



Southwell
Minster

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



EVENSONG

*with the Valediction of Choristers,
and the Organ Scholar*

The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 18 July 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.



A loop system is in operation throughout the Minster. Hearing aids that are equipped to do so should be switched to the 'T' position or the loop setting appropriate to your equipment.



Large print orders of service are available. Please ask a Churchwarden, Sidesman or Verger for a copy.



Please speak to a Verger if you need to use the toilet facilities.



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 Jonathan Allsopp, *Assistant Director of Music*. The organ is played by Paul Provost, *Rector Chori* and James Furniss-Roe, *Organ Scholar*.

The first section of this service will be live-streamed to the internet (we are unable to live-stream the chorister valedictions). The recording will remain available at www.southwellminster.org/worship-online and on the Minster's YouTube channel, for one day. Live-streaming allows those joining from home to participate in the same act of worship as those in the Cathedral.

Face coverings are currently required in places of worship, so please wear one inside the Cathedral unless you have a medically recognised reason not to do so.

Use of Personal Data for NHS Test and Trace

Thank you for providing your name and contact details when you registered for or arrived at this service. This measure is in support of the NHS's Test and Trace programme. Your personal details will be stored securely for 21 days in compliance with data protection regulations, and will then be securely disposed of. If during that time someone who has been at the service tests positive for Covid-19, you will be contacted by the NHS.

The Service of Evensong

The experience of the service of Evensong is unique. It takes place at the end of the working day, and the choir leads worship through their singing. The service is centred around the singing of psalms, ancient texts that speak powerfully and accessibly to our very human hopes, fears and dreams. Every service of Evensong also includes two canticles, or songs, recorded in St Luke's Gospel: the *Magnificat* and *Nunc dimittis*. Both canticles focus on hope and the fulfilment of what God promised to his people, and so have acted as a foundation for prayer and reflection towards the end of the day for many hundreds of years. The beauty of daily sung services in cathedrals is that no two composers' interpretation of these texts is the same, so in the repetition of familiar texts we find fresh meaning every single day.

The gift of the service of Evensong is that it requires little active participation from the congregation; it is a service of respite from the stresses of the day. Our hope is that those of you for whom this is your first taste of Evensong will let yourselves be immersed in the experience: you need simply to be receptive, and to allow yourself to be carried by the choir in song and prayer. In letting others take on the responsibility for prayer on your behalf, you are left with greater freedom to be open to the presence and grace of God.

End of the Cathedral Choir's year

Today is the final Sunday of the year for the Cathedral Choir. Both boy and girl choristers will be leading our worship, together with the Lay Clerks, at both our Cathedral services. At this service we will be saying goodbye to choristers leaving the choir this summer, and also giving a belated farewell to some of those who left last year when the choir was not able to sing. We will also send our Organ Scholar for the past two years, James Furniss-Roe, on his way to new musical adventures in London.

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Triptyque

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

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:
The Lord's name be praised.

Music: Bernard Rose (1916-96)

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

OFFICE HYMN *sung by the choir*

O blest Creator of the light,
Who makest the day with radiance bright,
And o'er the forming world didst call
The light from chaos first of all;

Whose wisdom joined in meet array
The morn and eve, and named them Day:
Night comes with all its darkling fears;
Regard thy people's prayers and tears:

Lest, sunk in sin and whelm'd with strife,
They lose the gift of endless life;
While, thinking but the thoughts of time,
They weave new chains of guilt and crime.

But grant them grace that they may strain
The heavenly gate and prize to gain:
Each harmful lure aside to cast,
And purge away each error past.

O Father, that we ask be done,
Through Jesus Christ, thine only Son,
Who with the Spirit and with thee
Doth live and reign eternally.
Amen.

*Words: Latin, 8th century or earlier
trans. Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)*

*Tune: LUCIS CREATOR NEH 150 (t. i)
Mode viii*

Please sit

Truly God is loving unto Israel:
even unto such as are of a clean heart.
Nevertheless, my feet were almost gone:
my treadings had well-nigh slipt.
And why? I was grieved at the wicked:
I do also see the ungodly in such prosperity.
For they are in no peril of death:
but are lusty and strong.
They come in no misfortune like other folk:
neither are they plagued like other men.
And this is the cause that they are so holden with pride:
and overwhelmed with cruelty.
Their eyes swell with fatness:
and they do even what they lust.
They corrupt other, and speak of wicked blasphemy:
their talking is against the most High.
For they stretch forth their mouth unto the heaven:
and their tongue goeth through the world.
Therefore fall the people unto them:
and thereout suck they no small advantage.
Tush, say they, how should God perceive it:
is there knowledge in the most High?
Lo, these are the ungodly, these prosper in the world, and these have
riches in possession:
and I said, Then have I cleansed my heart in vain, and washed mine
hands in innocency.
All the day long have I been punished:
and chastened every morning.
Yea, and I had almost said even as they:
but lo, then I should have condemned the generation of thy children.
Then thought I to understand this:
but it was too hard for me,
Until I went into the sanctuary of God:
then understood I the end of these men;
Namely, how thou dost set them in slippery places:
and castest them down, and destroyest them.

O how suddenly do they consume:
perish, and come to a fearful end!
Yea, even like as a dream when one awaketh:
so shalt thou make their image to vanish out of the city.
Thus my heart was grieved:
and it went even through my reins.
So foolish was I, and ignorant:
even as it were a beast before thee.
Nevertheless, I am alway by thee:
for thou hast holden me by my right hand.
Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel:
and after that receive me with glory.
Whom have I in heaven but thee:
and there is none upon earth that I desire in comparison of thee.
My flesh and my heart faileth:
but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.
For lo, they that forsake thee shall perish:
thou hast destroyed all them that commit fornication against thee.
But it is good for me to hold me fast by God, to put my trust in the
Lord God:
and to speak of all thy works in the gates of the daughter of Sion.

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: Luke Flintoft (1680-1727)

Please sit

He who lives for ever created the whole universe;
the Lord alone is just.
To none has he given power to proclaim his works;
and who can search out his mighty deeds?
Who can measure his majestic power?
And who can fully recount his mercies?
It is not possible to diminish or increase them,
nor is it possible to fathom the wonders of the Lord.
When human beings have finished, they are just beginning,
and when they stop, they are still perplexed.
What are human beings, and of what use are they?
What is good in them, and what is evil?
The number of days in their life is great if they reach one hundred years.
Like a drop of water from the sea and a grain of sand,
so are a few years among the days of eternity.
That is why the Lord is patient with them
and pours out his mercy upon them.
He sees and recognizes that their end is miserable;
therefore he grants them forgiveness all the more.
The compassion of human beings is for their neighbours,
but the compassion of the Lord is for every living thing.
He rebukes and trains and teaches them,
and turns them back, as a shepherd his flock.
He has compassion on those who accept his discipline
and who are eager for his precepts.

Please stand

MAGNIFICAT *sung by the choir*

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.

Words: Luke 1: 46-55

*Music: from EVENING SERVICE IN A
Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)*

Please sit

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

‘What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?

You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honour,
subjecting all things under their feet.’

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

‘I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.’

And again,

‘I will put my trust in him.’

And again,

‘Here am I and the children whom God has given me.’

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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 IN A
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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

Lord of all power and might,
who art the author and giver of all good things;
Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of thy great mercy keep us in the same;
through 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.

Music: Bernard Rose (1916-96)

Please sit

ANTHEM sung by the choir

All wisdom cometh from the Lord,
and is with him for ever.

Who can number the sand of the sea and the drops of the rain
and the days of eternity?

Who can find out the height of heaven and the breadth of the earth
and the deep and wisdom?

Wisdom hath been created before all things
and the understanding of prudence from everlasting.

The word of God most high is the foundation of wisdom,
and her ways are everlasting commandments.

To whom hath the root of wisdom been revealed,
or who hath known her wise counsels?

There is one wise and greatly to be feared,
the Lord sitting upon his throne.

He created her,
and saw her and numbered her,
and poured her out upon all his works.

She is with all flesh according to his gifts,
and he hath given her to them that love him.

The fear of the Lord is honour and glory
and gladness, and a crown of rejoicing.

The fear of the Lord maketh a merry, merry heart
and bringeth joy and gladness and a long life.

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes:
and I shall keep it unto the end.

Give me understanding and I shall keep thy law;
yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.

Make me to go in the way of thy commandments:
for therein is my desire.

O stablish thy word in thy servant:
that I may fear thee.

Behold my delight is in thy commandments:
O quicken me in thy righteousness.

VALEDICTION OF CHORISTERS AND OF THE ORGAN SCHOLAR

AWARDING OF CHORISTER PRIZES

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.

Music: Bernard Rose (1916-96)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *during which the ministers depart*

Final (from Symphony no 6)

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Once the ministers and choir 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.

No collection is 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.

Please take this order of service away with you.

We are always delighted to welcome newcomers and visitors. If you would like to keep in regular contact with the Minster, please either speak to one of the clergy or churchwardens, or email office@southwellminster.org.uk

NOTICEBOARD

Step 4 and lifting restrictions - The Minster's Restart group is making small changes from Monday 19 July including extending the Minster's opening hours. We are awaiting the Church of England's guidance before finalising decisions but will continue to emphasise caution and safety for visitors and worshippers while taking positive steps over the summer towards 'normality' including increasing the numbers permitted at services. We are hoping very much to hear that congregational singing will soon return!

On Sunday 25 July, the Notts Outlaw Triathlon will be coming through Southwell. For safety reasons, there will be parking restrictions on Westgate from 6pm on Saturday 24 July until 1pm on Sunday 25 July. From 6am – 1pm on Sunday 25 July, there will be a one-way system in operation on the A612, through the centre of Southwell from Bishop's Drive to Fiskerton Road. Vehicles will only be permitted to travel with the cyclists in an eastbound direction. In order to make this one-way system effective, the short section of King Street between Queen Street and Westgate will be closed. A diversion route will be signed from Newark Road onto the Ropewalk to allow full access to Southwell and continuing to Allenby Road for through traffic. Access to Fiskerton Road will also be maintained throughout the day. Church Street Car Park will remain open as usual but please allow extra time for your journey.

Morning Prayer – From Monday 19 July, Morning Prayer will return to St Oswald's Chapel in the Minster and will no longer take place on Microsoft Teams. Morning Prayer is a short, simple service lasting about 25 minutes, but is a vital part of the Minster's worshipping life, as we bring the coming day before God and pray for ourselves, the Church, and the world. Everyone is always welcome.

The return of visiting choirs – next week we are delighted to be able to welcome our first visiting choir to sing at our services since the start of the pandemic. The St Michael's Singers will be singing Evensong at 5.30pm every day from Tuesday to Saturday, and we are particularly grateful that some of them will be staying on (at rather short notice) to sing at our services next Sunday. (Please note that on Monday 19 July, Evensong will be replaced by Evening Prayer).

Supporting Newark Foodbank – The following items are especially needed in July: Tinned cold meat, instant mashed potato, tinned or microwavable sponge puddings, washing-up liquid, shampoo, deodorant, hand wash, soap bars. Items can be donated at the Co-op, One Stop, and Lloyds Chemist

WORSHIP FROM SOUTHWELL MINSTER

Sunday 25 July

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion BCP

Nave

10.00am Cathedral Eucharist CW
sung by the St Michael's Singers

Nave and Live-Streamed

Booking recommended to attend in person.

3.30pm Festal Evensong
sung by the St Michael's Singers

Nave and Live-Streamed

To book a place at next week's Cathedral Eucharist, please visit our website (www.southwellminster.org) or call the Vergers' Office on 01636 817290 and leave a message. Bookings open on Monday at 9.00am; please book your place by 3.00pm on Saturday at the latest. There will also be 10 places available 'on the door' before each service (or more if not all the reserved allocation has been used).

For a full list of next week's services in the Minster and online, including details of music, please go to www.southwellminster.org/worship/services-calendar. Please note that from this coming week the time of our daily weekday Eucharist service changes to 12.15pm.

The weekly notice sheet for the Minister, *Pew News*, is available on the Minister website at www.southwellminster.org/worship/pew-news/

The Minster office is currently closed, but you can contact us if needed using these details:

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