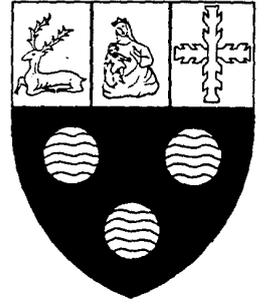


**Southwell  
Minster**

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF  
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



# EVENSONG

**The Second Sunday of Christmas**

Sunday 2 January 2022

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.



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

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.

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## 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](mailto:office@southwellminster.org.uk)

# ORDER OF SERVICE

INTROIT *sung by the choir from the North Transept*

Love came down at Christmas,  
Love all lovely, Love divine;  
Love was born at Christmas,  
Star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead,  
Love incarnate, Love divine;  
Worship we our Jesus:  
But wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token,  
Love be yours and love be mine,  
Love to God and all men,  
Love for plea and gift and sign.

*Words: Christina Rossetti (1830-94)*

*Music: Reginald Morris (1886-1948)  
arranged by Peter Siepmann*

*Please stand at the entry of the choir and ministers*

PRECES *sung by the Canon Precentor and choir*

O Lord, open thou our lips:  
And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us:  
O Lord, make haste to help us.

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

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

*Music: Philip Radcliffe (1905-86)*

*The Canon Precentor welcomes the congregation to the service.*

OFFICE HYMN



1. From east to west, from shore to shore,  
let every heart awake and sing  
the holy child whom Mary bore,  
the Christ, the everlasting King.

2. **Behold, the world's creator wears  
the form and fashion of a slave,  
our very flesh our Maker shares,  
his fallen creature, man, to save.**

3. For this how wondrously he wrought!  
a maiden, in her lowly place,  
became, in ways beyond all thought,  
the chosen vessel of his grace.

4. **She bowed her to the angel's word  
declaring what the Father willed,  
and suddenly the promised Lord  
that pure and hallowed temple filled.**

5. He shrank not from the oxen's stall,  
he lay within the manger-bed,  
and he whose bounty feedeth all,  
at Mary's breast himself was fed.

6. **And while the angels in the sky  
sang praise above the silent field,  
to shepherds poor, the Lord most high,  
the one great Shepherd was revealed.**

7. **All glory for that blessed morn  
to God the Father ever be,  
all praise to thee, O Virgin-born,  
and praise, blest Spirit, unto thee. Amen.**

*Words: Latin, Caelius Sedulius, c. 450  
translated by John Ellerton (1826–93)*

*Tune: A SOLIS ORTUS NEH 20  
Mode iii*

*Please sit*

O praise the Lord, laud ye the Name of the Lord:  
praise it, O ye servants of the Lord;  
Ye that stand in the house of the Lord:  
in the courts of the house of our God.  
O praise the Lord, for the Lord is gracious:  
O sing praises unto his Name, for it is lovely.  
For why? the Lord hath chosen Jacob unto himself:  
and Israel for his own possession.  
For I know that the Lord is great:  
and that our Lord is above all gods.  
Whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did he in heaven, and in earth:  
and in the sea, and in all deep places.  
He bringeth forth the clouds from the ends of the world:  
and sendeth forth lightnings with the rain, bringing the winds out of  
his treasures.  
He smote the first-born of Egypt:  
both of man and beast.  
He hath sent tokens and wonders into the midst of thee, O thou land  
of Egypt:  
upon Pharaoh, and all his servants.  
He smote divers nations:  
and slew mighty kings;  
Sehon king of the Amorites, and Og the king of Basan:  
and all the kingdoms of Canaan;  
And gave their land to be an heritage:  
even an heritage unto Israel his people.  
Thy Name, O Lord, endureth for ever:  
so doth thy memorial, O Lord, from one generation to another.  
For the Lord will avenge his people:  
and be gracious unto his servants.  
As for the images of the heathen, they are but silver and gold:  
the work of men's hands.  
They have mouths, and speak not:  
eyes have they, but they see not.  
They have ears, and yet they hear not:  
neither is there any breath in their mouths.  
They that make them are like unto them:  
and so are all they that put their trust in them.

Praise the Lord, ye house of Israel:  
praise the Lord, ye house of Aaron.  
Praise the Lord, ye house of Levi:  
ye that fear the Lord, praise the Lord.  
Praised be the Lord out of Sion:  
who dwelleth at Jerusalem.

*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: Thomas Armstrong (1898-1994)*

*Please sit*

## FIRST LESSON

1 Samuel 1: 20–28

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the Lord.'

The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only — may the Lord establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.'

She left him there for the Lord.'

*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 C  
Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)*

*Please sit*

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

*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.

## 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 didst wonderfully create man in thine own image,  
and didst yet more wonderfully restore him:  
Grant, we beseech thee,  
that as thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ was made in the likeness of men,  
so we may be made partakers of the divine nature;  
through the same thy Son,  
who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, one God,  
world without end.  
Amen.

## COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels,  
and all just works do proceed;  
give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give;  
that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments,  
and also that, by thee,  
we being defended from the fear of our enemies  
may pass our time in rest and quietness;  
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
Amen.

## COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord;  
and by thy great mercy defend us  
from all perils and dangers of this night;  
for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

*Music: Philip Radcliffe (1905-86)*

*Please sit*

## ANTHEM *sung by the choir*

A little child there is y-born, *Eia, eia, susanni,*  
and he sprang out of Jesse's thorn, *Alleluia, alleluia,*  
to save all us that were forlorn.

Now Jesus is the childes name, *Eia, eia, susanni,*  
and Mary mild she is the dame, *Alleluia, alleluia,*  
and so our sorrow is turned to game.

It fell upon the high midnight, *Eia, eia, susanni,*  
the stars they shone both fair and bright, *Alleluia, alleluia,*  
the angels sang with all their might.

Three kings there came with their presents, *Eia, eia, susanni*,  
of myrrh and gold and frankincense, *Alleluia, alleluia*,  
as clerkes sing in their sequence.

Now sit we down upon our knee, *Eia, eia, susanni*,  
and pray we to the Trinity, *Alleluia, alleluia*,  
our help, our succour for to be. *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia*.

*Words: Traditional English*

*Music: Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)*

*HOMILY given by the Revd David McCoulough, Priest Vicar*

*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

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major and 4/4 time. The first two staves contain the main melody. The third staff begins with a double bar line and the word 'Refrain' above it, followed by a new melodic line. The fourth staff continues the melody and includes the lyrics: 'well, No - well, No - well, Born is the King of Is - ra - el!'. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

The first Nowell the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep:  
*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,*  
*Born is the King of Israel!*

They lookèd up and saw a star,  
Shining in the east, beyond them far;  
And to the earth it gave great light,  
And so it continued both day and night:  
*Nowell, Nowell...*

And by the light of that same star,  
Three wise men came from country far;  
To seek for a king was their intent,  
And to follow the star wherever it went:  
*Nowell, Nowell...*

This star drew nigh to the north-west;  
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,  
And there it did both stop and stay  
Right over the place where Jesus lay:  
*Nowell, Nowell...*

Then entered in those wise men three,  
Full rev'rently upon their knee,  
And offered there in his presence  
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense:  
*Nowell, Nowell...*

Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,  
That hath made heaven and earth of naught,  
And with his blood mankind hath bought:  
*Nowell, Nowell...*

*Words: Traditional*

*Tune: THE FIRST NOWELL NEH 36*  
*English, mode iii*  
*Harmony by John Stainer (1840-1901)*

## 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: Gerald Knight (1908-79)*

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY *during which the ministers depart*

*Final (from Sonata No 1)*

Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

*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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