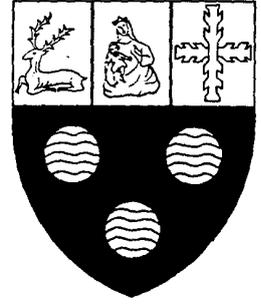


**Southwell
Minster**
THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



SUNG EUCHARIST

with the Imposition of Ashes

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday 2 March 2022

7.00pm

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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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.

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

Clergy at this Service

The President of the Eucharist is The Very Revd Nicola Sullivan, *Dean of Southwell*.

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

The Deacon is the Revd Canon Dr Richard Frith, *Canon Precentor*.

Music at this Service

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

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

The setting for the Eucharist is *Mass XVIII*.

Ash Wednesday and the Season of Lent

Lent may originally have followed Epiphany, just as Jesus' sojourn in the wilderness followed immediately on his baptism, but it soon became firmly attached to Easter, as the principal occasion for baptism and for the reconciliation of those who had been excluded from the Church's fellowship for apostasy or serious faults. This history explains the characteristic notes of Lent: self-examination, penitence, self-denial, study, and preparation for Easter, to which almsgiving has traditionally been added.

As candidates for baptism were instructed in Christian faith, and as penitents prepared themselves, through fasting and penance, to be readmitted to communion, the whole Christian community was invited to join them in the process of study and repentance, the extension of which over forty days would remind them of the forty days that Jesus spent in the wilderness, being tested by Satan.

Ashes are an ancient sign of penitence; from the Middle Ages it became the custom to begin Lent by being marked by ash with the sign of the cross, reminding us of our creaturely nature. The ashes used today are gathered from the burning of the palms from Palm Sunday last year. Forty days of penitence are now counted continuously to the end of Holy Week (excluding Sundays), and the atmosphere begins to darken as we look towards Holy Week.

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.

ORDER OF SERVICE

The congregation gathers in silence.

THE GATHERING

Please stand

LENT PROSE *during which the choir and clergy enter the Quire*



Hear us, O Lord, have mer-cy up-on us: for we have sinned a - gainst thee.

Choir Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.

All **Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.**

Choir To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory:
Lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings:
Listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.

Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.

O thou chief Corner-stone, Right Hand of the Father:
Way of Salvation, Gate of Life Celestial:
Cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement.

Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.

God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated:
Bow down and hearken to thy weeping children:
Pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.

Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.

Sins oft committed now we lay before thee:
With true contrition, now no more we veil them:
Grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.

Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.

Innocent, captive, taken unresisting:
Falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced:
Save us, we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer.

Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.

*Words: Latin, 10th century
from the Mozarabic rite*

*Tune: ATTENDE NEH 507
Mode v*

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

GREETING

President Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you
and also with you.

INTRODUCTION

President Brothers and sisters in Christ,
since early days Christians have observed with great devotion
the time of our Lord's passion and resurrection
and prepared for this by a season of penitence and fasting.

By carefully keeping these days,
Christians take to heart the call to repentance
and the assurance of forgiveness proclaimed in the Gospel,
and so grow in faith and in devotion to our Lord.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church,
to the observance of a holy Lent,
by self-examination and repentance;
by prayer, fasting, and self-denial;
and by reading and meditating on God's holy word.

KYRIE ELEISON *sung by the choir*

Kyrie eleison.	<i>Lord, have mercy upon us.</i>
Christe eleison.	<i>Christ, have mercy upon us.</i>
Kyrie eleison.	<i>Lord, have mercy upon us.</i>

COLLECT

President Let us pray for grace to keep Lent faithfully.

Silence is kept.

Almighty and everlasting God,
you hate nothing that you have made
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:
create and make in us new and contrite hearts
that we, worthily lamenting our sins
and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may receive from you, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
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 Stephen Littlewood*

Joel 2: 1–2, 12–17

Blow the trumpet in Zion;
 sound the alarm on my holy mountain!
Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble,
 for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near —
a day of darkness and gloom,
 a day of clouds and thick darkness!
Like blackness spread upon the mountains
 a great and powerful army comes;
their like has never been from of old,
 nor will be again after them
 in ages to come.

Yet even now, says the Lord,
 return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
 rend your hearts and not your clothing.
Return to the Lord, your God,
 for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
 and relents from punishing.
Who knows whether he will not turn and relent,
 and leave a blessing behind him,
a grain-offering and a drink-offering
 for the Lord, your God?

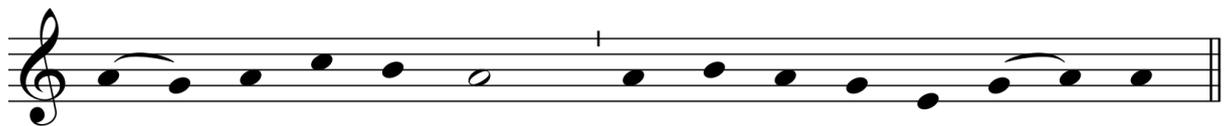
Blow the trumpet in Zion;
 sanctify a fast;
call a solemn assembly;
 gather the people.
Sanctify the congregation;
 assemble the aged;
gather the children,
 even infants at the breast.
Let the bridegroom leave his room,
 and the bride her canopy.

All **The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit.**

Choir I have been wicked even from my birth,
 a sinner when my mother conceived me.
Behold, you desire truth deep within me
 and shall make me understand wisdom in the depths of my heart.
Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean;
 wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.
Make me hear of joy and gladness,
 that the bones you have broken may rejoice.

All **The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Praise to you, O Christ, King of e - ter - nal glo - ry.

Choir Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

All **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

Choir The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice.
Harden not your hearts.

All **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

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



Glo-ry to you, O Lord.

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him and he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery; and making her stand before all of them, they said to him, 'Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?' They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, 'Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.' And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground.

When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders; and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus straightened up and said to her, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' She said, 'No one, sir.' And Jesus said, 'Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

Please turn back, and sit when invited

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

THE LITURGY OF PENITENCE

SELF-EXAMINATION AND CONFESSION

Deacon Let us now call to mind our sin and the infinite mercy of God.

Please remain seated or kneel

God the Father,
have mercy upon us.

God the Son,
have mercy upon us.

God the Holy Spirit,
have mercy upon us.

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity,
have mercy upon us.

From all evil and mischief;
from pride, vanity, and hypocrisy;
from envy, hatred, and malice;
and from all evil intent,
good Lord, deliver us.

From sloth, worldliness and love of money;
from hardness of heart
and contempt for your word and your laws,
good Lord, deliver us.

From sins of body and mind;
from the deceits of the world, the flesh and the devil,
good Lord, deliver us.

In all times of sorrow;
in all times of joy;
in the hour of death,
and at the day of judgement,
good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of your holy incarnation;
by your birth, childhood and obedience;
by your baptism, fasting and temptation,
good Lord, deliver us.

By your ministry in word and work;
by your mighty acts of power;
and by your preaching of the kingdom,
good Lord, deliver us.

By your agony and trial;
by your cross and passion;
and by your precious death and burial,
good Lord, deliver us.

By your mighty resurrection;
by your glorious ascension;
and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,
good Lord, deliver us.

Give us true repentance;
forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance
and our deliberate sins;
and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit
to amend our lives according to your holy word.

**Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

Silence is kept.

Make our hearts clean, O God;
and renew a right spirit within us.

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.**

**We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.**

**We are sorry and ashamed,
and repent of all our sins.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light.**

Amen.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

President Dear friends in Christ,
I invite you to receive these ashes
as a sign of the spirit of penitence
with which we shall keep this season of Lent.

God our Father,
you create us from the dust of the earth:
bless these ashes, that they may be for us
a sign of our penitence
and a symbol of our mortality;
for it is by your grace alone
that we receive eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

All are invited to receive the imposition of ashes, following the directions of the Sidesmen. If you would prefer to receive the sign of ashes in your place, please inform someone on duty, and a minister will come to you. Once you have returned to your seat, please sit or kneel.

As ash is placed on the head of each person, a minister says:

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.
Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

O Mensch, beweine deine Sünde groß, Darum Christus seines Vaters Schoß Äußert und kam auf Erden; Von einer Jungfrau rein und zart Für uns er hie geboren ward, Er wollt der Mittler werden,	<i>O man, thy grievous sin bemoan For which Christ left his Father's throne, From highest heaven descending. Of virgin pure and undefiled, He here was born, our saviour mild, For sin to make atonement.</i>
Den Toten er das Leben gab Und legt dabei all Krankheit ab Bis sich die Zeit herdrange, Daß er für uns geopfert würd, Trüg unser Sünden schwere Bürd Wohl an dem Kreuze lange.	<i>The dead he raised to life again, The sick he freed from grief and pain, Until the time appointed. That he for us should give his blood. Should bear our sins' o'erwhelming load, The shameful cross enduring.</i>

*Music: O MENSCH, BEWEINE DEINE SÜNDE GROSS, BWV 622
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

MOTET *sung by the choir*

Miserere mei, Deus, secundum magnam misericordiam tuam: et secundum multitudinem miserationum tuarum dele iniquitatem meam.	<i>Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness: according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.</i>
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Words: Psalm 51: 1

Music: William Byrd (c.1539-1623)

President God our Father,
the strength of all who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers;
and because, in our weakness,
we can do nothing good without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in keeping your commandments
we may please you, both in will and deed;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Please stand

THE PEACE

President Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN *during which the Altar is censed and the table is prepared*



1. Jesu, lover of my soul,
Let me to thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Saviour, hide,
Till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last.

2. Other refuge have I none;
Hangs my helpless soul on thee;
Leave, ah, leave me not alone,
Still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed,
All my help from thee I bring;
Cover my defenceless head
With the shadow of thy wing.

3. Thou, O Christ, art all I want,
More than all in thee I find:
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
Heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name,
I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am,
Thou art full of truth and grace.

4. Plenteous grace with thee is found,
Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound;
Make and keep me pure within:
Thou of life the fountain art;
Freely let me take of thee;
Spring thou up within my heart,
Rise to all eternity.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88)

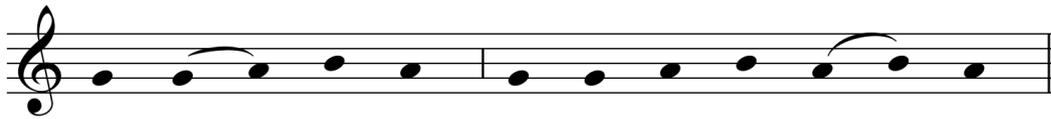
Tune: ABERYSTWYTH NEH 383 (t. ii)
Joseph Parry (1841-1903)

PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

President Let us pray.

Risen Lord and Saviour,
present among us with the wealth of your love,
cleansing us from sin and give us the faith
to offer our praise and grow in your grace.
Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER



The Lord_ is here. His Spi - rit is with_ us.



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._

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

For in these forty days
you lead us into the desert of repentance
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline
we may grow in grace
and learn to be your people once again.

Through fasting, prayer and acts of service
you bring us back to your generous heart.
Through study of your holy word
you open our eyes to your presence in the world
and free our hands to welcome others
into the radiant splendour of your love.

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast
with joyful hearts and minds
we bless you for your mercy
and join with saints and angels
for ever praising you and singing:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS *sung by the choir*

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth, pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.</i>
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Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.</i>
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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 Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

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.

Amen.

Please sit or kneel

THE LORD'S PRAYER

President Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom
and teach us to 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

The President breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,
**we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

President 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.**

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.

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

<i>Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.</i>	<i>Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us.</i>
<i>Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.</i>	<i>Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us.</i>
<i>Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.</i>	<i>Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.</i>

MOTET sung by the choir during the distribution of Communion

<i>Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine, vere passum, immolatum, in cruce pro homine. Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit sanguine. Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine. O dulcis, O pie, O Jesu, fili Mariae, miserere mei. Amen.</i>	<i>Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, who truly suffered upon the cross for mankind: from whose pierced side there came forth water and blood; give us now, and at the time of our death, yourself to be our food. Gentle, holy Jesus, Son of Mary, have mercy on me. Amen.</i>
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Words: Latin, 14th century

Music: William Byrd (c.1539-1623)

Please remain seated

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

President Let us pray.

Almighty God,
you have given your only Son to be for us
both a sacrifice for sin
and also an example of godly life:
give us grace
that we may always most thankfully receive
these his inestimable gifts,
and also daily endeavour
to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**God of our pilgrimage,
you have fed us with the bread of heaven.
Refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

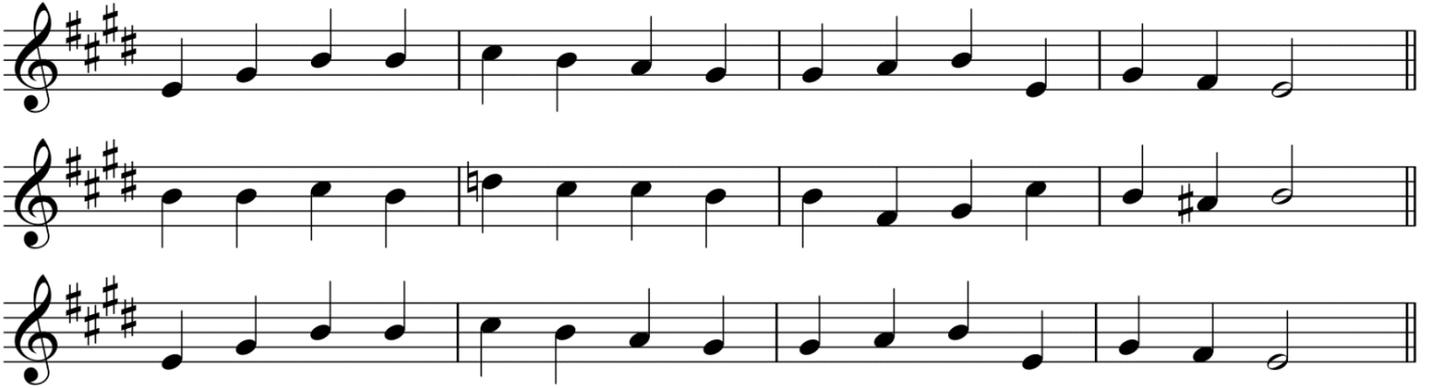
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BLESSING

President Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

HYMN



Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
O'er the world's tempestuous sea;
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
For we have no help but thee;
Yet possessing every blessing
If our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us,
All our weakness thou dost know;
Thou didst tread this earth before us,
Thou didst feel its keenest woe;
Self denying, death defying,
Thou to Calvary didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,
Fill our hearts with heavenly joy;
Love with every passion blending,
Pleasure that can never cloy;
Thus provided, pardoned, guided,
Nothing can our peace destroy.

Words: James Edmeston (1791-1867)

Tune: MANNHEIM NEH 393
from Friedrich Filitz's Choralbuch, 1847
arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

DISMISSAL

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Erbarms dich mein, o Herre Gott, BWV 721

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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