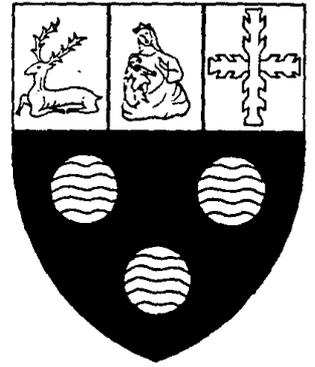


Southwell
Minster

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



EVENSONG

The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 26 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 Cathedral Lay Clerks 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.

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

ORGAN PRELUDE

Choral (from Symphonie romane)

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

INTROIT *sung by the choir from the North Transept*

Te lucis ante terminum
rerum Creator poscimus
ut pro tua clementia
sis praesul et custodia.

*Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray,
that with thy wonted favour thou
wouldst be our guard and keeper now.*

Procul recedant somnia
et noctium phantasmata;
hostemque nostrum comprime
ne polluantur corpora.

*From all ill dreams defend our eyes,
from nightly fears and fantasies;
tread under foot our ghostly foe,
that no pollution we may know.*

Praesta, Pater piissime,
Patrique compar unice
cum Spiritu Paraclito
regnans per omne saeculum. Amen.

*O Father, that we ask be done,
through Jesus Christ thine only Son,
who, with the Holy Ghost and thee,
doth live and reign eternally. Amen.*

Latin, translated by John Mason Neale (1818–66)

Music: Paul Provost (b. 1985)

Please stand at the entry of the choir and 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: Andrew Millington (b. 1952)

The Revd Dr Richard Frith, Canon Precentor, 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

When I was in trouble I called upon the Lord:
and he heard me.
Deliver my soul, O Lord, from lying lips:
and from a deceitful tongue.
What reward shall be given or done unto thee, thou false tongue:
even mighty and sharp arrows, with hot burning coals.
Woe is me, that I am constrained to dwell with Mesech:
and to have my habitation among the tents of Kedar.
My soul hath long dwelt among them:
that are enemies unto peace.
I labour for peace, but when I speak unto them thereof:
they make them ready to battle.

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.
The Lord himself is thy keeper:
the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;
So that the sun shall not burn thee by day:
neither the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil:
yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in:
from this time forth for evermore.

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.

Please sit

Music: Mode vii

Then he said to Moses, 'Come up to the Lord, you and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and worship at a distance. Moses alone shall come near the Lord; but the others shall not come near, and the people shall not come up with him.'

Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord and all the ordinances; and all the people answered with one voice, and said, 'All the words that the Lord has spoken we will do.' And Moses wrote down all the words of the Lord. He rose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and set up twelve pillars, corresponding to the twelve tribes of Israel. He sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt-offerings and sacrificed oxen as offerings of well-being to the Lord. Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he dashed against the altar. Then he took the book of the covenant, and read it in the hearing of the people; and they said, 'All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient.' Moses took the blood and dashed it on the people, and said, 'See the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words.'

Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, and they saw the God of Israel. Under his feet there was something like a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. God did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; also they beheld God, and they ate and drank.

The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.'

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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 E
Charles Wood (1866-1926)*

Please sit

And after getting into a boat Jesus crossed the water and came to his own town.

And just then some people were carrying a paralysed man lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven.' Then some of the scribes said to themselves, 'This man is blaspheming.' But Jesus, perceiving their thoughts, said, 'Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, "Your sins are forgiven", or to say, "Stand up and walk"? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins' – he then said to the paralytic – 'Stand up, take your bed and go to your home.' And he stood up and went to his home. When the crowds saw it, they were filled with awe, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to human beings.

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 E
Charles Wood (1866-1926)*

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, we pray thee that thy grace may always prevent and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to all good works;
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: Andrew Millington (b. 1952)

Please sit

ANTHEM *sung by the choir*

Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion, and turneth the shadow
of death into the morning, and maketh the day dark with night. The Lord
is his name. O give thanks unto the Lord; for his mercy endureth for ever.
Who hath made great lights; for his mercy endureth for ever. The sun to
rule the day; for his mercy endureth for ever. The moon and the stars to
govern the night; for his mercy endureth for ever. I look for thee, O Lord;
my soul doth wait for thee: before the morning watch, I say, before the
morning watch. From the deep, I call; O, hear my voice. O Lord, my God,
I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me; and brought my soul out of
hell, and turned my heaviness into gladness. The darkness is no darkness
with thee; the night is as clear as the day.

Words: from Amos 5: 8, Psalms 136, 130, 30 and 139

*Music: from THE LIGHT OF LIFE
Edward Elgar (1857-1934)*

HOMILY *given by Canon Angela Ashwin, Reader*

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



Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old
Was strong to heal and save;
It triumphed o'er disease and death,
O'er darkness and the grave;
To thee they went, the blind, the dumb,
The palsied and the lame,
The leper with his tainted life,
The sick with fevered frame.

And lo! thy touch brought life and health,
Gave speech, and strength, and sight;
And youth renewed and frenzy calmed
Owned thee the Lord of light;
And now, O Lord, be near to bless,
Almighty as of yore,
In crowded street, by restless couch,
As by Gennesareth's shore.

Be thou our great deliverer still,
Thou Lord of life and death;
Restore and quicken, soothe and bless
With thine almighty breath;
To hands that work, and eyes that see,
Give wisdom's heavenly lore,
That whole and sick, and weak and strong,
May praise thee evermore.

Words: Edward Plumptre (1821-91)

Tune: ST MATTHEW NEH 324
William Croft (1678-1727)

BLESSING

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: Plainsong

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *during which the ministers depart*

Final (from Symphonie romane)

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

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.

Residentiary Canon Missioner – Please pray for a successful appointment of a residentiary Canon to complete the clergy team at the Minster. Details on website <https://www.southwellminster.org/canon-missioner/>

CONCERTS THIS WEEK:

Wednesday 29 September at 7.30pm: Organ Recital given by James Furniss-Roe

Thursday 30 September at 1.15pm: Memories of Nature Concert (*free concert – booking required through the Minster website*)

Thursday 30 September at 7.30pm: The Sixteen (A Choral Pilgrimage 2021)

WORSHIP FROM SOUTHWELL MINSTER

Sunday 4 October

The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
(Harvest Festival)

8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Quire
10.00am	Cathedral Eucharist CW <i>sung by the Cathedral Choir</i>	Nave and Live-Streamed
3.30pm	Evensong BCP <i>sung by the Cathedral Choir</i>	Nave and Live-Streamed

Harvest Festival Sunday 3 October. The Minster will be launching its partnership with A Rocha UK next Sunday at Harvest Festival. This marks an important commitment for the Cathedral in 'Caring for God's Creation'. After the 10am Cathedral Eucharist we will gather in the crossing for refreshments including a Ploughman's lunch (tickets £5 on sale from Vicky Thorpe or the Cathedral Shop). Andy Lester, Conservation Director A Rocha UK, will preach at 10am and 3.30pm services. Andy Lester and Regina Ebner will be in Southwell on Saturday 2 October, and we have booked Holy Trinity church (10 – 1pm) hoping to gather people for a workshop from various churches and community groups who care about Climate Emergency and want to be more informed. Please let Dean Nicola dean@southwellminster.org.uk know by Tuesday 28 September if you are intending to come or bringing a group.

This Wednesday is the feast of Michael and All Angels, and on this day the Cathedral Choir will sing Evensong at 5.30pm. (However, please note that due to a variety of circumstances Evensong on Monday, Tuesday and Friday this week will be replaced by said Evening Prayer).

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