



Southwell  
Minster

*The Cathedral and Parish Church  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary*



# FESTAL EVENSONG

*with the Valediction of a Lay Clerk*

**EASTER DAY**

Sunday 4 April 2021

3.30pm

# Welcome to Southwell Minster



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The Cathedral Choir is directed by Paul Provost, *Rector Chori*.

The organ is played by Jonathan Allsopp, *Assistant Director of Music*.

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# ORDER OF SERVICE

## ORGAN PRELUDE

*Moderato (from Symphony no 10 'Romane')*

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

*Please stand at the entry of the ministers*

*PRECES sung by the Canon Precentor and choir*

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

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

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.

*Music: William Smith (1603-45)*

*The Revd Dr Richard Frith, Canon Precentor, welcomes the congregation to the service.*

OFFICE HYMN *sung by the choir*

The day draws on with golden light,  
Glad songs go echoing through the height,  
The broad earth lifts an answering cheer,  
And hell makes moan with wailing fear.

For lo, he comes, the mighty King,  
To take from death his power and sting,  
To trample down his gloomy reign,  
And break the weary prisoner's chain.

Enclosed he lay in rocky cell,  
With guard of armed sentinel;  
But thence returning, strong and free,  
He comes in might of victory.

The sad Apostles mourn him slain,  
Nor hope to see their Lord again,  
When, to their very eyes restored,  
They look upon the risen Lord.

Maker of all, to thee we pray,  
Fulfil in us thy joy today;  
When death assails, grant, Lord, that we  
May share thy Paschal victory.

To thee, who, dead, again dost live,  
All glory, Lord, thy people give,  
All glory to the Father be  
And Spirit blest, eternally.  
Amen.

*Words: Latin, c. 4<sup>th</sup> century  
trans. T.A. Lacey (1853-1931)*

*Tune: RESURREXIT NEH 100 (t. ii)  
French church melody*

*Please sit*

O give thanks unto the Lord, and call upon his Name:  
tell the people what things he hath done.  
O let your songs be of him, and praise him:  
and let your talking be of all his wondrous works.  
Rejoice in his holy Name:  
let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord.  
Seek the Lord and his strength:  
seek his face evermore.  
Remember the marvellous works that he hath done:  
his wonders, and the judgements of his mouth,  
O ye seed of Abraham his servant:  
ye children of Jacob his chosen.  
He is the Lord our God:  
his judgements are in all the world.  
He hath been always mindful of his covenant and promise:  
that he made to a thousand generations;  
Even the covenant that he made with Abraham:  
and the oath that he sware unto Isaac;  
And appointed the same unto Jacob for a law:  
and to Israel for an everlasting testament;  
Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan:  
the lot of your inheritance;  
When there were yet but a few of them:  
and they strangers in the land;  
What time as they went from one nation to another:  
from one kingdom to another people;  
He suffered no man to do them wrong:  
but reprov'd even kings for their sakes;  
Touch not mine Anointed:  
and do my prophets no harm.  
Moreover, he called for a dearth upon the land:  
and destroyed all the provision of bread.  
But he had sent a man before them:  
even Joseph, who was sold to be a bond-servant;  
Whose feet they hurt in the stocks:  
the iron entered into his soul;  
Until the time came that his cause was known:  
the word of the Lord tried him.

The king sent, and delivered him:  
the prince of the people let him go free.  
He made him lord also of his house:  
and ruler of all his substance;  
That he might inform his princes after his will:  
and teach his senators wisdom.  
Israel also came into Egypt:  
and Jacob was a stranger in the land of Ham.  
And he increased his people exceedingly:  
and made them stronger than their enemies;  
Whose heart turned so, that they hated his people:  
and dealt untruly with his servants.  
Then sent he Moses his servant:  
and Aaron whom he had chosen.  
And these shewed his tokens among them:  
and wonders in the land of Ham.  
He sent darkness, and it was dark:  
and they were not obedient unto his word.  
He turned their waters into blood:  
and slew their fish.  
Their land brought forth frogs:  
yea, even in their kings' chambers.  
He spake the word, and there came all manner of flies:  
and lice in all their quarters.  
He gave them hail-stones for rain:  
and flames of fire in their land.  
He smote their vines also and fig-trees:  
and destroyed the trees that were in their coasts.  
He spake the word, and the grasshoppers came, and  
caterpillars innumerable:  
and did eat up all the grass in their land, and devoured the fruit of  
their ground.  
He smote all the first-born in their land:  
even the chief of all their strength.  
He brought them forth also with silver and gold:  
there was not one feeble person among their tribes.  
Egypt was glad at their departing:  
for they were afraid of them.  
He spread out a cloud to be a covering:  
and fire to give light in the night-season.

At their desire he brought quails:  
and he filled them with the bread of heaven.  
He opened the rock of stone, and the waters flowed out:  
so that rivers ran in the dry places.  
For why? he remembered his holy promise:  
and Abraham his servant.  
And he brought forth his people with joy:  
and his chosen with gladness;  
And gave them the lands of the heathen:  
and they took the labours of the people in possession;  
That they might keep his statutes:  
and observe his laws.

*Please stand*

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.

*Music: Herbert Murrill (1909-52) and Ivor Atkins (1869-1953)*

*Please sit*

FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 37: 1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.'

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

*Please stand*

MAGNIFICAT *sung by the choir*

And looking they saw the stone rolled back,  
for it was very great, alleluia.

My soul doth magnify the Lord:  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded:  
the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth:  
all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me:  
and holy is his name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him:  
throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm:  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat:  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things:  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:  
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.  
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.

And looking they saw the stone rolled back,  
for it was very great, alleluia.

*Words: Luke 1: 46-55*

*Music: from EVENING SERVICE IN A  
Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)  
Antiphon: ET RESPICIENTES, mode iii*

*Please sit*

## SECOND LESSON

Luke 24: 13-35

On that same day, two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognising him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover,

some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognised him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?'

That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

*Please stand*

NUNC DIMITTIS *sung by the choir*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:  
according to thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen:  
thy salvation.  
Which thou hast prepared:  
before the face of all people;  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.  
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.

*Words: Luke 2: 29-32*

*Music: from EVENING SERVICE IN A  
Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)*

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.**

LESSER LITANY, LORD'S PRAYER AND RESPONSES

*sung by the Canon Precentor and choir*

The Lord be with you:  
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

*Please sit or kneel*

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 let us not be led into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
Amen.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us:  
And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the Queen:  
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.

#### COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God,  
who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death,  
and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life:  
We humbly beseech thee,  
that as by thy special grace preventing us  
thou dost put into our minds good desires,  
so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
ever one God, world without end.  
Amen.

#### COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels,  
and all just works do proceed;  
give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give;  
that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments,  
and also that, by thee,  
we being defended from the fear of our enemies  
may pass our time in rest and quietness;  
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
Amen.

#### COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord;  
and by thy great mercy defend us  
from all perils and dangers of this night;  
for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

*Music: William Smith (1603-45) and Robert Stone (1516-1613)*

*Please sit*

*ANTHEM sung by the choir*

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem  
Your sweetest notes employ,  
The Paschal victory to hymn  
In strains of holy joy.

For Judah's Lion bursts his chains,  
Crushing the serpent's head;  
And cries aloud through death's domains  
To wake the imprisoned dead.

Devouring depths of hell their prey  
At his command restore;  
His ransomed hosts pursue their way  
Where Jesus goes before.

Triumphant in his glory now  
To him all power is given;  
To him in one communion bow  
All saints in earth and heaven.

While we his soldiers praise our King,  
His mercy we implore,  
Within his palace bright to bring  
And keep us evermore.

All glory to the Father be,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,  
While endless ages run.  
Alleluia. Amen.

*Words: St Fulbert of Chartres (d. 1028)  
trans. Robert Campbell (1814-68)*

*Music: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)*

## VALEDICTION OF A LAY CLERK

HOMILY *given by the Dean*

*Please remain seated or kneel when invited*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *led by Angela Ashwin, Reader and Honorary Canon*

*One of the following responses, or another, may be used:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

## THE GRACE

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

*Please stand*

BLESSING *given by the Dean*

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord:  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,  
be amongst you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

DISMISSAL *sung by the Canon Precentor and choir*

The Lord be with you:  
And with thy Spirit.

Let us bless the Lord:  
Thanks be to God.

*Music: after William Smith (1603-45)*

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *during which the ministers depart*

*Final (from Symphony no 10 'Romane')*

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

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**Please take this order of service away with you.**

**We wish you a holy, blessed and peaceful Easter.**

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