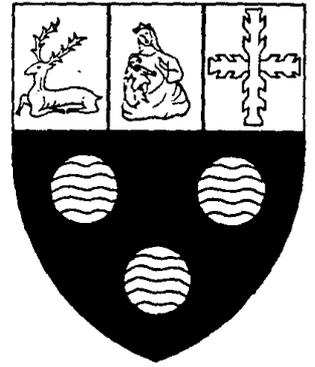


Southwell
Minster

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



FIRST EVENSONG OF LUKE THE EVANGELIST

The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 17 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 Minster Chorale is directed by Jonathan Allsopp, *Assistant Director of Music*.

The organ is played by Michael D'Avanzo, *Organ Scholar*.

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

Allegro moderato
(from *Trio Sonata in E flat*, BWV 525)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

INTROIT sung by the choir from the North Transept

Lead, kindly light, amid the encircling gloom,
Lead thou me on;
The night is dark, and I am far from home,
Lead thou me on.
Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see
The distant scene; one step enough for me.

Words: John Henry Newman (1801-1890)

Music: John Rutter (b. 1945)

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.

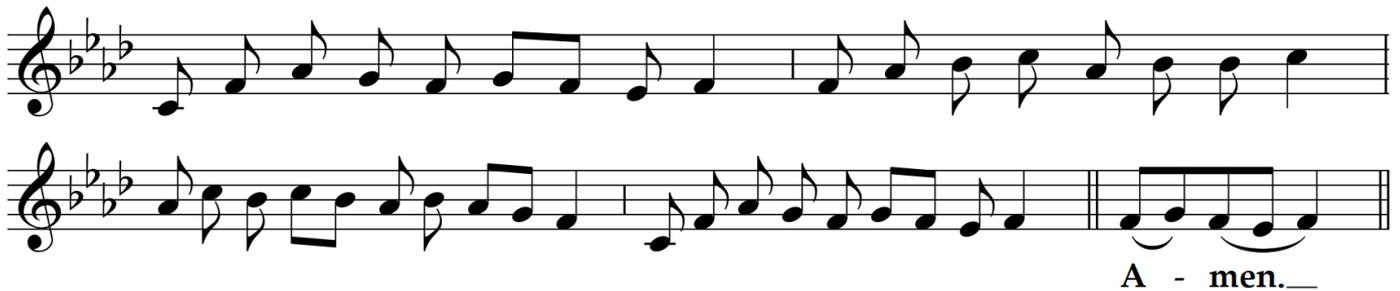
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord:
The Lord's name be praised.

Music: Richard Ayleward (1626-69)

The Dean welcomes the congregation to the service.

OFFICE HYMN



Let the round world with songs rejoice,
Let heaven return the joyful voice,
All mindful of the Apostles' fame,
Let heaven and earth their praise proclaim.

**Ye servants who once bore the light
Of gospel truth o'er heathen night,
Still may your work that light impart,
To glad our eyes and cheer our heart.**

O God, by whom to them was given
The key that shuts and opens heaven,
Our chains unbind, our loss repair,
And grant us grace to enter there.

**For at thy will they preached the word
Which cured disease, which health conferred;
O may thy healing power once more
Our souls to grace and health restore.**

Those wounds before their eyes displayed
They see in heavenly light arrayed,
And what they see they testify
In open witness fearlessly.

**To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Be honour, praise and majesty,
Now and throughout eternity.
Amen.**

*Words: Latin, c. 10th century
trans. Richard Mant (1776-1848)*

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

Please sit

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous:

for it becometh well the just to be thankful.

Praise the Lord with harp:

sing praises unto him with the lute, and instrument of ten strings.

Sing unto the Lord a new song:

sing praises lustily unto him with a good courage.

For the word of the Lord is true:

and all his works are faithful.

He loveth righteousness and judgement:

the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made:

and all the hosts of them by the breath of his mouth.

He gathereth the waters of the sea together, as it were upon an heap:

and layeth up the deep, as in a treasure-house.

Let all the earth fear the Lord:

stand in awe of him, all ye that dwell in the world.

For he spake, and it was done:

he commanded, and it stood fast.

The Lord bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought:

and maketh the devices of the people to be of none effect, and casteth
out the counsels of princes.

The counsel of the Lord shall endure for ever:

and the thoughts of his heart from generation to generation.

Blessed are the people, whose God is the Lord Jehovah:

and blessed are the folk, that he hath chosen to him to be his inheritance.

The Lord looked down from heaven, and beheld all the children of men:

from the habitation of his dwelling he considereth all them that dwell
on the earth.

He fashioneth all the hearts of them:

and understandeth all their works.

There is no king that can be saved by the multitude of an host:
neither is any mighty man delivered by much strength.
A horse is counted but a vain thing to save a man:
neither shall he deliver any man by his great strength.
Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him:
and upon them that put their trust in his mercy;
To deliver their soul from death:
and to feed them in the time of dearth.
Our soul hath patiently tarried for the Lord:
for he is our help, and our shield.
For our heart shall rejoice in him:
because we have hoped in his holy Name.
Let thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us:
like as we do put our trust in thee.

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: John Soaper (1743-94)

Please sit

FIRST LESSON

Hosea 6: 1-3

'Come, let us return to the Lord;
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.
After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.
Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord;
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;
he will come to us like the showers,
like the spring rains that water the earth.'

Please stand

ANTIPHON AND MAGNIFICAT *sung by the choir*

Be valiant in battle, and fight against the serpent
and accept the eternal kingdom, alleluia.

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.

Be valiant in battle, and fight against the serpent
and accept the eternal kingdom, alleluia.

Words: Luke 1: 46-55

*Music: from EVENING SERVICE IN D
Charles Wood (1866-1932)
Antiphon: ESTOTE FORTES*

Please sit

Now you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, and my suffering the things that happened to me in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. What persecutions I endured! Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. Indeed, all who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. But wicked people and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving others and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

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 D
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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 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

Almighty God, who calledst Luke the Physician,
whose praise is in the Gospel, to be an Evangelist,
and Physician of the soul:
May it please thee that, by the wholesome medicines of the doctrine
delivered by him,
all the diseases of our souls may be healed;
through the merits of thy Son 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: Richard Ayleward (1626-69) and John Harper (b. 1947)

Please sit

ANTHEM sung by the choir

The Lord hath created medicines out of the earth;
and he that is wise will not abhor them.
And he hath given men skill,
that he might be honoured in his marvellous works.
My son, in thy sickness leave off from sin,
and order thy hands aright
and cleanse thy heart from all wickedness.

Strengthen ye the weak hands,
and confirm the feeble knees.
Say to them that are of a fearful heart,
Be strong, fear not!
Behold, your God will come;
he will come and save you.

Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened,
and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.
Then shall the lame man leap as an hart,
and the tongue of the dumb shall sing:
for in the wilderness shall waters break out,
and streams in the desert.

The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them;
and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.
It shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing:
the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it,
the excellency of Carmel and Sharon,
they shall see the glory of the Lord
and the excellency of our God.

O Saviour of the World,
who by thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us,
save us, and help us,
we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

*Words: Ecclesiasticus 38: 4, 6, 9, 10; Isaiah 35: 1-6,
and the Collect for the Visitation of the Sick*

*Music: STRENGTHEN YE THE WEAK HANDS
William Harris (1883-1973)*

HOMILY *given by the Dean*

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



Saviour, who didst healing give,
 Still in power go before us;
 Thou through death didst bid men live,
 Unto fuller life restore us;
 Strength from thee the fainting found,
 Deaf men heard, the blind went seeing;
 At thy touch was banished sickness,
 And the leper felt new being.

Thou didst work thy deeds of old
 Through the loving hands of other;
 Still thy mercies manifold
 Bless men by the hands of brothers;
 Angels still before thy face
 Go, sweet health to brothers bringing;
 Still, hearts glow to tell his praises
 With whose name the Church is ringing.

Loved physician! for his word
 Lo, the gospel page burns brighter,
 Mission servant of the Lord,
 Painter true, and perfect writer;
 Saviour, of thy bounty send
 Such as Luke of gospel story,
 Friends to all in body's prison
 Till the sufferers see thy glory.

Words: H.D. Rawnsley (1851-1920)

Tune: JESUS IST DAS SCHONSTE LICHT NEH 194
 J.A. Freylinghausen (1670-1739)

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 Canon Precentor and choir*

The Lord be with you:
And with thy Spirit.

Let us bless the Lord:
Thanks be to God.

Music: Edward Naylor (1867-1934)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *during which the ministers depart*

Carillon-Sortie

Henri Mulet (1878-1967)

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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