

**The Fourth Sunday of Lent
(Mothering Sunday)
Sunday 27 March 2022**



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

3.30pm Evensong

Organ Prelude: *Fancy in gamut flatt*, Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

Preces and Responses: Bernard Rose (1916-96)

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis: *Second Service*, Orlando Gibbons

INTROIT *sung by the choir from the North Transept*

Almighty and everlasting God,
mercifully look upon our infirmities,
and in all our dangers and necessities
stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

*Words: Collect for the Third Sunday after Epiphany
from The Book of Common Prayer 1549*

Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625)

OFFICE HYMN: O kind creator, bow thine ear (*page 11 in Evensong booklet*)

PSALM 30

I will magnify thee, O Lord, for thou hast set me up:
and not made my foes to triumph over me.
O Lord my God, I cried unto thee:
and thou hast healed me.
Thou, Lord, hast brought my soul out of hell:
thou hast kept my life from them that go down to the pit.
Sing praises unto the Lord, O ye saints of his:
and give thanks unto him for a remembrance of his holiness.
For his wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye, and in his pleasure
is life:
heaviness may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.
And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be removed:
thou, Lord, of thy goodness hast made my hill so strong.
Thou didst turn thy face from me:
and I was troubled.
Then cried I unto thee, O Lord:
and gat me to my Lord right humbly.
What profit is there in my blood:
when I go down to the pit?
Shall the dust give thanks unto thee:
or shall it declare thy truth?
Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me:
Lord, be thou my helper.
Thou hast turned my heaviness into joy:
thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness.
Therefore shall every good man sing of thy praise without ceasing:
O my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

Chants: James Turle (1802-82)

Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
'My way is hidden from the Lord,
and my right is disregarded by my God'?
Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.
Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

Listen to me in silence, O coastlands;
let the peoples renew their strength;
let them approach, then let them speak;
let us together draw near for judgement.

Who has roused a victor from the east,
summoned him to his service?
He delivers up nations to him,
and tramples kings under foot;
he makes them like dust with his sword,
like driven stubble with his bow.
He pursues them and passes on safely,
scarcely touching the path with his feet.
Who has performed and done this,
calling the generations from the beginning?
I, the Lord, am first,
and will be with the last.
The coastlands have seen and are afraid,
the ends of the earth tremble;
they have drawn near and come.

Each one helps the other,
saying to one another, 'Take courage!'
The artisan encourages the goldsmith,
and the one who smooths with the hammer encourages the one who
strikes the anvil,
saying of the soldering, 'It is good';
and they fasten it with nails so that it cannot be moved.
But you, Israel, my servant,
Jacob, whom I have chosen,
the offspring of Abraham, my friend;
you whom I took from the ends of the earth,
and called from its farthest corners,
saying to you, 'You are my servant,
I have chosen you and not cast you off';
do not fear, for I am with you,
do not be afraid, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.

Yes, all who are incensed against you
shall be ashamed and disgraced;
those who strive against you
shall be as nothing and shall perish.
You shall seek those who contend with you,
but you shall not find them;
those who war against you
shall be as nothing at all.
For I, the Lord your God,
hold your right hand;
it is I who say to you, 'Do not fear,
I will help you.'

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message.

At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God,
that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished,
by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

ANTHEM *sung by the choir*

View me, Lord, a work of thine: Shall I then lie drown'd in night? Might thy grace in me but shine, I should seem made all of light.	Worldly joys, like shadows fade When the heav'nly light appears; But the cov'nants thou hast made, Endless, know nor days nor years.
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Cleanse me, Lord, that I may kneel At thine altar, pure and white; They that once thy mercies feel, Gaze no more on earth's delight.	In thy word, Lord, is my trust, To thy mercies fast I fly; Though I am but clay and dust, Yet thy grace can lift me high.
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Words: Thomas Campion (c. 1567–1620)

Music: Richard H Lloyd (1933-2021)

HOMILY *given by the Very Revd Nicola Sullivan, Dean of Southwell*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *led by the Revd Paul Rattigan, Canon Missioner*

HYMN: The King of love my Shepherd is (NEH 457 t.ii)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Moderato (from Symphony No 7)

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

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/donate. Please give generously.

MINI PEW NEWS

for the week 28 March – 3 April 2022



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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)

Reflections on Threads through Creation at 12.45pm (Tue, Wed & Thur only)

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

Sunday 3 April

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

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)
4.45pm	Westgate/Friends in Faith Service	Nave

Next Sunday, immediately following the Cathedral Eucharist, will be the introductory session of the *Living in Love and Faith* course that will be running after Easter (from Thursday 28 April). This will take place in the State Chamber, starting at 11.30am and finish no later than 12noon. There will be plenty of opportunity for asking questions and there is no commitment to doing the course, it is simply a chance to find out more.

The full version of Pew News for this week is available on the Minster website at www.southwellminster.org/worship/pew-news/. The full service list, including the preachers and music, is available at <https://www.southwellminster.org/worship/services-calendar/>

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

We need a theology which tells us that a second, third, fourth and fifth chance are just as valid as the first one. We need a theology that tells us mistakes are not forever, that they are not even for a lifetime, that time and grace wash clean, that nothing is irrevocable. We need a theology which teaches us that God loves us as sinners and that the task of Christianity is not to teach us how to live, but to teach us how to live again, and again, and again.

Ronald Rolheiser *Forgotten among the lilies* p.145 Doubleday 2005

INTERCESSIONS

Please pray for all victims of the war in Ukraine, especially praying for the Anglican Chaplaincy of Christ Church in Kyiv and St Andrew's Moscow, in particular for Canon Malcolm Rogers, who is Anglican Chaplain at St Andrew's.

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

The Minster Family

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

Recently Departed

Winifred Mary Greasley

We Remember on the Anniversary of Their Death

28 Alva Wright

29 Dee Ashton, Malcolm Creswell Green, David Paul Arthur Rainbow

31 Gavin William Bradley Cleworth

NOTICEBOARD

Cathedral Chief Officer. The Chapter has invited Canon Nigel Spraggins to continue his role as Chief Officer until June 2024. Although Nigel originally was asked to work with us for 12 months, until June 2022, the Chapter sees that it is critical to have continuity as we adopt the new Cathedrals Measure and rebuild the strength of the Cathedral following the pandemic. Nigel had indicated his willingness to extend his contract should the Chapter believe this is in the best interests of the Cathedral, which we do. He will continue to work full time, as has been the case since February as we look forward to meeting the opportunities and challenges for the Minster in the coming months with Nigel in the team. As always, Nigel is willing to be contacted via E: nigel.spraggins@southwellminster.org.uk or via the Minster Centre T: 01636 812649 *Dean Nicola*

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Please take this order of service away with you (but leave the Evensong booklet for future use).

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