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A diverse and vibrant community that glorifies God and welcomes all people

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/ CROSS OF NAILS SUNDAY

September 24th, 2023

10.30 am Choral Eucharist (BAS)

Missa L' hora passa – Matthew Larkin

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Alexander and Anne Urquhart.

THE COMMUNITY OF THE CROSS OF NAILS (CCN)

The Community of the Cross of Nails (CCN) is a Christian network of over 250 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; building a culture of justice 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.

This Sunday is an opportunity for all worship communities involved with the CCN to pray together as one body in a part of their morning service, and a chance for us all 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 service being held in Coventry.

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr, BWV 717 – J.S. Bach

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Hymn 381

Praise my soul

The Greeting

Dear friends, we gather this day on traditional Anishinaabe Algonquin territory.

May we always dwell on this land with respect and peace.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

God has reconciled us through Christ:

and entrusted us with the ministry of reconciliation.

When anyone is united to Christ, there is a new creation:

everything old has passed away; see everything has become new!

We are ambassadors for Christ:

we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

The 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.

May the God of love bring us back to Godself, forgive us our sins, and assure us of God's eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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 on 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.

The Collect

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 for ever. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

Exodus 16:2-15

A reading from the book of Exodus.

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him - what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near

to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'" In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 105:1-6, 45c

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon the divine name; make known the deeds of the Lord among the peoples. Sing to the Lord, sing praises, and speak of all the marvellous works of the Lord. Glory in the holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Search for the strength of the Lord; continually seek the face of God. Remember the marvels the Lord has done, the wonders and the judgements of the mouth of the Lord, O offspring of Abraham the servant of God, O children of Jacob the chosen of the Lord. Hallelujah!

Second Reading

Philippians 1:21-30

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well - since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Prayer of St Francis – John Sanders

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And 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?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When 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.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, '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.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Hymn 455

Dear God, compassionate and kind

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

Prayers of the People

Let us pray.

We pray in faith and with thanksgiving to the God of heaven and earth. We pray for one another, for our families and friends, through whom we learn to love and to be loved. Thank you for all who care for us. Give us grace to serve Christ by serving our neighbours and our community, loving others as he loves us. Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for Indigenous neighbours, and we ask that you will help us to hear, honour and respect their story. Give us humility, and help us to work for justice, reconciliation, healing, and right relationship. We pray for all of our relations. Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

We remember with gratitude your many gifts to us in creation and the rich heritage of this land. Help us and people everywhere to share with justice and peace the resources of the earth. Give wisdom to those in authority among us and to all leaders of the nations. Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for your Church throughout the world, thanking you for all who serve Christ and his kingdom. By your Spirit strengthen your people for their work and witness in the world. Unite us in your truth and love, that we who confess your name may also reflect your glory and joy. Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

We thank you for the unfailing love you hold out to everyone in Jesus Christ. Comfort and heal those in sorrow, need, sickness or any other trouble, particularly those affected natural disasters, whom we remember in our hearts at this time.

Silence.

Give them courage and hope in their distress, and bless those who minister to them. Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

We remember with thanksgiving all who have died in Christ, and we rejoice at the faithful witness of your saints in every age, praying that we may enter with them into the unending joy of your heavenly kingdom. Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Merciful God, you look with compassion on all who turn to you, and we have much for which to give you thanks. Hear our prayers and grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Blessed be Christ, the Prince of Peace.

He breaks down the walls that divide us: praise to Christ who is our peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn 385

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness



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THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer Over the Gifts

As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now united on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Living God, Creator of light, hope of nations, friend of sinners, your love is made visible in Jesus Christ. You bring home the lost, restore the sinner and give dignity to the despised. In the face of Jesus Christ your light shines out, flooding lives with goodness and truth, gathering into one a divided and broken humanity.

With people from every race and nation, with the Church of all the ages, with apostles, evangelists and martyrs we join the angels of heaven in their unending song: *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

We praise and bless you, loving God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Creator, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory. Jesus Christ is Lord:

Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. You are the Saviour of the world.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving God, for ever and ever. **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

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in the one bread.

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

Ave Verum – Edward Elgar

Ave verum corpus, natum ex Maria Virgine, vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine cuius latus perforatum fluxit aqua et sanguine: esto nobis prægustatum in mortis examine. O Iesu dulcis, O Iesu pie, O Iesu, fili Mariae. | Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind, from whose pierced side water and blood flowed: 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.

THE SENDING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prayer of the Community of the Cross of Nails

Almighty God, you have committed to us the ministry of reconciliation of your son, Jesus Christ; give us the confidence in your power to forgive, as your Son forgave from the Cross. Enable us to be witnesses of your forgiveness at work and where we live. Unite us in a sacred fellowship to heal the hostilities we see and give us the grace to love one another, rejoicing in this life together. **Amen.**

Almighty God,

we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Blessing and Dismissal

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to share the reconciling love of God.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Hymn 425

Joyful, joyful we adore thee

Postlude

Fugue in C major, BWV 547 – J.S. Bach

Prayers for Healing will be offered in the Chapel of Reconciliation during the Postlude.

Please join us for refreshments in the Great Hall following the service.

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READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

October 1st – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

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