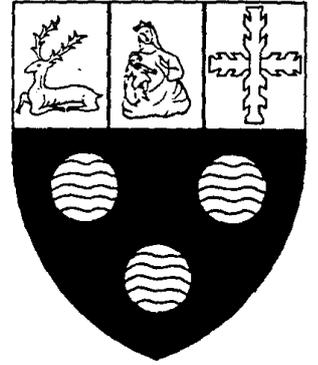




Southwell
Minster

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



CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST (online)

Mothering Sunday
Sunday 14 March 2021
10.00am

Welcome to this online service from Southwell Minster

Please do join in at home as you are comfortably able: you may wish to stand, sit and kneel as you normally would in church (we have included instructions for posture in this booklet for this reason), and/or to speak along with the congregational elements of the service.

The President of the Eucharist is The Very Revd Nicola Sullivan, *Dean of Southwell*.

The Preacher is The Revd Dr Richard Frith, *Canon Precentor*.

The Lay Clerks of the Cathedral Choir are directed by Paul Provost, *Rector Chori*.

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

The setting for the Eucharist is *Mass in D minor* by James Furniss-Roe (b. 1995).

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Spiritual Communion

The term 'Spiritual Communion' has been used historically to describe the means of grace by which a person, prevented for some serious reason from sharing in a celebration of the Eucharist, nonetheless shares in the communion of Jesus Christ. The Book of Common Prayer instructs us that if we offer ourselves in penitence and faith, giving thanks for the redemption won by Christ crucified, we may truly 'eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ', although we cannot receive the sacrament physically ourselves. Making a Spiritual Communion is particularly fitting during the restrictions precipitated by the coronavirus. The Church of which we are members is not defined by the walls of a building but by the Body of Christ of which we are members. In making our communion spiritually, we are joining with Christians everywhere to be nourished by the one who tells us, 'I am the Bread of Life'. As you join in with our service this morning, at the 'Giving of Communion' there will be an opportunity to make your own Spiritual Communion, giving thanks for the saving death and resurrection of Jesus.

Prayers for Mothering Sunday

Loving God,
Thank you for mums and children
and for all the joy of family life.
Be with those who are grieving because they have no mother;
Be close to those who are struggling because they have no children;
Be near to those who are sad because they are far apart from those they love.
Let your love be present in every home,
And help your church to have eyes to see
and ears to hear the needs of all who come.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Thank you, God, for the love of our mothers:
thank you, God, for their care and concern;
thank you, God, for the joys they have shared with us;
thank you, God, for the pains they have borne for us;
thank you, God, for all that they give us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to you;
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.
Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness;
through your gentleness we find comfort in fear.
Your warmth gives life to the dead,
your touch makes sinners righteous.
Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us;
in your love and tenderness remake us.
In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness,
for the beauty of heaven may your love prepare us.
Amen.

St Anselm of Canterbury (c.1033-1109)

ORDER OF SERVICE

THE GATHERING

Please stand

INTROIT

Choir Rejoice ye with Jerusalem;
and be glad for her, all ye that delight in her:
exult and sing for joy with her, all ye that in sadness mourn for her:
that ye may suck, and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations.

*Music: LAETARE
Mode v*

President In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

GREETING

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The President introduces the Eucharist.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**Loving, compassionate Father,
As a mother hen gathers her chicks,
so you draw the whole human family to yourself.
Bring us together now, Lord,
that we may today and forever be united
under your wing in all our sorrows and joys.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Let us call to mind our sin, our failure to value the love of others
and our failure to love as Jesus has loved us.

Silence is kept.

**Lord our God,
in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us;
deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON

<i>Choir</i>	Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.	<i>Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.</i>
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COLLECT

President Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Please sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *read by Joan Broughton*

2 Corinthians 1: 3-7

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Choir Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son:
so that all who believe in him may have eternal life.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Music: John Harper (b. 1947) and Paul Provost (b. 1985)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit

SERMON *given by The Revd Dr Richard Frith, Canon Precentor*

Please stand

CREED

President Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

The President says:

In the power of the Spirit,
and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father.

Please sit or kneel

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

The following response is used:

God of compassion,
hear our prayer.

And at the end:

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Please stand

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

President God is love
and those who live in love live in God
and God lives in them.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN



For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.*

For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and brain's delight,
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight:

Lord of all...

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild:
*Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.*

For thy Church that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
This pure sacrifice of love:
Lord of all...

Words: Folliot Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917)

*Tune: ENGLAND'S LANE NEH 285 (t. i)
English traditional
arr. Geoffrey Shaw (1879-1943)*

PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

President Let us pray.

God of mercy and compassion,
your Word calls us home to faith and love.
accept all we offer you this day;
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here.
His 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.

It is indeed right and good
to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For in these forty days
you lead us into the desert of repentance
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline
we may grow in grace
and learn to be your people once again.

Through fasting, prayer and acts of service,
you bring us back to your generous heart.

Through study of your holy word,
you open our eyes to your presence in the world
and free our hands to welcome others
into the radiant splendour of your love.

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast
with joyful hearts and minds
we bless you for your mercy
and join with saints and angels
for ever praising you and singing:

<i>Choir</i>	Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth, pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.</i>
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	Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.</i>
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President We praise and bless you, loving Father,
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, Father, 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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary and 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 Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

Please sit or kneel

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom
and teach us to pray.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for 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 one bread.**

AGNUS DEI

<i>Choir</i>	Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.	<i>Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.</i>
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	Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.	<i>Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.</i>

GIVING OF COMMUNION

President Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

The President receives Communion.

COMMUNION MOTET

Choir God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. Amen.

Words: John 3: 16-17

Music: Henry Ley (1887-1962)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

President Let us pray.

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Please stand

THE DISMISSAL

BLESSING

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary,
fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Praeludium in G

Nicolaus Bruhns (1665-97)

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