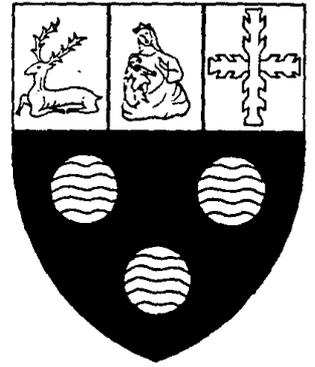


Southwell
Minster

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



FIRST EVENSONG OF ALL SAINTS DAY

The Fourth Sunday before Advent

Sunday 31 October 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 Choir is directed by Paul Provost, *Rector Chori*. The organ is played by Michael D'Avanzo, *Organ Scholar* and 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 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

Apparition de l'Église Éternelle

Oliver Messiaen (1908-92)

INTROIT *sung by the choir from the North Transept*

The righteous shall be remembered for ever:
The memory of the righteous is a blessing.

Words: Psalm 112: 6b & Proverbs 10: 7a

Music: Robert Ashfield (1911-2006)

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: Philip Moore (b. 1943)

The Canon in Residence, welcomes the congregation to the service.

OFFICE HYMN



To Thy poor servants reconciled
Show mercy, Christ, for whom the mild
And Virgin Patroness the grace
Implore before Thy Father's face.

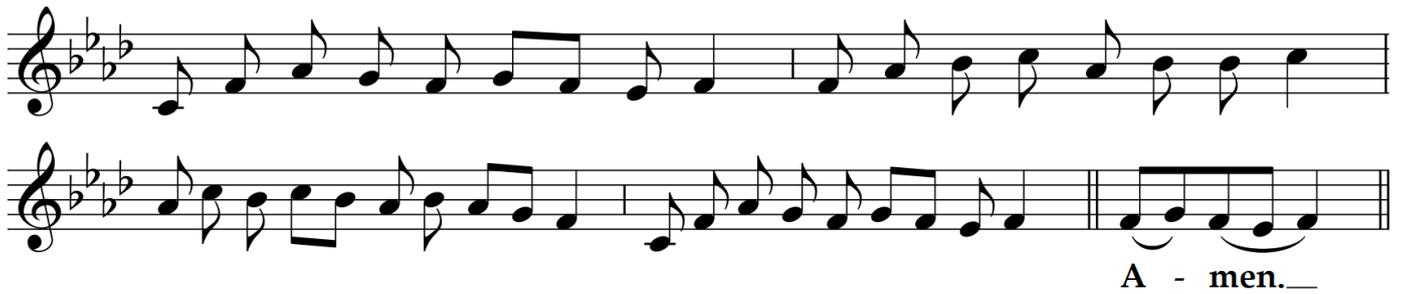
**Ye glorious hosts, whose circle nine
Before God's throne refulgent shine,
Shield us with your celestial arms
From past, present, and future harms.**

Apostles with the Prophets plead
For weeping sinners in their need,
That from their Judge severe they gain
Pardon, effacing guilt's dark stain.

**Ye purpled martyrs, you, now dressed
In white because your lives confessed
Your Lord on earth, us exiles call
Unto the fatherland of all.**

O choir of virgins, stainless band!
And ye for whom the desert-land
Made sure the way to heav'nly rest,
Prepare us mansions with the blest.

**The race perfidious expel
From regions where the faithful dwell;
Let one sole shepherd be our guide,
All Christians in one fold abide.**



**Glory, O Father! to Thy name;
Eternal Son, to Thine the same,
To Holy Paraclete be praise
Throughout the everlasting days.
Amen.**

Words: Latin, attributed to Pope Urban VIII

*Tune: EXULTET CAELUM LAUDIBUS NEH 214 (t. i)
Mode ii*

Please sit

PSALMODY sung by the choir

Psalms 1 & 5

Blessed is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly,
nor stood in the way of sinners:
and hath not sat in the seat of the scornful.
But his delight is in the law of the Lord:
and in his law will he exercise himself day and night.
And he shall be like a tree planted by the water-side:
that will bring forth his fruit in due season.
His leaf also shall not wither:
and look, whatsoever he doeth, it shall prosper.
As for the ungodly, it is not so with them:
but they are like the chaff, which the wind scattereth away from the
face of the earth.
Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in the judgement:
neither the sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
But the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous:
and the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Ponder my words, O Lord:
consider my meditation.
O hearken thou unto the voice of my calling, my King, and my God:
for unto thee will I make my prayer.
My voice shalt thou hear betimes, O Lord:
early in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.
For thou art the God that hast no pleasure in wickedness:
neither shall any evil dwell with thee.
Such as be foolish shall not stand in thy sight:
for thou hatest all them that work vanity.
Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing:
the Lord will abhor both the blood-thirsty and deceitful man.
But as for me, I will come into thine house, even upon the multitude of
thy mercy:
and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.
Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness, because of mine enemies:
make thy way plain before my face.
For there is no faithfulness in his mouth:
their inward parts are very wickedness.
Their throat is an open sepulchre:
they flatter with their tongue.
Destroy thou them, O God; let them perish through their
own imaginations:
cast them out in the multitude of their ungodliness; for they have
rebelled against thee.
And let all them that put their trust in thee rejoice:
they shall ever be giving of thanks, because thou defendest them; they
that love thy Name shall be joyful in thee;
For thou, Lord, wilt give thy blessing unto the righteous:
and with thy favourable kindness wilt thou defend him as with
a shield.

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: Frederick Ouseley (1825-89) and Bertram Luard-Selby (1853-1918)

Please sit

Let us now sing the praises of famous men,
our ancestors in their generations.
The Lord apportioned to them great glory,
his majesty from the beginning.
There were those who ruled in their kingdoms,
and made a name for themselves by their valour;
those who gave counsel because they were intelligent;
those who spoke in prophetic oracles;
those who led the people by their counsels
and by their knowledge of the people's lore;
they were wise in their words of instruction;
those who composed musical tunes,
or put verses in writing;
rich men endowed with resources,
living peacefully in their homes—
all these were honoured in their generations,
and were the pride of their times.
Some of them have left behind a name,
so that others declare their praise.
But of others there is no memory;
they have perished as though they had never existed;
they have become as though they had never been born,
they and their children after them.
But these also were godly men,
whose righteous deeds have not been forgotten;
their wealth will remain with their descendants,
and their inheritance with their children's children.
Their descendants stand by the covenants;
their children also, for their sake.
Their offspring will continue for ever,
and their glory will never be blotted out.
Their bodies are buried in peace,
but their name lives on generation after generation.
The assembly declares their wisdom,
and the congregation proclaims their praise.

Please stand

ANTIPHON AND MAGNIFICAT *sung by the choir*

O how glorious is that kingdom wherein all the saints rejoice and sing.
They are clothed with white robes and follow the Lamb whithersoever
he goeth.

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.

O how glorious is that kingdom wherein all the saints rejoice and sing.
They are clothed with white robes and follow the Lamb whithersoever
he goeth.

Words: Luke 1: 46-55

*Music: from EVENING SERVICE IN A MINOR
Thomas Tertius Noble (1867-1953)*

*Antiphon: O QUAM GLORIOSUM,
Mode vi*

Please sit

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out,

‘Hallelujah!

For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory,

for the marriage of the Lamb has come,

and his bride has made herself ready;

to her it has been granted to be clothed

with fine linen, bright and pure’ —

for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

And the angel said to me, ‘Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.’ And he said to me, ‘These are true words of God.’ Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, ‘You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.’

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.

THE APOSTLES' 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

O Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion
and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord;
Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly
living,
that we may come to those unspeakable joys,
which thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love thee;
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: Philip Moore (b. 1943)

Please sit

ANTHEM *sung by the choir*

O how glorious is the kingdom wherein all the saints rejoice with Christ;
clothed with white robes they follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth.

Words: after Revelation 14: 4

Music: Basil Harwood (1859-1949)

HOMILY *given by the Revd Prof. Alison Milbank, Canon Theologian*

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



1. Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
Bright Seraphs, Cherubim and Thrones,
Raise the glad strain, Alleluya!
Cry out, Dominions, Princedoms, Powers,
Virtues, Archangels, Angels' choirs,
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya,
Alleluya, Alleluya!

2. O higher than the Cherubim,
More glorious than the Seraphim,
Lead their praises, Alleluya!
Thou Bearer of the eternal Word,
Most gracious, magnify the Lord,
Alleluya...

3. Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
Ye Patriarchs and Prophets blest,
Alleluya, Alleluya!
Ye holy Twelve, ye Martyrs strong,
All Saints triumphant, raise the song
Alleluya...

4. O friends, in gladness let us sing,
Supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluya, Alleluya!
To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Alleluya...

Words: Athelstan Riley (1858-1945)

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN NEH 478
from Geistliche Kirchengesäng, Cologne, 1623
arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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: Philip Moore (b. 1943)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *during which the ministers depart*

Incantation pour un jour Saint

Jean Langlais (1907-91)

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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