



Worcester Cathedral

Sunday News

9 AUGUST 2020

9TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

TODAY'S SERVICE

10.30 am **Said Eucharist**

The readings for this service can be found at the end of this notice sheet.

Please note that this service is live-streamed through our Facebook page and the camera angle includes images of those receiving communion.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Wednesday 1 pm Holy Communion

Friday 11.30 am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

ONLINE SERVICES

A daily celebration of the Eucharist is live-streamed through the cathedral Facebook page on Sundays at 10.30 am and Monday to Saturday at 8.30 am. It is also available on the diocesan website.

VJ Day 75

On Saturday 15th August there will be a short online service of prayers for remembrance, reconciliation and peace to mark the 75th anniversary of VJ Day. Livestreamed through the cathedral Facebook page at 10am.

NEW WORSHIPPERS

are especially welcome and are invited to contact Canon Stephen Edwards who will be in touch with a welcome booklet.

stephenedwards@worcestercathedral.org.uk

FACE COVERINGS

Please note that from this Sunday it is mandatory for worshippers and visitors to wear face coverings in the cathedral.

TRACK AND TRACE SYSTEM

In accordance with government and Church of England advice, there is a voluntary 'track and trace' arrangement for our eucharists on Sundays at 10.30 am, Wednesdays at 1 pm and Fridays at 11.30 am. You are invited, if you wish, to register your attendance at services by emailing attendance@worcestercathedral.org.uk making clear for which service you are registering attendance. You are able to register attendance either before or after the service, and you need to register for each service that you attend. On Sundays it is also possible to register your attendance by speaking to the designated steward on the inside of the door to the cathedral. We will supply the attendance information to relevant authorities if it is requested, and you will not otherwise be contacted. We will not use the attendance information for any other purpose, and the emails and attendance lists will be deleted after three weeks.

PARKING

Those attending the 10.30am service on Sundays are invited to park on College Green. The bollard will be raised and requires a code to get in and out - there won't be a member of staff in attendance. If you want to park there, please email parking@worcestercathedral.org.uk to obtain the code (it won't change from week to week). The code will be active between 9.00am and 12.30pm to enable people to socialise after the service. Please try and avoid parking on College Yard.

WORSHIP RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES

For ideas and resources to help you share your faith with your family at home, take a look at the Children's Work section on the diocesan website.

WORCESTER FESTIVAL

This year's festival takes place Saturday 15th – Monday 31st August. There are some socially-distanced events taking place, however the majority of events are an exciting mix of virtual events, both streamed live and pre-recorded. The cathedral events, including manuscript writing, prayers stones, chantry chapel history hunt, and much more, can be found on the festival website:

www.worcesterfestival.co.uk/events

FARM WORK WELFARE APP

Every year, hundreds of migrant workers get placed in UK fields against their will and exploited by ruthless criminal gangs. The Clewer Initiative has developed the Farm Work Welfare App, designed to support both farmers and pickers and tackle labour abuse and modern slavery in the farming, horticulture and food production sector. The app is available from Google Play or from www.theclewerinitiative.org

YOUR GIFT TO THE CATHEDRAL

will support the cathedral's ministry and mission and help to keep the building in good repair and open to all without charge. UK tax-payers are kindly asked to use gift-aid envelopes, completing the front, which increases donations by 25%. Donations may also be made via the contactless points in the cathedral. If you wish to give regularly, please use the form in the welcome booklet available from the stewards or vergers, or speak with Gerald Harris of the stewardship committee.

PRAYERS & INTERCESSIONS

The Prayer Diary can be found on the diocesan website:

www.cofe-worcester.org.uk

Please pray for the departed, among them Colin Cook, Peter Young, Terry Johnson, and Ben Hagon.

CATHEDRAL WEBSITE

Visit the cathedral website to sign up for our newsletter, to make a donation, or to find out more about Worcester Cathedral: www.worcestercathedral.co.uk



Readings for Sunday 9th August

FIRST READING I Kings 19.9–18

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God,
9 he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying,
'What are you doing here, Elijah?'

10 He answered,

'I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts;
for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars,
and killed your prophets with the sword.

I alone am left,

and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'

11 He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD,
for the LORD is about to pass by.'

Now there was a great wind,
so strong that it was splitting mountains
and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD,
but the LORD was not in the wind;

and after the wind an earthquake,
but the LORD was not in the earthquake;

12 and after the earthquake a fire,
but the LORD was not in the fire;
and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.

13 When Elijah heard it,

he wrapped his face in his mantle
and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Then there came a voice to him that said,

'What are you doing here, Elijah?'

14 He answered,

'I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts;
for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars,
and killed your prophets with the sword.

I alone am left,

and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'

15 Then the LORD said to him,

'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus;
when you arrive,

you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.

16 Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel;
and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

17 Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael,
Jehu shall kill;

and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu,
Elisha shall kill.

18 Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel,
all the knees that have not bowed to Baal,
and every mouth that has not kissed him.'

PSALM Psalm 85.8–13

**R Show us your mercy, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.**

8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying,
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land. R

10 Mercy and truth have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven. R

12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him,
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet. R

SECOND READING Romans 10.5–15

5 Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law,
that 'the person who does these things will live by them.'

6 But the righteousness that comes from faith says,
'Do not say in your heart,

"Who will ascend into heaven?"

(that is, to bring Christ down)

7 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?"

(that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

8 But what does it say?

'The word is near you,

on your lips and in your heart'

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);

9 because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord
and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead,
you will be saved.

10 For one believes with the heart and so is justified,
and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

11 The scripture says,

'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.'

12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek;
the same Lord is Lord of all

and is generous to all who call on him.

13 For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

14 But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed?

And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard?
And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?
15 And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent?
As it is written,
'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

GOSPEL Matthew 14.22–33

Immediately after feeding the crowd
with the five loaves and two fish,
22 Jesus made the disciples get into the boat
and go on ahead to the other side,
while he dismissed the crowds.
23 And after he had dismissed the crowds,
he went up the mountain by himself to pray.
When evening came, he was there alone,
24 but by this time the boat, battered by the waves,
was far from the land,
for the wind was against them.
25 And early in the morning
he came walking towards them on the lake.
26 But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake,
they were terrified, saying,
'It is a ghost!'
And they cried out in fear.
27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said,
'Take heart, it is I;
do not be afraid.'
28 Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you,
command me to come to you on the water.'
29 He said, 'Come.'
So Peter got out of the boat,
started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus.
30 But when he noticed the strong wind,
he became frightened, and beginning to sink,
he cried out, 'Lord, save me!'
31 Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him,
saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?'
32 When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.
33 And those in the boat worshipped him, saying,
'Truly you are the Son of God.'