

**Southwell
Minster**

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



FESTAL EVENSONG

The Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday 15 August 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.



Toilet facilities (including disabled access) are situated in the Archbishop's Palace, opposite the South Door of the Minster.



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**.

Today our visiting choir is directed by our former Organ Scholar, Benjamin Mills.

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

We would like to thank Ben and all the members of the choir for coming to Southwell today to provide music for our services, both this morning and this afternoon.

Worshippers are asked to wear a face covering when entering and leaving the Cathedral but to feel free to remove them when in their places. We also ask all those visiting the Cathedral to check in using the NHS Covid-19 app on entry if possible, and to continue to observe some social distancing in the building. Please be mindful of the needs of other worshippers who may be vulnerable to the virus.

This service will be live-streamed to the internet, and will be 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.

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. Alternatively, you can give online at www.southwellminster.org.uk/donate. Please give generously.

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.

Standing, Sitting and Kneeling

Throughout the booklet, you will find various references to posture:

- **Standing** is used for parts of the service where the emphasis is on praising or praying to God together; so we usually stand to sing hymns, and for certain important prayers.
- **Sitting** indicates listening and receiving; so we sit for the first and second readings from the Bible, and for the sermon.
- **Kneeling** is the traditional position for personal prayer. Please speak to one of the Vergers or Sidesmen if you would like a cushion for kneeling.

Adopting the same posture is a way of showing that we are worshipping God together, as his people. However, please always feel free to adopt a different posture, especially if standing or kneeling is uncomfortable.

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

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: Richard Ayleward (1629-69)

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

OFFICE HYMN



1. Hail, O star that pointest
To the port of heaven,
Thou to whom as maiden
God for Son was given.

2. When the salutation
Gabriel had spoken,
Peace was shed upon us,
Eva's bonds were broken.

3. Bound by Satan's fetters,
Health and vision needing,
God will aid and light us
At thy gentle pleading.

4. Jesus's tender Mother,
Make thy supplication
Unto him who chose thee
At his incarnation;

5. That, O matchless maiden
Passing meek and lowly,
Thy dear Son may make us
Blameless, chaste and holy.

6. So, as we now journey
Aid our weak endeavour.
Till we gaze on Jesus,
And rejoice for ever.

7. Father, Son and Spirit,
Three in One confessing,
Give we equal glory,
Equal praise and blessing. Amen.

Words: Latin, c.9th century
trans. Athelstan Riley (1858-1945)

Tune: AVE MARIS STELLA NEH 180 (t. i)
Mode i

Please sit

Lord, remember David:
and all his trouble;
How he swore unto the Lord:
and vowed a vow unto the Almighty God of Jacob;
I will not come within the tabernacle of mine house:
nor climb up into my bed;
I will not suffer mine eyes to sleep, nor mine eye-lids to slumber:
neither the temples of my head to take any rest;
Until I find out a place for the temple of the Lord:
an habitation for the mighty God of Jacob.
Lo, we heard of the same at Ephrata:
and found it in the wood.
We will go into his tabernacle:
and fall low on our knees before his footstool.
Arise, O Lord, into thy resting-place:
thou, and the ark of thy strength.
Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness:
and let thy saints sing with joyfulness.
For thy servant David's sake:
turn not away the presence of thine Anointed.
The Lord hath made a faithful oath unto David:
and he shall not shrink from it;
Of the fruit of thy body:
shall I set upon thy seat.
If thy children will keep my covenant, and my testimonies that I shall
learn them:
their children also shall sit upon thy seat for evermore.
For the Lord hath chosen Sion to be an habitation for himself:
he hath longed for her.
This shall be my rest for ever:
here will I dwell, for I have a delight therein.
I will bless her victuals with increase:
and will satisfy her poor with bread.
I will deck her priests with health:
and her saints shall rejoice and sing.

There shall I make the horn of David to flourish:
I have ordained a lantern for mine Anointed.
As for his enemies, I shall clothe them with shame:
but upon himself shall his crown flourish.

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: William Crotch (1775-1847)

Please sit

FIRST LESSON

Song of Solomon 2.1–7

I am a rose of Sharon,
a lily of the valleys.
As a lily among brambles,
so is my love among maidens.
As an apple tree among the trees of the wood,
so is my beloved among young men.
With great delight I sat in his shadow,
and his fruit was sweet to my taste.
He brought me to the banqueting house,
and his intention towards me was love.
Sustain me with raisins,
refresh me with apples;
for I am faint with love.
O that his left hand were under my head,
and that his right hand embraced me!
I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem,
by the gazelles or the wild does:
do not stir up or awaken love
until it is ready!

Please stand

ANTIPHON AND MAGNIFICAT *sung by the choir*

Today the Virgin Mary ascended to heav'n with great joy,
Who with Christ reigns 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.

Today the Virgin Mary ascended to heav'n with great joy,
Who with Christ reigns for ever.

Words: Luke 1: 46-55

*Music: from EVENING SERVICE IN G
Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)*

Please sit

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

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 G
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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 BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Almighty God,
who didst look upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary
and didst choose her to be the mother of thy only Son:
grant that we who are redeemed by his blood
may share with her in the glory of thine eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
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: Richard Ayleward (1626-69)

Please sit

ANTHEM sung by the choir

Ave Maria, gratia plena,
Dominus tecum;
benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.
Sancta Maria, Regina coeli,
dulcis et pia, o Mater Dei,
ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
ut cum electis te videamus.

*Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Queen of heaven
sweet and merciful, O Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
that with the elect we may gaze upon thee.*

Words: after St Luke 1: 28, 42

Adrian Willaert (c. 1490-1562)

HOMILY given by the Dean

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.

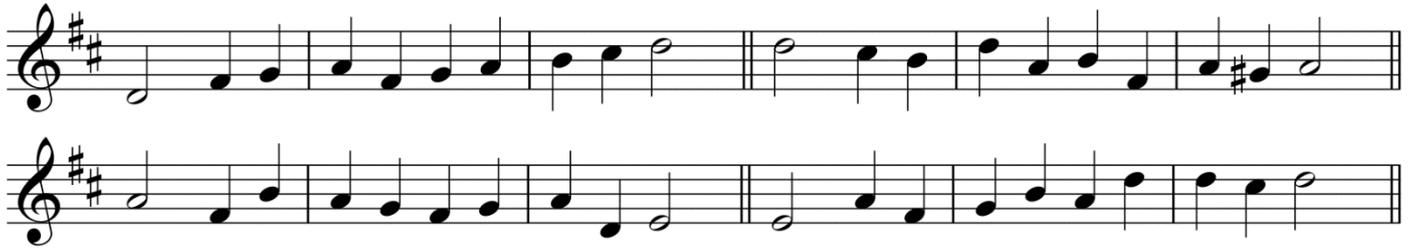
Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

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

HYMN



Her Virgin eyes saw God incarnate born,
When she to Bethl'em came that happy morn;
How high her raptures then began to swell,
None but her own omniscient Son can tell.

As Eve when she her fontal sin reviewed,
Wept for herself and all she should include,
Blest Mary with man's Saviour in embrace
Joyed for herself and for all human race.

All saints are by her Son's dear influence blest,
She kept the very Fountain at her breast;
The Son adored and nursed by the sweet Maid
A thousandfold of love for love repaid.

Heaven with transcendent joys her entrance graced,
Next to his throne her Son his Mother placed;
And here below, now she's of heaven possest,
All generations are to call her blest.

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Tune: FARLEY CASTLE NEH 182

Henry Lawes (1596-1662)

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: adapted from Richard Ayleward (1626-69)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *during which the ministers depart*

Fugue in B minor, BWV 544ii

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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. The clergy will stand outside the north door to greet you on your way out.

Please take this order of service away with you

God for Us group – We are planning to run a course in the autumn called ‘God for Us’, for anyone interested in being confirmed or baptised, or for those who are new to church or who may have returned after a number of years away. The course will be run over six weeks, meeting informally over coffee at a regular time to suit members of the group. Please speak with Canon Richard if you might be interested in taking part, or for more information.

FLAC is back! Our popular regular series of Friday lunchtime concerts in the Minster will restart on **Friday 10 September** with a concert of classical guitar music given by the award-winning Alan Thomas, who will perform rarely heard gems from the unique repertoire of the Baroque guitar. Please note that the time of these lunchtime concerts has now changed - from now on they will commence at **1.30pm**. Regrettably, at the moment, we will be unable to serve the refreshments that have been associated with these concerts in the past, although we hope that this may be able to resume again at some point in the future. As previously, admission to these lunchtime concerts will be free, although contributions to a retiring collection will be invited, proceeds of which go towards the Minster’s organ scholarship.

WORSHIP FROM SOUTHWELL MINSTER

Sunday 22 August

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am **Holy Communion** BCP *Quire*

Preacher: The Very Revd Nicola Sullivan, *Dean of Southwell*

10.00am **Cathedral Eucharist** CW *Nave and Live-Streamed*

sung by the Florian Singers

Preacher: The Very Revd Nicola Sullivan, *Dean of Southwell*

3.30pm **Evensong** BCP *Nave and Live-Streamed*

sung by the Florian Singers

Preacher: The Revd Erika Kirk, *Priest Vicar*

Southwell Festival Programme. The Minster is just one of the venues for the Southwell Festival which take place from Wednesday 25 to Monday 30 August. The full programme for the Festival, and details of how to book tickets may be found on the Festival website at <https://www.southwellmusicfestival.com/>. As usual, the programme will include the Festival Eucharist, Evensong, and Compline on Sunday 29 August, as well as Evensong on Monday 30 August.

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

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