



Southwell  
Minster

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



# EVENING PRAYER

*with Organ Reflections  
and the Commissioning of  
Churchwardens and Sidespersons*

**Trinity Sunday**

Sunday 30 May 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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# ORDER OF SERVICE

## ORGAN PRELUDE

*Le Pere* (from *Trois Méditations sur la Sainte Trinité*)

Jean Langlais (1907-91)

*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*

Praise the Lord, O my soul:

O Lord my God, thou art become exceeding glorious; thou art clothed  
with majesty and honour.

**Thou deckest thyself with light as it were with a garment:  
and spreadest out the heavens like a curtain.**

Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters:

and maketh the clouds his chariot, and walketh upon the wings of  
the wind.

**He maketh his angels spirits:  
and his ministers a flaming fire.**

He laid the foundations of the earth:

that it never should move at any time.

**Thou coveredst it with the deep like as with a garment:  
the waters stand in the hills.**

At thy rebuke they flee:

at the voice of thy thunder they are afraid.

**They go up as high as the hills, and down to the valleys beneath:  
even unto the place which thou hast appointed for them.**

Thou hast set them their bounds which they shall not pass:

neither turn again to cover the earth.

*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

As I looked, a stormy wind came out of the north: a great cloud with brightness around it and fire flashing forth continually, and in the middle of the fire, something like gleaming amber. In the middle of it was something like four living creatures. This was their appearance: they were of human form. Each had four faces, and each of them had four wings. Their legs were straight, and the soles of their feet were like the sole of a calf's foot; and they sparkled like burnished bronze. Under their wings on their four sides they had human hands. And the four had their faces and their wings thus: their wings touched one another; each of them moved straight ahead, without turning as they moved. As for the appearance of their faces: the four had the face of a human being, the face of a lion on the right side, the face of an ox on the left side, and the face of an eagle;

Over the heads of the living creatures there was something like a dome, shining like crystal, spread out above their heads. Under the dome their wings were stretched out straight, one towards another; and each of the creatures had two wings covering its body. When they moved, I heard the sound of their wings like the sound of mighty waters, like the thunder of the Almighty, a sound of tumult like the sound of an army; when they stopped, they let down their wings. And there came a voice from above the dome over their heads; when they stopped, they let down their wings.

And above the dome over their heads there was something like a throne, in appearance like sapphire; and seated above the likeness of a throne was something that seemed like a human form. Upwards from what appeared like the loins I saw something like gleaming amber, something that looked like fire enclosed all round; and downwards from what looked like the loins I saw something that looked like fire, and there was a splendour all round. Like the bow in a cloud on a rainy day, such was the appearance of the splendour all round. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord.

When I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard the voice of someone speaking.

## ORGAN REFLECTION

*Please stand*

O God the Father Unbegotten,  
O God the Only Begotten Son,  
O God the Holy Ghost the Comforter,  
One Holy and undivided Trinity:  
with our whole hear and with our whole voice we acknowledge thee,  
Praise thee, and we bless thee:  
To thee be glory for ever.

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.**

O God the Father Unbegotten,  
O God the Only Begotten Son,  
O God the Holy Ghost the Comforter,  
One Holy and undivided Trinity:  
with our whole hear and with our whole voice we acknowledge thee,  
Praise thee, and we bless thee:  
To thee be glory for ever.

After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.' At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! And the one seated there looks like jasper and cornelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal.

Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing,

'Holy, holy, holy,  
the Lord God the Almighty,  
who was and is and is to come.'

And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing,

'You are worthy, our Lord and God,  
to receive glory and honour and power,  
for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were  
created.'

*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 and everlasting God,  
who hast given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true  
faith to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity,  
and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity;  
We beseech thee, that thou wouldest keep us stedfast in this faith,  
and evermore defend us from all adversities,  
who livest and reignest, 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.**

*Please sit*

## ANTHEM

*Le Fils (from Trois Méditations sur la Sainte Trinité)*

Jean Langlais (1907-91)

## COMMISSIONING OF SIDESPERSONS

*The Dean's Churchwarden brings those who have agreed to be Sidespersons to stand before the Dean.*

*The Dean's Churchwarden says:*

Madam Dean, on behalf of the Churchwardens of this Cathedral Church, I present to you those who wish to assist in the care of our congregations as Sidespersons, and those who are renewing their commitment in this role to serve Christ in those they greet.

*The Dean thanks him for his presentation and says:*

For over a thousand years, this Minster and Cathedral Church has born witness to a living faith amongst its congregations and welcomes to worship many others on their own personal journey of faith. Churchwardens and Sidespersons accompany people through their profound offerings of commitment, and attend to those on the most poignant thresholds of life. They assist and share in the joy of baptism and marriage, anniversaries and blessings, and guide and attend to those who come to this holy place in times of sadness and loss. Wardens and Sidespersons are asked to extend the warmth of welcome this Minster has given over centuries and to be a companion in Christ to all those drawn to worship.

Are you willing to embrace this task and confer upon all who come to worship the hospitality of Christ?

*The Sidespersons say:*

I am willing.

*The Dean's Churchwarden presents each new Sidesperson by name to the Dean. The new Sidespersons then return to their seats.*

## PRESENTATION OF CHURCHWARDENS

*Churchwardens and Deputy Churchwardens move to stand before the Dean; the Churchwardens hold their staves, which are their symbols of office.*

*The Dean's Churchwarden says:*

Madam Dean, I present to you the Wardens and Deputy Wardens seeking the strength and blessing of God to fulfil their duties and service in this Cathedral Church.

*The Dean thanks him for his presentation, then calls each Churchwarden and Deputy Churchwarden by name and says:*

We are grateful for your willingness to serve the Cathedral in this way. As Churchwardens you carry the responsibility of attending to those who come to worship. Together with the Vergers, Churchwardens are called to guard and to care, to protect and to shepherd, in order that all may find welcome and safety in this house of God. In this labour of love we pray for the Holy Spirit to fill you with grace, strength and peace.

*The Dean prays for the Churchwardens:*

May God settle you in your faith  
and make you joyful in the service of Christ our Lord,  
that great Shepherd of the sheep,  
to whom be all glory and honour, power and praise,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
now and forever.  
**Amen.**

*As all return to their seats, please remain seated or kneel.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *led by the Canon Precentor*

*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.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *during which the ministers depart*

*Le Saint Esprit* (from *Trois Méditations sur la Sainte Trinité*)      Jean Langlais (1907-91)

*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 ministers will stand outside the north door to greet you on your way out.*

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



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