

**Southwell
Minster**

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



EVENSONG

**The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity
(Climate Sunday)**

Sunday 5 September 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**.

The Lay Clerks of the Cathedral Choir are directed by Paul Provost, *Rector Chori*.

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

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.

About Climate Sunday

The period between 1 September and 4 October (the feast of St Francis of Assisi) is increasingly kept by many denominations as a 'Season of Creation', when we reflect and commit to action on environmental issues. As part of this movement, we are keeping today as 'Climate Sunday', thinking about human impact on our common home, the Earth, and what we can do to address this.

This year, as the world continues to struggle with the pandemic, and as fire and flood in various places increasingly reveal climate change as a very present threat, we pray with Christians across the world for an urgent response to the challenges that face us. In particular we pray for world leaders preparing for the COP26 climate summit, being held in Glasgow in November. As we in the Minster continue to attend to the message of our Chapter House leaves, this is a subject close to our heart, and central to the concerns of the world and the Church for the years to come..

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.

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

ORGAN PRELUDE

Ciacona in C minor, BuxWV 159

Dietrich Buxtehude (c. 1637-1707)

Please stand at the entry of the ministers

INTROIT

Gloria tibi, Domine,
Qui natus es de Virgine,
Cum Patre et Sancto Spiritu,
In sempiterna saecula.
Amen.

*All honour, laud, and glory be,
O Jesu Virgin-born, to thee,
All glory, as is ever meet
To Father and to Paraclete.
Amen.*

*Words: from QUEM TERRA, PONTUS, SIDERA
Latin hymn, attrib. Venantius Fortunatus (c.530-c.600)
trans. John Mason Neale (1818-66)*

Music: William Byrd (c.1539-1623)

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: Thomas Tallis (c.1505-1585)

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

Let thy loving mercy come also unto me, O Lord:
 even thy salvation, according unto thy word.
So shall I make answer unto my blasphemers:
 for my trust is in thy word.
O take not the word of thy truth utterly out of my mouth:
 for my hope is in thy judgements.
So shall I alway keep thy law:
 yea, for ever and ever.
And I will walk at liberty:
 for I seek thy commandments.
I will speak of thy testimonies also, even before kings:
 and will not be ashamed.
And my delight shall be in thy commandments:
 which I have loved.
My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved:
 and my study shall be in thy statutes.

O think upon thy servant, as concerning thy word:
 wherein thou hast caused me to put my trust.
The same is my comfort in my trouble:
 for thy word hath quickened me.
The proud have had me exceedingly in derision:
 yet have I not shrunked from thy law.
For I remembered thine everlasting judgements, O Lord:
 and received comfort.
I am horribly afraid:
 for the ungodly that forsake thy law.
Thy statutes have been my songs:
 in the house of my pilgrimage.
I have thought upon thy Name, O Lord, in the night-season:
 and have kept thy law.
This I had:
 because I kept thy commandments.

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: Modes viii, i

Please sit

FIRST LESSON

Job 38: 1–11, 16–18

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

‘Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?
Gird up your loins like a man,
I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

‘Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell me, if you have understanding.
Who determined its measurements—surely you know!
Or who stretched the line upon it?
On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone
when the morning stars sang together
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

‘Or who shut in the sea with doors
when it burst out from the womb?—
when I made the clouds its garment,
and thick darkness its swaddling band,
and prescribed bounds for it,
and set bars and doors,
and said, “Thus far shall you come, and no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be stopped”?

'Have you entered into the springs of the sea,
or walked in the recesses of the deep?
Have the gates of death been revealed to you,
or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?
Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?
Declare, if you know all this.

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 FIRST SERVICE
John Sheppard (c.1515-1558)*

Please sit

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now.

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 FIRST SERVICE
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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 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,
give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity;
and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise,
make us to love that which thou dost command;
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: Thomas Tallis (c.1505-1585)

Please sit

ANTHEM *sung by the choir*

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,
from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh even from the Lord,
who hath made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:
and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.
Behold, he that keepeth Israel:
shall neither slumber nor sleep.

Words: Psalm 121: 1-4

Music: Ernest Walker (1870-1949)

HOMILY *given by the Very Revd Nicola Sullivan, Dean of Southwell*

Please remain seated or kneel when invited.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *led by the Revd Prof. Alison Milbank, Canon Theologian*

One of the following responses, or another, may be used:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

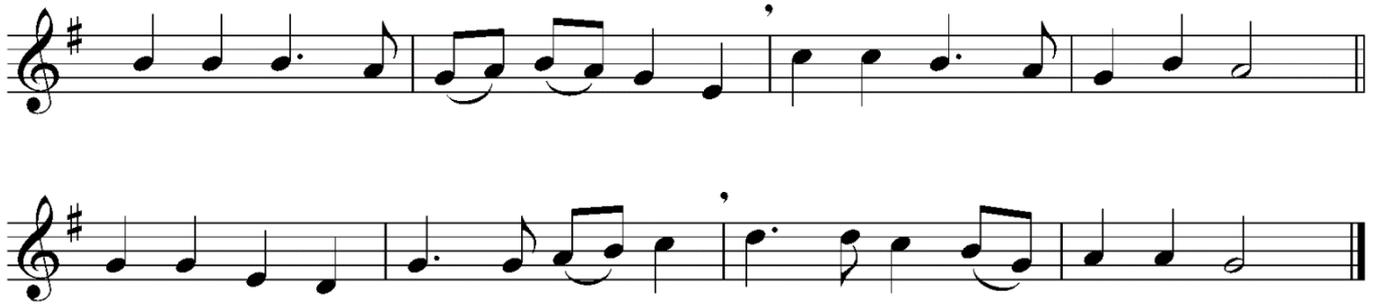
Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

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. Father, hear the prayer we offer:
Not for ease that prayer shall be,
But for strength that we may ever
Live our lives courageously.

2. Not for ever in green pastures
Do we ask our way to be;
But the steep and rugged pathway
May we tread rejoicingly.

3. Not for ever by still waters
Would we idly rest and stay;
But would smite the living fountains
From the rocks along our way.

4. Be our strength in hours of weakness,
In our wanderings be our guide;
Through endeavour, failure, danger,
Father, be thou at our side.

Words: Maria Willis (1824-1908)

Tune: SUSSEX NEH 357

English Traditional

arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *during which the ministers depart*

Carillon de Westminster (from *Pièces de fantaisie*)

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. The clergy 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

WORSHIP FROM SOUTHWELL MINSTER

Sunday 12 September

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00am Holy Communion** BCP *Quire*
- 10.00am Cathedral Eucharist** CW *Nave and Live-Streamed*
sung by the Cathedral Choir
- 11.30am Mattins** BCP *Quire*
sung by the Minster Chorale
- 3.30pm Evensong** BCP *Nave and Live-Streamed*
sung by the Cathedral Choir

SOME SEPTEMBER CONCERTS AT SOUTHWELL MINSTER

Friday 10 September at 1.30pm. Our FLAC (Friday Lunchtime at the Cathedral) Concert series resumes this coming Friday with a concert of guitar music given by Alan Thomas. Free admission with a retiring collection. (Please note, we are unable to offer the customary refreshments at FLAC at the current time.)

Wednesday 15 September at 7.30pm. Our Organ Recital series resumes with Martin Baker (former Master of Music at Westminster Cathedral) will improvise to the 1929 silent film 'The Phantom of the Opera' – tickets are available from the Cathedral Shop.

Friday 24 September at 1.30pm. Our second FLAC concert will be a concert of music for the Viola da Gambe given by one of our alto Lay Clerks, Matthew Farrell.

Wednesday 29 September at 7.30pm. Organ Recital given by James Furniss-Roe (Organ Scholar at Southwell Minster 2019-21). Tickets available on the door.

Thursday 30 September at 7.30pm. The Sixteen (A Choral Pilgrimage 2021). Tickets from <https://thesixteen.com/the-choral-pilgrimage-2021/>.

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

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