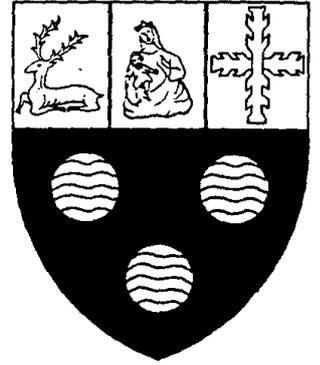




Southwell
Minster

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



FESTAL EVENSONG

Pentecost

Sunday 23 May 2021

3.30pm

Welcome to Southwell Minster



As you prepare for worship, please be sensitive to the needs of those around you who may wish to pray in silence. Please switch off mobile telephones and do not use photographic, video or recording equipment at any time.



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We are a Fairtrade cathedral, committed to continuing and increasing our use of fairly traded goods wherever possible.

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

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

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

No collection will be taken at this service, but donations as you leave in support of the mission and ministry of the Cathedral are very welcome. Envelopes and cash may be deposited in the donation box, or preferably use the contactless donation station. Please give generously.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Komm, Heiliger Geist, BWV 652

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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: Humphrey Clucas (b. 1941)

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

OFFICE HYMN *sung by the choir*

Rejoice, the year upon its way
Has brought again that blessed day
When on the Church by Christ our Lord
The Holy Spirit was outpoured.

From out the heavens a rushing noise
Came like the tempest's sudden voice,
And mingled with the Apostles' prayer,
Proclaiming loud that God was there.

Like quivering tongues of light and flame,
Upon each one the Spirit came:
Tongues, that the earth might hear their call,
And fire, that love might burn in all.

And so to all were spread abroad
The wonders of the works of God;
They knew the prophet's word fulfilled,
And owned the gift which God had willed.

Look down, most gracious God, this day
Upon thy people as they pray;
And Christ the Lord upon us pour
The Spirit's gift for evermore. Amen.

*Words: Latin, c. 4th century
trans. NEH editors*

*Tune: VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS
Mode viii*

Please sit

O Lord, thou hast searched me out, and known me:
thou knowest my down-sitting, and mine up-rising; thou
understandest my thoughts long before.
Thou art about my path, and about my bed:
and spiest out all my ways.
For lo, there is not a word in my tongue:
but thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether.
Thou hast fashioned me behind and before:
and laid thine hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me:
I cannot attain unto it.
Whither shall I go then from thy Spirit:
or whither shall I go then from thy presence?
If I climb up into heaven, thou art there:
if I go down to hell, thou art there also.
If I take the wings of the morning:
and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea;
Even there also shall thy hand lead me:
and thy right hand shall hold me.
If I say, Peradventure the darkness shall cover me:
then shall my night be turned to day.
Yea, the darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as
the day:
the darkness and light to thee are both alike.
For my reins are thine:
thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.
I will give thanks unto thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made:
marvellous are thy works, and that my soul knoweth right well.
My bones are not hid from thee:
though I be made secretly, and fashioned beneath in the earth.
Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect:
and in thy book were all my members written;
Which day by day were fashioned:
when as yet there was none of them.
How dear are thy counsels unto me, O God:
O how great is the sum of them!
If I tell them, they are more in number than the sand:
when I wake up I am present with thee.

Wilt thou not slay the wicked, O God:
depart from me, ye blood-thirsty men.
For they speak unrighteously against thee:
and thine enemies take thy Name in vain.
Do not I hate them, O Lord, that hate thee:
and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee?
Yea, I hate them right sore:
even as though they were mine enemies.
Try me, O God, and seek the ground of my heart:
prove me, and examine my thoughts.
Look well if there be any way of wickedness in me:
and lead me in the way everlasting.

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: George Martin (1926-90)

Please sit

FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 36:22–28

Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. I will sanctify my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them; and the nations shall know that I am the Lord, says the Lord God, when through you I display my holiness before their eyes. I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Please stand

ANTIPHON AND MAGNIFICAT *sung by the choir*

Today completed were the days of Pentecost, alleluia: today the Holy Ghost appeared to the disciples in form of fire, and gave them the gifts of his graces: he sent them throughout the whole world to preach and to testify, that he that shall believe, and he that be baptised, shall be saved, 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.

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Words: Luke 1: 46-55

Music: from EVENING SERVICE 'COLLEGIUM REGALE'

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Antiphon: HODIE COMPLETI SUNT, mode i

SECOND LESSON Acts 2:22–38

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.
You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.”

‘Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

“He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.”

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you both see and hear. For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

“The Lord said to my Lord,
‘Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies your footstool.’ ”

Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'

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 'COLLEGIUM REGALE'

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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

God, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people,
by the sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit;
Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things,
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit,
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: Humphrey Clucas (b. 1941)

Please sit

ANTHEM *sung by the choir*

Loquebantur variis linguis
Apostoli magnalia Dei.
Alleluia. Repleti sunt omnes
Spiritu Sancto et ceperunt
loqui. Alleluia. Gloria Patri
et Filio et Spiritui Sancto.
Alleluia.

*The apostles spoke in various
tongues – Alleluia – praising God.
Alleluia. They were filled with the
Holy Spirit, and received the gift of
tongues. Alleluia. Glory be to the
Father and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit. Alleluia.*

Words: Responsory after the First Vespers of Pentecost

Music: Thomas Tallis (c. 1505–85)

HOMILY *given by the Revd Prof. Alison Milbank, Canon Theologian*

Please remain seated or kneel when invited

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.**

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.

Humphrey Clucas (b. 1941)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *during which the ministers depart*

Sortie 'Le vent de l'Esprit' (from Messe de la Pentecôte) Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

Once the clergy have departed, you are invited to sit to listen quietly to the organ voluntary. If you wish to leave at this point, please do so without disturbing those who may still wish to listen or pray. Once the voluntary has finished, please leave the Cathedral promptly. 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.

Please take this order of service away with you.

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