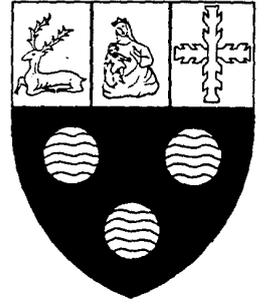


**Southwell
Minster**

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



EVENSONG

The Second Sunday of Epiphany

Sunday 16 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.



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

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

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 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

Andante sostenuto (from *Symphonie gothique*)

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

INTROIT *sung by the choir from the North Transept*

He is God ye go to meet,
therefore incense proffer:
He is King ye go to greet:
gold is in your coffer.
Also Man, He comes to share
ev'ry woe that man can bear
tempter, railer, scoffer:
Therefore now, against the day,
in the grave when Him they lay,
myrrh ye also offer.

Words: Verse 3 of IN VERNALI TEMPORE
13th Century Latin text
translated by John Mason Neale (1818-66)

Music: Anonymous from PIAE CANTIONES (1582)
Harmonised by George Radcliffe Woodward (1848-1934)

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.

Music: William Byrd (c. 1539-1623)

The Canon Precentor welcomes the congregation to the service.

OFFICE HYMN



A - men.

O Trinity of blessed light,
O Unity of primal might,
The fiery sun now goes his way,
Shed thou within our hearts thy ray.

**To thee our morning song of praise,
To thee our evening prayer we raise,
Thy glory, suppliant, we adore,
For ever and for evermore.**

O Trinity, O Unity,
Thou help of man's infirmity,
Protect us through the hours of night,
Who art our everlasting light.

**To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Let glory, praise and worship be
From age to age eternally.
Amen.**

*Words: Latin
trans. John Mason Neale (1818-66) et al.*

Tune: O LUX BEATA NEH 54 (t. i)

Please sit

O sing unto the Lord a new song:
sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.
Sing unto the Lord, and praise his Name:
be telling of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his honour unto the heathen:
and his wonders unto all people.
For the Lord is great, and cannot worthily be praised:
he is more to be feared than all gods.
As for all the gods of the heathen, they are but idols:
but it is the Lord that made the heavens.
Glory and worship are before him:
power and honour are in his sanctuary.
Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people:
ascribe unto the Lord worship and power.
Ascribe unto the Lord the honour due unto his Name:
bring presents, and come into his courts.
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
Tell it out among the heathen that the Lord is King:
and that it is he who hath made the round world so fast that it cannot
be moved; and how that he shall judge the people righteously.
Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad:
let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is.
Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it:
then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord.
For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth:
and with righteousness to judge the world, and the people with
his truth.

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: Walter Alcock (1861-1947)

Please sit

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." ' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.' Then the Lord said to Samuel, 'See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfil against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house for ever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering for ever.'

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, 'Samuel, my son.' He said, 'Here I am.' Eli said, 'What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.' So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, 'It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him.'

As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.'

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 SHORT SERVICE
Thomas Weelkes (1576-1623)*

Please sit

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said,

'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;
he gave gifts to his people.'

(When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.)

The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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 SHORT SERVICE
Thomas Weelkes (1576-1623)*

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 and everlasting God,
who dost govern all things in heaven and earth;
Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people,
and grant us thy peace all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COLLECT FOR PEACE

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

COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

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

Music: William Byrd (c. 1539-1623) and John Harper (b. 1947)

Please sit

ANTHEM sung by the choir

See, see, the word is incarnate; God is made man in the womb of a Virgin.
Shepherds rejoice, wise men adore and angels sing,
“Glory be to God on high: peace on earth, good will towards men.”
The law is cancelled,
Jews and Gentiles all converted by the preaching of glad tidings of
salvation,
the blind have sight and cripples have their motion:
diseases cured, the dead are raised, and miracles are wrought.
Let us welcome such a guest with Hosanna.

The Paschal Lamb is offered, Christ Jesus made a sacrifice for sin.
The earth quakes, the sun is darkened, the powers of hell are shaken;
and lo, he is risen up in victory.
Sing Alleluia.

See, O see the fresh wounds, the gored blood,
the pricks of thorns, the print of nails
and in the sight of multitudes a glorious ascension;
where now he sits on God’s right hand where all the choir of heaven all
jointly sing:
“Glory be to the Lamb that sitteth on the throne.”

Let us continue our wonted note with Hosanna:
Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord;
with Alleluia, we triumph in victory,
the serpent’s head bruised, Christ’s kingdom exalted,
and heaven laid open to sinners.
Amen.

Words: attrib. Godfrey Goodman (1583-1656)

Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

HOMILY given by the Revd Prof. Alison Milbank, Canon Theologian

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.

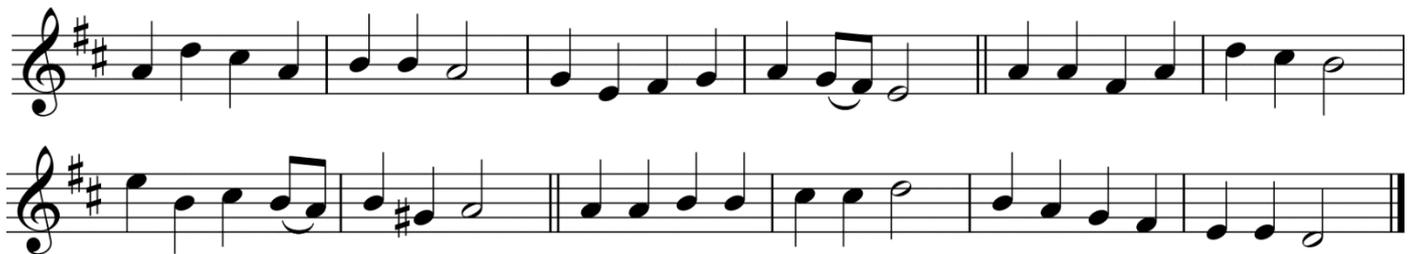
Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

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



God of mercy, God of grace,
show the brightness of thy face;
shine upon us, Saviour, shine,
fill thy Church with light divine;
and thy saving health extend
unto earth's remotest end.

Let the people praise thee, Lord;
be by all that live adored;
let the nations shout and sing
glory to their Saviour King;
at thy feet their tribute pay,
and thy holy will obey.

Let the people praise thee, Lord;
earth shall then her fruits afford;
God to man his blessing give,
man to God devoted live;
all below, and all above,
one in joy and light and love.

Words: Psalm 67
adapted by Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

Music: HEATHLANDS NEH 366
Henry Smart (1813-79)

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: from William Byrd

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *during which the ministers depart*

Allegro (from Symphonie gothique)

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

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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