



St Mary Redcliffe

Choral Mattins
Sunday 3 August 2025
9.30am

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

We all join in prayers and responses in bold type.

Officiant: Canon Dr Stephen Spencer
Sung by Chester Cathedral Nave Choir

Welcome to St Mary Redcliffe

Singing the song of faith and justice

as a thriving, inclusive Christian community

as a recognised, welcoming heritage destination

as a church that makes a difference in the parish and beyond

Welcome to this service of Mattins which brings together our congregations in church and online.

*If you are worshipping in church, please be aware that **this service is livestreamed**. Our online congregation would love to see you, as it helps us to feel together, but if this causes you difficulties, please speak to a welcomer who will assist you to find an appropriate seat.*

If you are unsure where we are in the service, please do turn and ask those around you if you wish: or let the worship carry on around you and enjoy the presence of God made known through music, colour, architecture and movement.

*May the glory of God enthrall you,
the wonder of God inspire you,
and the love of God fill you.*

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NOTICES

Praying through the vacancy process

The next round of adverts and interviews will happen in the autumn. In the meantime please continue to pray:

*Almighty God, look with grace upon this church community
as we seek a faithful shepherd to lead us in your way.
Grant us wisdom in discernment,
patience in waiting, and unity in purpose,
that we may call one who will serve with love,
preach your Word with truth,
help us sing the song of faith and justice
and guide us ever closer to your son, Jesus Christ.
Prepare the heart of the one you are calling,
and prepare us to welcome them with joy,
so that together we may grow in faith and mission,
to the glory of your holy name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

St Mary Redcliffe Church Lands Charity

This charity is one of the major funders of our worship support and building maintenance. Without the grant income from the "CLC" we would all be spending a lot more time fund-raising! CLC is looking for new directors. Anyone wanting to know more is encouraged to talk to Laura in the first instance.

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- ✓ *Children* are always welcome. Children's Church happens during the 10.30 Sung Eucharist and groups for Toddlers through to Teenagers take place regularly both on-line and in person.
- ✓ We take safeguarding seriously at SMR, if you have any concerns or questions, please contact our safeguarding officer.
- ✓ Please ring the parish office if anyone is in hospital and needs *Visiting*.
- ✓ There is a *Loop System* in the nave, but you'll need to use the T position.
- ✓ *Toilets* etc. are in the Undercroft and an accessible Portaloo by the South Porch.
- ✓ *Collections* to help fund the mission of the church are taken using the Contactless Donation Points at the rear of the church. For those joining us online, donations can be made [here](#). If you pay tax in the UK please add your details so we can claim *Gift Aid*.
Please switch your Mobile Phone to silent and resist the temptation to take Photos or Video of the service: the live stream is available on the website for a few days.

We stand as the choir and ministers enter

Processional Hymn 178

'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Thy glory fills the night;
Thy face and garments, like the sun,
Shine with unborrowed light.

'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
Thy beauty to behold
Where Moses and Elijah stand,
Thy messengers of old.

Fulfiller of the past!
Promise of things to be,
We hail thy Body glorified
And our redemption see.

Before we taste of death,
We see thy kingdom come;
We fain would hold the vision bright,
And make this hill our home.

'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Yet we may not remain;
But since thou bidst us leave the mount
Come with us to the plain.

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Preces and Responses: *Sumsion*

The minister and choir sing the opening preces and responses.

O Lord, open thou our lips.
And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

We stand, as the minister and choir continue:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

We sit for the psalm.

Psalm 106. 1-10 (p483)

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious:
and his mercy endureth for ever.
Who can express the noble acts of the Lord:
or shew forth all his praise?
Blessed are they that alway keep judgement:
and do righteousness.
Remember me, O Lord, according to the favour that thou bearest
unto thy people:
O visit me with thy salvation;
That I may see the felicity of thy chosen:
and rejoice in the gladness of thy people, and give thanks with thine
inheritance.

We have sinned with our fathers:
we have done amiss, and dealt wickedly.
Our fathers regarded not thy wonders in Egypt, neither kept they thy
great goodness in remembrance:
but were disobedient at the sea, even at the Red sea.
Nevertheless, he helped them for his Name's sake:
that he might make his power to be known.
He rebuked the Red sea also, and it was dried up:
so he led them through the deep, as through a wilderness.
And he saved them from the adversary's hand:
and delivered them from the hand of the enemy.

We stand at the end of the psalm as 'The Gloria Patri' is sung:

Glory be to the Father and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

We sit

A reading from the Song of Solomon

I opened to my beloved,
but my beloved had turned and was gone.
My soul failed me when he spoke.
I sought him, but did not find him;
I called him, but he gave no answer.
Making their rounds in the city
the sentinels found me;
they beat me, they wounded me,
they took away my mantle,
those sentinels of the walls.
I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem,
if you find my beloved,

tell him this:

I am faint with love.

What is your beloved more than another beloved,
O fairest among women?

What is your beloved more than another beloved,
that you thus adjure us?

My beloved is all radiant and ruddy,
distinguished among ten thousand.

His head is the finest gold;
his locks are wavy,
black as a raven.

His eyes are like doves
beside springs of water,
bathed in milk,
fitly set.

His cheeks are like beds of spices,
yielding fragrance.

His lips are lilies,
distilling liquid myrrh.

His arms are rounded gold,
set with jewels.

His body is ivory work,
encrusted with sapphires.

His legs are alabaster columns,
set upon bases of gold.

His appearance is like Lebanon,
choice as the cedars.

His speech is most sweet,
and he is altogether desirable.

This is my beloved and this is my friend,
O daughters of Jerusalem.

We stand

Te Deum Laudamus: Collegium Regale Howells

The choir sings A Song of the Church.

We praise thee O God : we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee : the Father everlasting.
To thee all angels cry aloud : the heavens and all the powers therein.
To thee Cherubin, and Seraphin : continually do cry,
Holy, holy, holy : Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty : of thy glory.
The glorious company of the apostles : praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets : praise thee.
The noble army of martyrs : praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world : doth acknowledge thee;
The Father : of an infinite majesty;
Thine honourable, true : and only Son;
Also the Holy Ghost : the Comforter.
Thou art the King of glory : O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son : of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man :
thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death :
thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God : in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come : to be our judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants :
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy saints : in glory everlasting.
O Lord, save thy people : and bless thine heritage.
Govern them : and lift them up for ever.
Day by day : we magnify thee;
And we worship thy name : ever world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord : to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us : have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us : as our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted : let me never be confounded.

We sit

A reading from the second Letter of Peter

His divine power has given us everything needed for life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Thus he has given us, through these things, his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may escape from the corruption that is in the world because of lust, and may become participants in the divine nature. For this very reason, you must make every effort to support your faith with goodness, and goodness with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with endurance, and endurance with godliness, and godliness with mutual affection, and mutual affection with love. For if these things are yours and are increasing among you, they keep you from being ineffective and unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For anyone who lacks these things is short-sighted and blind, and is forgetful of the cleansing of past sins. Therefore, brothers and sisters, be all the more eager to confirm your call and election, for if you do this, you will never stumble. For in this way, entry into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ will be richly provided for you.

Therefore I intend to keep on reminding you of these things, though you know them already and are established in the truth that has come to you. I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to refresh your memory, since I know that my death will come soon, as indeed our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

We stand

Jubilate Deo in Bb Sanders

The choir sings Psalm 100.

O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands :
 serve the Lord with gladness,
 and come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God :
 it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
 we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
 and into his courts with praise :
 be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name.
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting :
 and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

Apostles' Creed

We all face east to say the Creed.

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried:
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Preces and Responses: *Sumsion*

The minister and choir continue to sing to the preces and responses after the creed.

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

We kneel, as the minister and choir continue:

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come;
thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation.
O Lord, save the King.
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
And make thy chosen people joyful.
O Lord, save thy people.
And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.
O God, make clean our hearts within us.
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Collects

The minister chants the collects. The choir sings the 'Amen'

The Collect for the Day

Lord of all power and might,
who art the author and giver of all good things;
Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name,
increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness,
and of thy great mercy keep us in the same;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect for Peace

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord,
in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life,
whose service is perfect freedom;
defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies;
that we, surely trusting in thy defence,
may not fear the power of any adversaries,
through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect for Grace

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God,
who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day;
defend us in the same with thy mighty power;
and grant that this day we fall into no sin,
neither run into any kind of danger;
but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance,
to do always that is righteous in thy sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We sit

Anthem: The Flower Roth

Prayer

God of ages past
thou didst stir our forebears
to build this house of prayer to the glory of thy name;
inspire us with that self-same longing
to be a beacon of thy kingdom;
bless our current endeavours
that, begun, continued and ended in thee
we may be a community of hope
where thy name is praised, thy story is told and thy love is shared
so that this and future generations may be heard
singing the song of faith and justice;
for the sake of Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost,
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

We stand as the choir and minister leave and then sit.

Organ Voluntary

Retiring Collection

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the life and ministry of St Mary Redcliffe Church using our contactless
donation point as you leave.*

*If you are worshipping online or in church, you are invited to give [here](https://www.stmaryredcliffe.co.uk) via
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