

**Southwell
Minster**
THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST

with Holy Baptism

The Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday 12 December 2021

10.00am

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.



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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 President of the Eucharist is the Revd Dr Richard Frith, *Canon Precentor*.

The Deacon and Preacher is the Revd Prof. Alison Milbank, *Canon Theologian*.

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

Please note that all worshippers and visitors to are currently required to wear a face covering at all times whilst inside the Minster, unless they have a valid medical reason for not doing so. We are currently asking members of the congregation to keep face coverings in place in order to keep everyone as safe as possible. Please continue to observe some social distancing in the building where possible, and to be mindful of the needs of other worshippers who may be vulnerable to the virus.

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The Cathedral Choir is directed by Paul Provost, *Rector Chori*.

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

The setting for the Eucharist is the *Communion Service in G* by Francis Jackson (b. 1917).

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.

Baptism

Baptism marks the beginning of a journey with God which continues for the rest of our lives, the first step in response to God's love. For all involved, particularly the candidates, parents, godparents, it is a joyful moment when we rejoice in what God has done for us in Christ, making serious promises and declaring the faith. The wider community of the local church and friends welcome the new Christian, promising support and prayer for the future. Hearing and doing these things provides an opportunity to remember our own baptism and reflect on the progress made on that journey, which is now to be shared with these new members of the Church.

The service paints many vivid pictures of what happens on the Christian way. There is the sign of the cross, the badge of faith in the Christian journey, which reminds us of Christ's death for us. Our 'drowning' in the water of baptism, where we die to sin and are raised to new life, unites us to Christ's dying and rising, a picture that can be brought home vividly by the way the baptism is administered. Water is also a sign of new life, as we are born again by water and the Spirit, as Jesus was at his baptism. And as a sign of that new life, there may be a lighted candle, a picture of the light of Christ conquering the darkness of evil. Everyone who is baptised walks in that light for the rest of their lives.

As you pray for Katie, Miley and Rosie who are to be baptised, picture them with yourself and the whole Church throughout the ages, journeying into the fullness of God's love.

Communion

Communion will be received in one kind only (bread); the Church teaches that Holy Communion is received fully in either the consecrated wafer or the wine. Please make use of the hand sanitiser dispenser provided as you approach. Please keep your face covering in place until you have received the host in your hand, and replace it after consuming the host. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please speak to a Churchwarden or vergers before the service (if possible) to request one. If you would prefer to receive a blessing (without physical contact), please bring this order of service with you as an indication.

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

Vater unser in Himmelreich

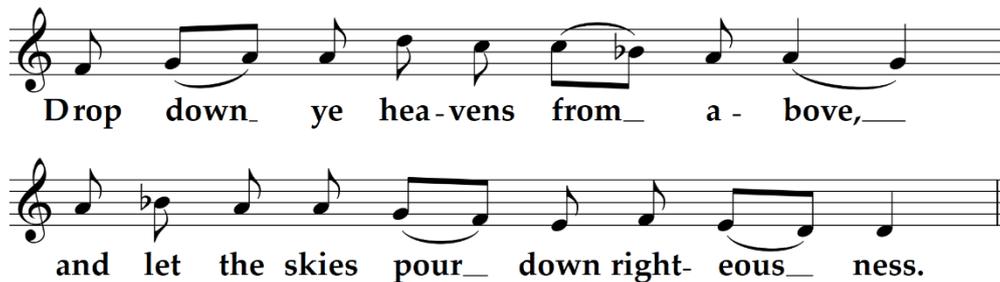
Georg Böhm (1667-1733)

The Canon in Residence welcomes the congregation.

THE GATHERING

Please stand at the entry of the altar party

ADVENT PROSE *during which the choir and ministers enter*



Drop down_ ye hea-vens from_ a - bove,___
and let the skies pour_ down right- eous_ ness.

Choir Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.

All **Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.**

Choir Be not wroth very sore, O Lord, neither remember iniquity for ever:
thy holy cities are a wilderness, Sion is a wilderness, Jerusalem
a desolation:
our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee.

All **Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.**

Choir We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing, and we all do fade as a leaf:
and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away;
thou hast hid thy face from us: and hast consumed us, because of our
iniquities.

All **Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.**

Choir Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen;
 that ye may know me and believe me:
I, even I, am the Lord and beside me there is no Saviour:
 and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.

All **Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.**

Choir Comfort ye, comfort ye, my people, my salvation shall not tarry:
 I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions.
Fear not, for I will save thee:
 for I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer.

All **Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.**

Words: Latin, Officia Propria, 1673

*Tune: RORATE CAELI NEH 501
 Mode i*

President In the name of the Father,
 and of the Son,
 and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

GREETING

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

As this Sunday's candle is lit, the choir sings

Choir Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, just and true:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
Your prophet John the Baptist was witness to the truth
as a burning and shining light.
May we your servants rejoice in his light,
and so be led to witness to him
who is the Lord of our coming kingdom,
Jesus our Saviour and King of the ages.

All



Bles - sed be God for e - ver.

Music: Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

The President introduces the Eucharist.

KYRIE ELEISON *sung by the choir*

Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT

President Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Please sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *read by Gwen Bragg*

Zephaniah 3: 14–end

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!
The Lord has taken away the judgements against you,
he has turned away your enemies.
The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.
The Lord, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing
as on a day of festival.
I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.
I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.
And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.
At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Choir The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me.

He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Music: Mode ii and Paul Provost (b. 1985)

GOSPEL READING

Luke 3: 7–18

Deacon Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.



Glo-ry to you, O Lord.

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit when invited by the preacher.

SERMON *given by the Canon Theologian*

THE LITURGY OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The President introduces the candidates for baptism, and their sponsors.

The President asks the candidates:

Do you wish to be baptised?

I do.

The President says to the whole congregation:

Faith is the gift of God to his people.

In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling.

People of God, will you welcome Katie, Miley and Rosie

and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

All **With the help of God, we will.**

The President then says to the sponsors:

Parents and godparents, the Church receives Katie, Miley and Rosie with joy.

Today we are trusting God for their growth in faith.

Will you pray for them,

draw them by your example into the community of faith

and walk with them in the way of Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism Katie, Miley and Rosie begin their journey in faith.

You speak for them today.

Will you care for them,

and help them to take their place

within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

With the help of God, we will.

THE DECISION

The President asks the candidates and their sponsors:

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.
To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.
Therefore I ask:

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you renounce evil?

I renounce evil.

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

The President makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of each candidate with the oil of baptism, saying:

Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

All

Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ

against sin, the world and the devil,

and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,

restore in you the image of his glory,

and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

Amen.

HYMN *during which the President leads the baptism party to the Font.*



Make way, make way, for Christ the King
In splendour arrives.
Fling wide the gates and welcome Him
Into your lives.

*Make way! (Make way!)
Make way! (Make way!)
For the King of kings.
(For the King of kings.)
Make way! (Make way!)
Make way! (Make way!)
And let His kingdom in.*

He comes the broken hearts to heal,
The prisoners to free.
The deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance,
The blind shall see.

Make way!.....

And those who mourn with heavy hearts,
Who weep and sigh;
With laughter, joy and royal crown
He'll beautify.

Make way!.....

We call you now to worship Him
As Lord of all.
To have no gods before Him,
Their thrones must fall!

Make way!.....

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PRAYER OVER THE WATER

The family and friends of Katie, Miley and Rosie are invited to gather round the font. We all stand and turn to face the font.

President Praise God who made heaven and earth,
who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, we give you thanks and praise
for your gift of water in creation;
for your Spirit, sweeping over the waters,
bringing light and life;
for your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
baptized in the river Jordan.

We bless you for your new creation,
brought to birth by water and the Spirit,
and for your grace bestowed upon us your children,
washing away our sins.

May your holy and life-giving Spirit
move upon these waters.
Restore through them the beauty of your creation,
and bring those who are baptized
to new birth in the family of your Church.

Drown sin in the waters of judgement,
anoint your children with power from on high,
and make them one with Christ
in the freedom of your kingdom.
For all might, majesty, dominion and power are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

President Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with Katie, Miley and Rosie the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

BAPTISM

The President asks the candidates:

N, is this your faith?

This is my faith.

The President pours water on each candidate, saying:

N, I baptise you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The President anoints each candidate with the oil of chrism, saying:

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church,
pour upon you the riches of his grace,
that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people
you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit,
and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

Amen.

When all the candidates have been baptised, the President says:

God of grace and life,
in your love you have given us a place among your people;
keep us faithful to our baptism,
and prepare us for that glorious day
when the whole creation will be made perfect
in your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

THE WELCOME AND PEACE

President There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
Katie, Miley and Rosie, by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

All **We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

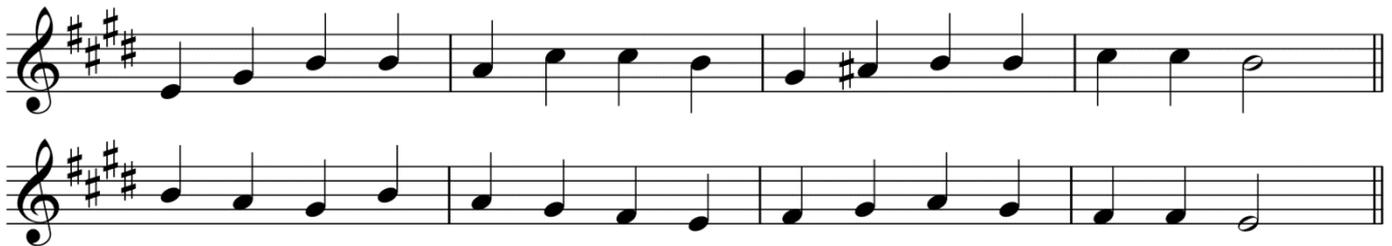
In the tender mercy of our God
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us
to shine on those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

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THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

OFFERTORY HYMN *during which the baptism party returns from the font and the table is prepared for Communion*



1. Hark! a herald voice is calling:
'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say;
'Cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day!'

2. Startled at the solemn warning,
Let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her Sun, all sloth dispelling,
Shines upon the morning skies.

3. Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,
Comes with pardon down from heaven;
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
One and all to be forgiven;

4. So when next he comes in glory,
And earth's final hour draws near,
May he then as our defender
On the clouds of heaven appear.

5. Honour, glory, virtue, merit,
To the Father and the Son,
With the co-eternal Spirit,
While unending ages run. Amen.

PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

President Let us pray.

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now united on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth
into your kingdom.

Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER



The_ Lord be__ with_ you and_ al - so__ with_ you.



Lift_____ up your_ hearts._ We lift them to__ the Lord.____



Let us give thanks to the Lord_ our God.



It is right to give thanks and praise.____

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh,
he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world
to open for us the way of salvation.

Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,
we now watch for the day
when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.
And so we join our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
to proclaim your glory
for ever praising you and singing:

Choir Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

President We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Deacon Great is the mystery of faith:

All



Christ has died: Christ is ri - sen: Christ will come__ a-gain.

President Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

All



A - men.__

Please sit or kneel

THE LORD'S PRAYER

President As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

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Please follow the instructions of Churchwardens to approach to receive Communion.

Please leave your face covering in place as you come up for Communion until you have received the host wafer in your hand, then remove your face covering to consume the host, then replace it before returning to your seat via the side aisles.

Gluten-free wafers are available on request. If you would prefer to receive a blessing (without physical contact), please bring this order of service with you as an indication. If you are unable to move to the altar, please inform a Churchwarden and the President will come to you.

Please sit or kneel on your return from Communion.

AGNUS DEI sung by the choir

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:
grant us thy peace.

COMMUNION MOTET sung by the choir

Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say rejoice.

Let your softness be known unto all men, the Lord is even at hand.

Be careful for nothing: but in all prayer and supplication, let your
petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks.

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding keep your hearts
and minds thorough Christ Jesu.

Amen.

Words: Philippians 4: 4–7

*Music: Anonymous (The Mulliner Book)
English, 16th century*

COMMUNION HYMN (*if required*)



Colours of day dawn into the mind,
The sun has come up, the night is behind.
Go down in the city, into the street,
And let's give the message to the people we meet.
*So light up the fire and let the flame burn,
Open the door, let Jesus return.
Take seeds of his Spirit, let the fruit grow,
Tell the people of Jesus, let his love show.*

Go through the park, on into the town;
The sun still shines on; it never goes down.
The light of the world is risen again;
The people of darkness are needing our friend.
So light up the fire...

Open your eyes, look into the sky,
The darkness has come, the sun came to die.
The evening draws on, the sun disappears,
But Jesus is living, and his Spirit is near.
So light up the fire...

*Tune: LIGHT UP THE FIRE HOAN 97
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

President Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.
Amen.

Notices are given.

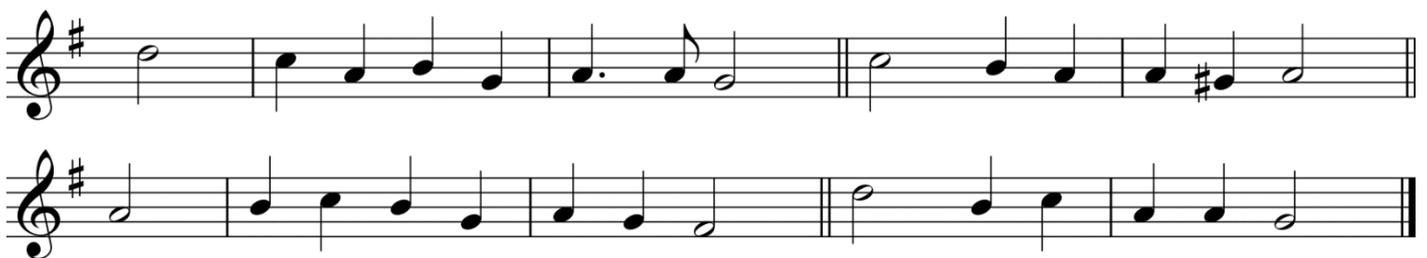
THE DISMISSAL

Please stand

BLESSING

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

HYMN



**1. Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes
The Saviour promised long!
Let every heart prepare a throne,
And every voice a song.**

**2. He comes the prisoners to release
In Satan's bondage held;
The gates of brass before him burst,
The iron fetters yield.**

**3. He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of his grace
Enrich the humble poor.**

**4. Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim,
And heaven's eternal arches ring
With thy beloved name.**

Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)

*Tune: BRISTOL NEH 6
from Thomas Ravenscroft, Psalmes (1621)*

GIVING OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

Katie, Miley and Rosie are each given a lighted candle.

President God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.
You have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.
**Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.**

DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in the light and peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Praeludium in G

Nikolaus Bruhns (1665-97)

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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MINI PEW NEWS

for the week 13 - 19 December 2021



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WORSHIP IN THE COMING WEEK

During this week our regular daily services will take place as follows:

Morning Prayer at 8.30am (Monday to Saturday)

Holy Communion at 12.15pm (Monday to Friday) and 9am (on Saturday)

Evensong at 5.30pm (Monday to Saturday, except Wednesday and Saturday when it is replaced with Evening Prayer.)

Sunday 19 December

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

7.40am	Litany BCP	Quire
8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Quire
10.00am	Cathedral Eucharist CW	Nave (and live-streamed)
3.30pm	Evensong BCP	Quire (and live-streamed)
6.30pm	Organ Meditation	Quire

Details of the preachers and of the music to be sung at our services can be found on the Minster website at <https://www.southwellminster.org/worship/services-calendar/>.

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The 'shaking reality' of Advent calls us to move away from the barren-ness and infertility of despair to breathe again the air where God can be freed to bring new life, reconciliation, health and peace..... Advent provides us with our own mini desert, where we can stand outside all the tradition, expectation and consumerism- and allow God's conquering hero to appear before us, to inspire, nurture and comfort us.

*Peter B. Price A Shaking Reality (D.L.T.2018) p74
In Sacrista Prebend library.*

INTERCESSIONS

We continue to hold before God all those who have asked for our prayers:

The Minster Family

Margaret Berry, George Cassidy (Bishop), Eileen Dale, George Davies (priest), Val Fethney, Harry Frost, Jill Frost, Howard George, Jean Jarvis, Glynn Lloyd, Lesley Lloyd, Les Meats, Joy Pragnell, Tony Ridgwell, Peter Sharp, David Stone, Barbara Tittensor, Sheila Wilkes

Recently Departed

Susan Broaduss, Vernon Evans, Daniel Salter, Victoria Starkey

We Remember on the Anniversary of Their Death

- 12 Bernadette Consterdine, Phillipa Hughes, Judith Leman
- 13 David Cameron McIntosh
- 14 Julie Kelly, Richard Waddington
- 17 Marc Harry Wheatley

NOTICEBOARD

Services for Christmas. A full schedule of the Minster's Christmas services and events can be found on the Minster website by following this link: www.southwellminster.org/christmas2021/. Please note that both our Cathedral Carol Services (taking place on Thursday 23 December and Friday 24 December at 7.00pm) are now fully booked. Other than the Carol Services we will not be taking bookings for any other services organised by the Cathedral, although since due to COVID-19 we have set the maximum capacity of the Minster to be 350 this year, early arrival at the most popular services is suggested.

Gaudete Sunday (December). As we progress through Advent, reaching the third Sunday this weekend, your thoughts may be turning to planning your food over Christmas. If it is possible to include food, drink and flowers from Fairtrade producers, please will you do this as much as possible, even if the Fairtrade logo is not obvious – for example, the Co-op own brand products use only Fairtrade cocoa when chocolate is an ingredient. Please pray for Fairtrade farmers who are increasingly threatened by climate change. *Justice Action Group*

Supporting Newark Foodbank. The following items are especially needed in December: Sugar, tinned cold meats, instant mashed potato, long life fruit juice, peanut butter, jam, washing-up liquid, washing tablets. Items can be donated at the Co-op, One Stop, Lloyds Chemist, and some churches.

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