



Southwell  
Minster

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



# EVENSONG

**The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity  
(Harvest Festival)**

Sunday 3 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.

Today's preacher is Andy Lester, Conservation Director at A Rocha UK. A Chartered Environmentalist, Andy has a background in ecology, economics and the corporate sector. With the assistance of specialist staff, interns and community volunteers, Andy has led conservation work at A Rocha UK's nature reserves Wolf Fields and Foxearth Meadows.



A Rocha UK is a Christian charity working for the protection and restoration of the natural world and committed to equipping Christians and churches in the UK to care for the environment. A Rocha UK is part of the worldwide family of A Rocha organisations committed to nature conservation as an expression of Christian mission. They work collaboratively with others who share a passion for nature, a healthy environment and a just transition to a low carbon world, ever more critical in a time of climate and biodiversity crises. Among their various programmes, A Rocha UK work with Christian land managers through their Partners in Action network. Southwell Minster today becomes the first cathedral to become a Partner in Action with A Rocha UK. .

## 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.

The congregation is invited to join in all texts printed in **bold**.

The Cathedral Choir 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](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.

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

*Moderato (from Symphonie romane)*

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

INTROIT *sung by the choir from the North Transept*

If ye love me, keep my commandments.  
And I will pray the Father,  
and he shall give you another Comforter,  
that he may bide with you for ever;  
even the Spirit of truth.

*Words: John 14: 15-16*

*Music: Thomas Tallis (c.1505-85)*

*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: Bernard Rose (1916-96)*

*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*

They that put their trust in the Lord shall be even as the mount Sion:  
which may not be removed, but standeth fast for ever.  
The hills stand about Jerusalem:  
even so standeth the Lord round about his people, from this time forth  
for evermore.  
For the rod of the ungodly cometh not into the lot of the righteous:  
lest the righteous put their hand unto wickedness.  
Do well, O Lord:  
unto those that are good and true of heart.  
As for such as turn back unto their own wickedness:  
the Lord shall lead them forth with the evil-doers; but peace shall be  
upon Israel.

When the Lord turned again the captivity of Sion:  
then were we like unto them that dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter:  
and our tongue with joy.  
Then said they among the heathen:  
The Lord hath done great things for them.  
Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us already:  
whereof we rejoice.  
Turn our captivity, O Lord:  
as the rivers in the south.  
They that sow in tears:  
shall reap in joy.  
He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth good seed:  
shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.

*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: Robert Ashfield (1911-2006) and Jonathan Battishill (1738-1801)*

*Please sit*

The Lord said to Joshua, 'This day I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, so that they may know that I will be with you as I was with Moses. You are the one who shall command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, "When you come to the edge of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan." ' Joshua then said to the Israelites, 'Draw near and hear the words of the Lord your God.' Joshua said, 'By this you shall know that among you is the living God who without fail will drive out from before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites, and Jebusites: the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is going to pass before you into the Jordan. So now select twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one from each tribe. When the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan flowing from above shall be cut off; they shall stand in a single heap.'

When the people set out from their tents to cross over the Jordan, the priests bearing the ark of the covenant were in front of the people. Now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest. So when those who bore the ark had come to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the edge of the water, the waters flowing from above stood still, rising up in a single heap far off at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, while those flowing towards the sea of the Arabah, the Dead Sea, were wholly cut off. Then the people crossed over opposite Jericho. While all Israel were crossing over on dry ground, the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan, until the entire nation finished crossing over the Jordan.

*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 FLAT (NO 1)  
Charles Wood (1866-1926)*

*Please sit*



Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: ‘Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, “The kingdom of heaven has come near.” Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for labourers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgement than for that town.

‘See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

*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 FLAT (NO 1)  
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 beseech thee,  
grant thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the  
flesh, and the devil,  
and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee the only God;  
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: Bernard Rose (1916-96)*

*Please sit*

ANTHEM *sung by the choir*

O God, thou art my God:  
early will I seek thee.  
My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh also longeth after thee:  
in a barren and dry land where no water is.  
Thus have I looked for thee in holiness:  
that I might behold thy power and glory.  
For thy loving-kindness is better than life itself:  
my lips shall praise thee.  
As long as I live will I magnify thee on this manner:  
and lift up my hands in thy Name.  
Because thou hast been my helper:  
therefore under the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.  
Hallelujah.

*Words: Psalm 63: 1-5, 8*

*Music: Henry Purcell (1659-95)*

HOMILY *given by Andy Lester given by Andy Lester, Conservation Director at A Rocha UK*

*Please remain seated or kneel when invited.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *led by the Dean*

*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. Come, ye thankful people, come,  
Raise the song of harvest-home!  
All be safely gathered in,  
Ere the winter storms begin;  
God, our Maker, doth provide  
For our wants to be supplied;  
Come to God's own temple, come;  
Raise the song of harvest home!

2. All the world is God's own field,  
Fruit unto his praise to yield;  
Wheat and tares together sown,  
Unto joy or sorrow grown;  
First the blade and then the ear,  
Then the full corn shall appear:  
Grant, O harvest Lord, that we  
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

3. For the Lord our God shall come,  
And shall take his harvest home;  
From his field shall purge away  
All that doth offend, that day;  
Give his angels charge at last  
In the fire the tares to cast,  
But the fruitful ears to store  
In his garner evermore.

4. Then, thou Church triumphant, come,  
Raise the song of harvest-home;  
All be safely gathered in,  
Free from sorrow, free from sin,  
There for ever purified  
In God's garner to abide:  
Come, ten thousand angels, come,  
Raise the glorious harvest-home!

Words: Henry Alford (1810-71)

Tune: ST GEORGE'S WINDSOR NEH 259  
George Elvey (1816-93)

## 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: Bernard Rose (1916-96)*

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 see the separate printed sheet "Mini Pew News" for a shortened version of our notices for the coming week. The full version of Pew News, the weekly notice sheet for the Minster, is available on the Minster website at [www.southwellminster.org/worship/pew-news/](http://www.southwellminster.org/worship/pew-news/)*



As you leave the Minster, a collection will be taken, the net proceeds of which will be split between supporting the ministry of the Cathedral and Nottinghamshire Rural Support, a Nottinghamshire charity which offers support to farmers, their families and others within the rural community, who are going through hard times. They offer a free and confidential helpline on 0800 138 1710.

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