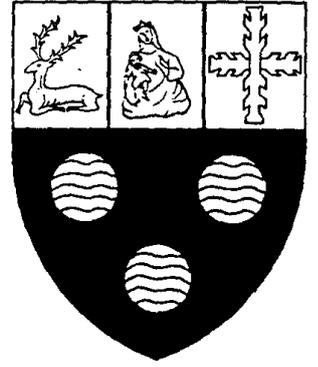


Southwell Minster

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



EVENSONG

during Eastertide

Welcome to Southwell Minster



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ORDER OF SERVICE

Please stand at the entry of the ministers

Except on Fridays, the service begins with the Preces on page 4.

SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Dearly beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me:

or

Beloved, we are come together in the presence of almighty God and of the whole company of heaven to offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ our worship and praise and thanksgiving; to make confession of our sins; to pray, as well for others as for ourselves, that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love and shew forth in our lives the fruits of his grace; and to ask on behalf of all men such things as their well-being doth require. Wherefore let us kneel in silence, and remember God's presence with us now.

Please sit or kneel

GENERAL CONFESSION

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done,
and there is no health in us:
but thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders;
spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults,
restore thou them that are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesu our Lord:
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name.
Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live; and hath given power and commandment to his ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins: he pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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;
for thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Please stand

THE OFFICE OF EVENSONG

PRECES sung by the Canon Precentor (or another cantor) 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:
The Lord's name be praised.

OFFICE HYMN sung by the choir

Texts can be found at the back of this booklet, from p. 11.

Please sit

PSALMODY sung by the choir

At the end of the psalmody, please stand for the GLORIA PATRI:

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

FIRST LESSON *taken from the Old Testament or the Apocrypha*

Please stand

MAGNIFICAT (SONG OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY)
sung by the choir, usually in English or Latin

Luke 1: 46-55

On Festivals, the Magnificat is preceded by an antiphon.

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.

If an antiphon was sung above, it is repeated here.

Please sit

SECOND LESSON *taken from the New Testament*

Please stand

NUNC DIMITTIS (SONG OF SIMEON)
sung by the choir, usually in English or Latin

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
sung by the Canon Precentor (or another cantor) 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 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

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 *sung by the choir*

On Sundays, a HOMILY is preached.

Please remain seated or kneel when invited

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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 on Saturdays and Sundays, to which all respond* **Amen.**

OFFICE HYMNS

SUNDAYS IN EASTERTIDE

Aurora lucis rutilat

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 armèd 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.

O great Creator of the sky,
Who wouldest not the floods on high
With earthly waters to confound,
But mad'st the firmament their bound;

The floods above thou didst ordain;
The floods below thou didst restrain:
That moisture might attemper heat,
Lest the parched earth should ruin meet.

Upon our souls, good Lord, bestow
Thy gift of grace in endless flow:
Lest some renewed deceit or wile
Of former sin should us beguile.

Let faith discover heavenly light;
So shall its rays direct us right:
And let this faith each error chase,
And never give to falsehood place.

Grant this, O Father, ever One
With Christ, thy sole-begotten son,
And Holy Ghost, whom all adore,
Reigning and blest forevermore.
Amen.

Earth's mighty Maker, whose command
Raised from the sea the solid land;
And drove each billowy heap away,
And bade the earth stand firm for aye:

That so, with flowers of golden hue,
The seeds of each it might renew;
And fruit-trees bearing fruit might yield,
And pleasant pasture of the field:

Our spirit's rankling wounds efface
With dewy freshness of thy grace:
That grief may cleanse each deed of ill,
And o'er each lust may triumph still.

Let every soul thy law obey,
And keep from every evil way;
Rejoice each promised good to win,
And flee from every mortal sin.

Hear thou our prayer, Almighty King!
Hear thou our praises, while we sing,
Adoring with the heavenly host,
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
Amen.

O God, whose hand hath spread the sky,
And all its shining hosts on high,
And painting it with fiery light,
Made it so beauteous and so bright:

Thou, when the fourth day was begun,
Didst frame the circle of the sun,
And set the moon for ordered change,
And planets for their wider range:

To night and day, by certain line,
Their varying bounds thou didst assign;
And gav'st a signal, known and meet,
For months begun and months complete.

Enlighten thou the hearts of men:
Polluted souls make pure again:
Unloose the bands of guilt within:
Remove the burden of our sin.

Grant this, O Father, ever One
With Christ thy sole-begotten Son,
Whom, with the Spirit we adore,
One God, both now and evermore.
Amen.

O sovereign Lord of nature's might,
Who bad'st the water's birth divide;
Part in the heavens to take their flight,
And part in ocean's deep to hide;

These low obscured, on airy wing
Exalted those, that either race,
Though from one element they spring,
Might serve thee in a different place.

Grant, Lord, that we thy servants all,
Saved by thy tide of cleansing blood,
No more 'neath sin's dominion fall,
Nor fear the thought of death's dark flood!

Thy varied love each spirit bless,
The humble cheer, the high control;
Check in each heart its proud excess,
But raise the meek and contrite soul!

This boon, O Father, we entreat,
This blessing grant, Eternal Son,
And Holy Ghost, the Paraclete,
Both now, and while the ages run.
Amen.

Maker of man, who from thy throne
Dost order all things, God alone;
By whose decree the teeming earth
To reptile and to beast gave birth:

The mighty forms that fill the land,
Instinct with life at thy command,
Are given subdued to humankind
For service in their rank assigned.

From all thy servants drive away
Whate'er of thought impure to-day
Hath been with open action blent,
Or mingled with the heart's intent.

In heaven thine endless joys bestow,
And grant thy gifts of grace below;
From chains of strife our souls release,
Bind fast the gentle bands of peace.

Grant this, O Father, ever One
With Christ, thy sole-begotten Son,
Whom, with the Spirit we adore,
One God, both now and evermore.
Amen.

Let the round world with songs rejoice,
Let heaven return the joyful voice,
All mindful of the Apostles' fame,
Let heaven and earth their praise proclaim.

Ye servants who once bore the light
Of gospel truth o'er heathen night,
Still may your work that light impart,
To glad our eyes and cheer our heart.

O God, by whom to them was given
The key that shuts and opens heaven,
Our chains unbind, our loss repair,
And grant us grace to enter there.

For at thy will they preached the word
Which cured disease, which health conferred;
O may thy healing power once more
Our souls to grace and health restore.

That when as judge thy Son shall come
To bring his ransomed people home,
He may with them pronounce us blest,
And place us in thine endless rest.

To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Be honour, praise and majesty,
Now and throughout eternity.
Amen.

Martyr of God, whose strength was steeled
To follow close God's only Son,
Well didst thou brave thy battlefield,
And well thy heavenly bliss was won!

Now join thy prayers with ours, who pray
That God may pardon us and bless;
For prayer keeps evil's plague away,
And draws from life its weariness.

Long, long ago, were loosed the chains
That held thy body once in thrall;
For us how many a bond remains!
O Love of God release us all.

All praise to God the Father be,
All praise to thee, eternal Son;
All praise, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
While never-ending ages run.
Amen.

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