



# Southwell Minster

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



# EVENSONG

**The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

Sunday 22 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 we welcome the *Florian Singers* as our visiting choir.

The organ is played by Paul Provost, *Rector Chori*.

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](http://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](http://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](mailto:office@southwellminster.org.uk)

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## ORGAN PRELUDE

*Cantabile (from Trois pièces pour orgue)*

César Franck (1822-90)

*Please stand at the entry of the ministers*

## INTROIT

Oculi omnium in te sperant Domine:  
et tu das escam illorum in tempore  
opportuno.  
Gloria tibi Domine. Amen.

*The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord:  
and thou givest them their meat in due  
season.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord. Amen.*

*Charles Wood (1866–1926)*

*Psalm 145: 15*

## PRECES *sung by the 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.

*Music: Guy Turner (b.1955)*

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

## OFFICE HYMN



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*

I am well pleased:  
that the Lord hath heard the voice of my prayer;  
That he hath inclined his ear unto me:  
therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.  
The snares of death compassed me round about:  
and the pains of hell gat hold upon me.  
I shall find trouble and heaviness, and I will call upon the Name of  
the Lord:  
O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.  
Gracious is the Lord, and righteous:  
yea, our God is merciful.  
The Lord preserveth the simple:  
I was in misery, and he helped me.  
Turn again then unto thy rest, O my soul:  
for the Lord hath rewarded thee.  
And why? thou hast delivered my soul from death:  
mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.  
I will walk before the Lord:  
in the land of the living.  
I believed, and therefore will I speak; but I was sore troubled:  
I said in my haste, All men are liars.  
What reward shall I give unto the Lord:  
for all the benefits that he hath done unto me?  
I will receive the cup of salvation:  
and call upon the Name of the Lord.  
I will pay my vows now in the presence of all His people:  
right dear in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.  
Behold, O Lord, how that I am thy servant:  
I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid; thou hast broken my  
bonds in sunder.  
I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving:  
and will call upon the Name of the Lord.  
I will pay my vows unto the Lord, in the sight of all his people:  
in the courts of the Lord's house, even in the midst of thee, O  
Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.

*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: Henry Ley (1887-1962)*

*Please sit*

## FIRST LESSON

Exodus 4:27 – 5:1

The Lord said to Aaron, 'Go into the wilderness to meet Moses.' So he went; and he met him at the mountain of God and kissed him. Moses told Aaron all the words of the Lord with which he had sent him, and all the signs with which he had charged him. Then Moses and Aaron went and assembled all the elders of the Israelites. Aaron spoke all the words that the Lord had spoken to Moses, and performed the signs in the sight of the people. The people believed; and when they heard that the Lord had given heed to the Israelites and that he had seen their misery, they bowed down and worshipped.

Afterwards Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said, 'Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, "Let my people go, so that they may celebrate a festival to me in the wilderness."'

*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 D  
George Dyson (1883-1964)*

*Please sit*

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Obeys your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls and will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with sighing—for that would be harmful to you.

Pray for us; we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honourably in all things. I urge you all the more to do this, so that I may be restored to you very soon.

Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

*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.

## 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 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 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

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who art always more ready to hear than we to pray,  
and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve;  
Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy;  
forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid,  
and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask,  
but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son, 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: Guy Turner (b. 1955)*

*Please sit*

*ANTHEM sung by the choir*

This sanctuary of my soul,  
Unwitting I keep white and whole,  
Unlatched and lit,  
If Thou should'st care  
To enter or to tarry there.

With parted lips and out stretched hands,  
And listening ears Thy servant stands.  
Call Thou early,  
Call Thou late,  
To Thy great service dedicate.

*Words: C H Sorley (1895–1915)*

*Music: Charles Wood (1866–1926)*

HOMILY *given by the Dean*

*Please remain seated or kneel when invited.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *led by the Revd Erika Kirk, Priest Vicar*

*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



1. The King of love my Shepherd is,  
Whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
And he is mine for ever.

2. Where streams of living water flow  
My ransomed soul he leadeth,  
And where the verdant pastures grow  
With food celestial feedeth.

3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
But yet in love he sought me,  
And on his shoulder gently laid,  
And home, rejoicing, brought me.

4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
With thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
Thy cross before to guide me.

5. Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
Thy unction, grace bestoweth:  
And O what transport of delight  
From thy pure chalice floweth!

6. And so through all the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
Within thy house for ever.

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-77)  
after Psalm 23

Tune: ST COLUMBA NEH 457 (t. i)  
Irish traditional

## 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 cantor and choir*

The Lord be with you:  
And with thy Spirit.

Let us bless the Lord:  
Thanks be to God.

*Music: Guy Turner (b. 1955)*

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *during which the ministers depart*

*Allegro maestoso (from Sonata in G)*

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

*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**

# WORSHIP FROM SOUTHWELL MINSTER

**Sunday 29 August**

**The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**8.00am Holy Communion** BCP Quire

**10.00am Cathedral Eucharist** CW Nave and Live-Streamed  
*sung by the Southwell Festival Voices*

**3.30pm Evensong** BCP Nave and Live-Streamed  
*sung by the Southwell Festival Voices*

**10.00pm Compline** *sung by the Lay Clerks* Quire

The Southwell Music Festival begins this Wednesday and runs until Monday 30 August: for details of all concerts and events, go to [www.southwellmusicfestival.com](http://www.southwellmusicfestival.com). In addition to the above Festival services next Sunday, there will be a Choral Evensong on Monday 30 August at 5.30pm.

Please note that the time of the Holy Communion Service on Wednesday 25 August has been moved to 9am, due to a clash with the lunchtime Festival concert on that day. The other lunchtime communion services this week remain at the regular time of 12.15pm (and at 9am on Saturday).

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

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