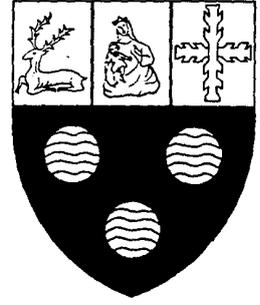


**Southwell
Minster**
THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST

with Holy Baptism

The Second Sunday of Christmas

Sunday 2 January 2022

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.



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

The Deacon and Preacher is the Very Revd Nicola Sullivan, *Dean of Southwell*.

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

Please note that all worshippers and visitors are currently required to wear a face covering 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 at all times in order to keep everyone as safe as possible. 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 others 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 week. Live-streaming allows those joining from home to participate in the same act of worship as those in the Cathedral.

The Choir of St Peter's Church Nottingham is directed by Peter Siepmann, *Organist and Director of Music* at St Peter's. The organ is played by Michael Leuty, *Deputy Organist* at St. Peter's. The setting for the Eucharist is the *Communion Service in E* by Harold Darke (1888-1976).

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 Alison who is to be baptised, picture her 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 vergier 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.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

The Canon in Residence welcomes the congregation.

THE GATHERING

Please stand at the entry of the altar party

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Refrain

Come

and wor-ship Christ the new-born King, Come

and wor-ship, wor-ship Christ the new-born King.

**1. Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:
*Come and worship
Christ the new-born King,
Come and worship,
worship Christ the new-born King.***

2. Shepherds in the field abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing;
Yonder shines the infant light.

Come and worship...

3. Sages, leave your contemplations;
Brighter visions beam afar;
See the great desire of nations;
Ye have seen his natal star.

Come and worship...

4. Though an infant now we view him,
He shall fill his father's throne,
Gather all ye nations to him;
Every knee shall then bow down.

Come and worship...

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854)

Tune: IRIS A&M 59

Traditional French carol

harmonised by Martin Shaw (1875-1958)

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.

The President introduces the Eucharist.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Choir Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

COLLECT

President Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Almighty God,
in the birth of your Son
you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word,
and shown us the fullness of your love:
help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love
that we may know the fullness of his joy;
who is alive and reigns with you,
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 Christine Vincent*

Ephesians 1: 3–14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please remain seated



Great is our Lord and might - ty in pow - er.

Choir Great is our Lord and mighty in power.

All **Great is our Lord and mighty in power.**

Sing praise to the Lord, O Jerusalem;
 praise your God, O Zion;
 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates
 and has blest your children within you.
 He has established peace in your borders
 and satisfies you with the finest wheat.

All **Great is our Lord and mighty in power.**

He sends forth his command to the earth
 and his word runs very swiftly.
 He gives snow like wool
 and scatters the hoarfrost like ashes.
 He casts down his hailstones like morsels of bread;
 who can endure his frost?

All **Great is our Lord and mighty in power.**

He sends forth his word and melts them;
 he blows with his wind and the waters flow.
 He declares his word to Jacob,
 his statutes and judgements to Israel.
 He has not dealt so with any other nation;
 they do not know his laws.

All **Great is our Lord and mighty in power.**

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 Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we have seen his glory.

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

GOSPEL READING

John 1: 10–18

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



Glo-ry to you, O Lord.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me."') From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit when invited by the preacher.

SERMON *given the Dean*

THE LITURGY OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE

The President introduces Alison as the candidate for baptism.

The President asks Alison:

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 Alison

and uphold her in her new life in Christ?

All

With the help of God, we will.

THE DECISION

The President asks the candidate:

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 Alison's forehead 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.

PRAYER OVER THE WATER

The family and friends of Alison 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 Alison 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 candidate:

Alison, is this your faith?
This is my faith.

The President pours water on Alison, saying:

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

All **Amen.**

The President anoints Alison 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 the candidate has 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:
Alison, 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.**

Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace
to all in whom he delights.

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

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



**Good Christians all, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice!
Listen now to what we say,
Jesus Christ is born today;
Ox and ass before him bow,
And he is in the manger now!
Christ is born today;
Christ is born today!**

**Good Christians all, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice!
Hear the news of endless bliss,
Jesus Christ was born for this:
He has opened heaven's door,
And we are blessed for evermore!
Christ was born for this;
Christ was born for this!**

**Good Christians all, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice!
Now ye need not fear the grave;
Jesus Christ was born to save:
Comes at his most gracious call
To find salvation, one and all.
Christ was born to save;
Christ was born to save!**

*Words: Latin and German, 14th century
trans. John Mason Neale (1818-66)*

*Tune: IN DULCI JUBILO A&M 65
German, 14th century, arr. John Stainer (1840-1901)*

PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

President Let us pray.

Word made flesh, life of the world,
in your incarnation you embraced our poverty:
by your Spirit may we share in your riches.
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.____

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty creator, ever-living God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who for love of our fallen race humbled himself,
and was born of the Virgin Mary
by the power of your Spirit,
and lived as one of us.

In this mystery of the Word made flesh
you have caused his light to shine in our hearts,
to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
In him we see our God made visible
and so are caught up in the love of the God we cannot see.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

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

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

President Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.

Deacon Great is the mystery of faith:

All



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

President And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All



A - men.__

Please sit or kneel

THE LORD'S PRAYER

President Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,
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 the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.
**God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.
Lord, give us this bread always.

All baptised, communicant members of Christian churches are invited to receive Communion. Communion is received in one kind only (bread) on this occasion due to Covid-19; the Church teaches that Holy Communion is received fully in either the consecrated wafer or the wine.

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

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

O magnum mysterium,
et admirabile sacramentum, ut
animalia viderent Dominum
natum, iacentem in praeseptio.
O beata virgo, cujus viscera
meruerunt portare Dominum
Jesum Christum. Alleluia.

*O great mystery
and wondrous sign,
that the animals should see the
Lord born, lying in a manger.
Blessed is the Virgin, whose womb
was counted worthy to bear the
Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia.*

Words: fourth respond for Matins of Christmas Day

Music: Tomás Luis de Victoria (c1548–1611)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

President Let us pray.

All praise to you,
almighty God and heavenly king,
who sent your Son into the world
to take our nature upon him
and to be born of a pure virgin:
grant that, as we are born again in him,
so he may continually dwell in us
and reign on earth as he reigns in heaven,
now and for ever.

Amen.

Notices are given.

THE DISMISSAL

Please stand

BLESSING

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary,
fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

HYMN



Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
Urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
Sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
Speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
Teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our land, in this our generation,
Spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;
For young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him,
Loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;
Hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us,
Self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;
Past put behind us, for the future take us,
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926)

Tune: LORD OF THE YEARS CP 81
Michael Baughen (b. 1930)
arr. David Iliff (b. 1939)

GIVING OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

The baptism candidate is 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.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Toccata-Prelude on "Vom Himmel hoch"

Garth Edmundson (1892-1971)

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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