunday is set aside for all worship communities involved with the CCN to pray together, to reconnect our communities with why the CCN matters, why Coventry still inspires, and where our own stories connect. Elements of today's liturgy are from the Canadian branch of the CCN.

For more information about the Community of the Cross of Nails, please visit: <https://www.crossofnails-na.org/>. And if you are interested in our participation, please speak with the Dean.



The Gathering of the Community

Prelude | *Vivace (BWV 530) | J.S. Bach*

Announcements

Hymn 350 | *Stand up and bless the Lord*

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

Creator, we give you thanks for all you are and all you bring to us for our visit within your creation. In Jesus, you place the Gospel in the Centre of this Sacred Circle through which all creation is related. You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life. Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we grow in your spirit, for you are God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect for CCN Sunday

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed; kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all the true love of peace, and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that your kingdom may go forward in justice and peace, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading | *Jeremiah 8:18-9:1*

A reading from the book of Jeremiah.

My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King not in her? ("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?") The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored? O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm | *79:1-9*

O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance; they have profaned your holy temple; they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble. They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field. They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, and there was no one to bury them. We have become a reproach to our neighbours, an object of scorn and derision to those around us. How long will you be angry, O Lord? Will your fury blaze like fire for ever? Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you and upon the dominions that have not called upon your name. For they have devoured Jacob and made his dwelling a ruin. Remember not our past sins; let your compassion be swift to meet us; for we have been brought very low. Help us, O God our Saviour, for the glory of your name; deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your name's sake.

Second Reading | *1 Timothy 2:1-7*

A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy.

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the

knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all - this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual | *A repeating alleluia* | Calvin Hampton

Holy Gospel | *Luke 16:1-13*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Hymn 572 | *Let there be light*

The Coventry Cathedral Creed

Let us affirm our faith in the reconciling love of God.

We believe in God the Father who creates humanity in the image of God, leads us with bands of love, calls us home, and runs to meet us, even when we are still far off.

We believe in God the Son in whom humanity and divinity are perfectly reconciled; in whom all things hold together; who lived on the edges to gather the outcasts in and throws open the doors of the wedding feast to people from every tribe and language and people and nation.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, the life of God within us, who shows us the world's brokenness, articulates our longing for its peace, equips us for its transformation, and grows in us the peace that makes this service possible.

We believe in the coming of the kingdom of God, where every tear will be wiped away, every wound healed; where diversity will be recognised as beautiful, and difference an expression of the Infinite; where every wrong will be met with justice and with grace; where everyone will be at home with one another, and face-to-face with God. Amen.

Prayers

Let us pray.

Maker and Lover of all, in your kindness you have bound us to one another and called us to serve the earth and its people. We pray for Archbishop Shane and our national church, and for our diocese as we discern the election of a new bishop. Grant us the gifts of deep faith, open hospitality, and fresh imagination so that we may shape your future with joy.

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Grateful for the life within us, we pray for those whose lives are diminished by illness, depression, grief, or rejection. Grant them the healing, affirmation, and care that restores. We also remember those we have loved and see no longer, may they rest in peace.

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Conscious of the peace in this place, we pray for those who live without peace because of war, violence, hunger, or despair. May the voices of victims be heard, the work of peacemakers be blessed, and reconciliation be found.

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Surrounded by the rolling beauty of the Ottawa Valley, we pray for the earth especially where it is harmed by human carelessness and greed. We remember those affected by fires in our land and all who suffer from climate disasters around the world. Teach us to cherish your creation as you do.

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Knowing that you hear us when we pray, we now offer in silence all those people and situations on our hearts this day.

Silence.

We entrust all our cares to you, gracious God, trusting in your compassionate love.
Amen.

Coventry Litany of Reconciliation

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class,
Creator, forgive.

The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own,
Creator, forgive.

The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth,
Creator, forgive.

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,
Creator, forgive.

Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee,
Creator, forgive.

The lust which dishonours the bodies of human beings,
Creator, forgive.

The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God,
Creator, forgive.

Silence.

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Offertory Hymn 575 | *Let streams of living justice*



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The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer Over the Gifts

Giver of life, receive all we offer you this day. Let the Spirit you bestow on your Church continue to work in the world through the hearts of all who believe. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

May God be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to God, our Creator.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is meet and right to give thanks to you always, O God, for you are the source of all life. Since the beginning of time, you have sustained us through the environment that you established in creation. You rule the universe with balance and generosity, for which all creation never ceases to praise you. Joining with the company of heaven and all the creatures of the skies, earth, and seas, we joyfully praise your holy name: *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.*

O God, our creator, you placed us in this world but did not leave us to live alone. You surrounded us with your wondrous creation that we might live in harmony with it, taking only what is necessary to preserve our common life.

Of the world you made a garden for the flourishing of your people, yet we strayed from your path. We judged ourselves powerful and mighty, planting destruction between us and nature, and creating a world of inequity, imbalance, and discontent. Countless times, your prophets led us to repentance and new life, yet we chose to walk in other ways and persist in our selfish error.

In the fullness of time and in your infinite mercy, you sent us your Son Jesus Christ, the source of new life. He taught us to live in unity with you, opening the doors to a new creation: one reconciled to you and sustained by your love.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread. Having given thanks to you, he broke it and gave it to those who were with him, saying, "Take, eat. This is my Body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, and having given thanks to you, he gave it to them, saying, "Take, drink. This is my Blood of the new and eternal Covenant which is shed for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the wondrous mystery:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

And, giving thanks to you for restoring us in the ways of your Kingdom, we offer you these gifts of bread and wine: fruits of the earth and of your creation. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit, that they may be for us the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that in union with Christ we may fill the world with your love, renewing it with the gift of your Gospel.

Preserve us in rebuilding the world around us and restoring the balance of nature. Grant that we may see in your creation that splendid garden, worthy of respect and care. Evermore strengthen your Church in the struggle to preserve the environment and the diversity of life within it. And, at the last day, bring us to your heavenly Kingdom, where in the company of all your saints, we may never cease to glorify you in the new creation of Jesus Christ. By Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father,

who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

"I am the bread of life," says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry whoever believes in me will never thirst."

Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in God!

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei

Communion

All are welcome to come to the altar rail. If you wish prayers for healing before receiving Communion, please carry an Order of Service with you; to receive a blessing, cross your hands over your chest; for a gluten-free wafer, hold out one hand; for a regular wafer, hold out two hands. Please do not dip the bread in the wine.

Motet | *O salutaris hostia* | *Auguste Durand*

O salutaris Hostia, quae caeli pandis ostium: Bella premunt hostilia, da robur, fer auxilium. | O saving victim who opens the gate of heaven, hostile wars press on us: give strength, bring aid.

The Sending of the Community

Prayer after Communion

Creator your word and sacrament give us food and life. May we who have shared in holy things bear fruit to your honour and glory, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Glory to God,

whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.

Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever. Amen.

Commissioning of Head Chorister

Dean

To achieve our goal of promoting excellence in sacred music, some Cathedral choristers are called to positions of leadership, working with their director to ensure high standards of musical discipline.

Director of Music

Dean Bretzlaff, I present to you from the Girls Choir, Reggie Lo to be commissioned as Head Chorister.

Dean

Reggie, do you, in the presence of this congregation, commit yourself to the responsibility entrusted to you as a leader in the Cathedral Girls Choir?

Chorister

I do, and I will faithfully uphold this ministry to which I have been called.

Dean

May God, who has given you gifts of music and leadership, bless you and give you the grace and determination to carry out the ministry to which you have been called, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing and Dismissal

May the love of the Creator, the tenderness of the Son, and the presence of the Spirit, gladden your heart, bring peace to your soul, and bless you this day and all days. **Amen.**

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 529 | *God, my hope on you is founded*

Postlude | *Præludium in g (BuxWV 149)* | *Dieterich Buxtehude*

Celebrant | The Very Reverend Beth Bretzlaff
Preacher | The Reverend Dr. Jarrett Carty
Readers | Ann Chaplin | Zixuan Zhao
Intercessor | Daniel Jerusalemiec
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Director | James Calkin
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Readings Next Sunday | September 28th

Saint Michael and All Angels (tr) (Holy Baptism)

Genesis 28:10-17; Psalm 103:19-22; Revelation 12:7-12; John 1:47-51

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