



Southwell
Minster

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



EVENING PRAYER

with Organ Reflections

The Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday 11 April 2021

3.30pm

Welcome to Southwell Minster



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The congregation is invited to join in all texts printed in **bold**.

The organ is played by James Furniss-Roe, *Organ Scholar*.

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His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh

We gather for worship on this Second Sunday of Easter in the continued joy of the Resurrection, but also at a time of national mourning following the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh. There will be further opportunities in our worship over the coming days to express our grief together. In this service, our sense of loss is held within the 'sure and certain hope of resurrection to eternal life' (as the Funeral Service puts it) which is won for us by the victory of Jesus over death, which we celebrate in this season.

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Rêverie (from *24 pièces en style libre*)

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Please stand at the entry of the ministers

PRECES

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:
The Lord's name be praised.

The Very Revd Nicola Sullivan, Dean of Southwell, welcomes the congregation to the service.

Please sit

PSALMODY

Psalm 143: 1-11

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and consider my desire:

hearken unto me for thy truth and righteousness' sake.

And enter not into judgement with thy servant:

for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground:

he hath laid me in the darkness, as the men that have been long dead.

Therefore is my spirit vexed within me:

and my heart within me is desolate.

Yet do I remember the time past; I muse upon all thy works:

yea, I exercise myself in the works of thy hands.

I stretch forth my hands unto thee:

my soul gaspeth unto thee as a thirsty land.

Hear me, O Lord, and that soon, for my spirit waxeth faint:

hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

O let me hear thy loving-kindness betimes in the morning, for in thee is my trust:

shew thou me the way that I should walk in, for I lift up my soul unto thee.

Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies:

for I flee unto thee to hide me.

Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth thee, for thou art my God:

let thy loving Spirit lead me forth into the land of righteousness.

Quicken me, O Lord, for thy Name's sake:

and for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

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.**

Please sit

ORGAN REFLECTION

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 26: 1-9, 19

On that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah:

We have a strong city;
he sets up victory
like walls and bulwarks.
Open the gates,
so that the righteous nation that keeps faith
may enter in.
Those of steadfast mind you keep in peace—
in peace because they trust in you.
Trust in the Lord for ever,
for in the Lord God
you have an everlasting rock.
For he has brought low
the inhabitants of the height;
the lofty city he lays low.
He lays it low to the ground,
casts it to the dust.
The foot tramples it,
the feet of the poor,
the steps of the needy.

The way of the righteous is level;
O Just One, you make smooth the path of the righteous.
In the path of your judgements,
O Lord, we wait for you;
your name and your renown
are the soul's desire.
My soul yearns for you in the night,
my spirit within me earnestly seeks you.
For when your judgements are in the earth,
the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness.

Your dead shall live, their corpses shall rise.
O dwellers in the dust, awake and sing for joy!
For your dew is a radiant dew,
and the earth will give birth to those long dead.

ORGAN REFLECTION

Please stand

MAGNIFICAT

Luke 1: 46-55

Dean After eight days...
All **...came the Lord,
the doors being shut, and said unto them:
Peace be unto you, alleluia, 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.

After eight days came the Lord,
the doors being shut, and said unto them:
Peace be unto you, alleluia, alleluia.

Please sit

SECOND LESSON

Luke 24: 1-12

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

ORGAN REFLECTION

Please stand

NUNC DIMITTIS

Luke 2: 29-32

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.**

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

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 lead us not 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 hast given thine only Son
to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin,
and also an example of godly life:
Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive
that his inestimable benefit,
and also daily endeavour ourselves
to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.
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.

Please sit

ANTHEM

Heut triumphieret Gottes Sohn,
Der von dem Tod erstanden schon,
Halleluja, Halleluja,
Mit großer Pracht und Herrlichkeit,
Des dank'n wir ihm in Ewigkeit.
Halleluja, Halleluja.

*This day in triumph God the Son
Hath from the grave the vict'ry won,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
With glorious might and majesty,
And so we thank him endlessly.
Alleluia, Alleluia!*

Words: German, attrib. Kaspar Stolzhagen (1550-94) Music: BWV 630, Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

HOMILY *given by The Revd Erika Kirk, Priest Vicar*

Please remain seated or kneel when invited

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *led by the Dean*

A Prayer for the Queen's Majesty:

O Lord, our heavenly Father, high and mighty,
King of kings, Lord of lords, the only Ruler of princes,
who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth:
Most heartily we beseech thee with thy favour to behold
our most gracious Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth;
and so replenish her with the grace of thy Holy Spirit,
that she may alway incline to thy will, and walk in thy way.
Endue her plenteously with heavenly gifts;
grant her in health and wealth long to live;
strengthen her that she may vanquish and overcome all her enemies;
and finally after this life she may attain everlasting joy and felicity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

A Prayer for the Royal Family:

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness,
we humbly beseech thee to bless Charles Prince of Wales,
and all the Royal Family:
Endue them with thy Holy Spirit;
enrich them with thy heavenly grace;
prosper them with all happiness;
and bring them to thine everlasting kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

A Prayer for the Clergy and People:

Almighty and everlasting God,
who alone workest great marvels:
Send down upon our Bishops, and Curates,
and all Congregations committed to their charge,
the healthful Spirit of thy grace;
and that they may truly please thee,
pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing.
Grant this, O Lord, for the honour
of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Further intercessions are added, and 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.**

ORGAN REFLECTION

Please stand

BLESSING

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.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Please do not sing along, but you may wish to pray the words silently as you listen.

God save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen!
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the Queen!

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *during which the ministers depart*

Excerpts from *Sonata no 2 in C minor*

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

iii. *Allegro maestoso e vivace*

iv. *Fugue: Allegro moderato*

Once the ministers have departed, please sit quietly to listen to the organ voluntary, then leave immediately once it has finished. Tea and coffee will not be served, and please do not gather in doorways. The clergy will stand outside the north door to greet you on your way out.

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