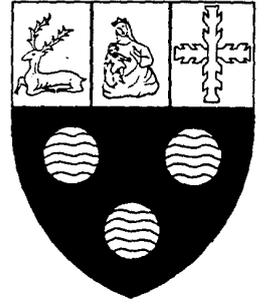


Southwell
Minster

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



FESTAL EVENSONG

with Procession

and Valediction of a Lay Clerk

EASTER DAY

Sunday 17 April 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*.

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.

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

Moderato (from Symphonie romane)

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

INTROIT sung by the choir from the North Transept

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
*Love is come again,
Like wheat that springeth green.*

Words: John MacLeod Campbell Crum (1872-1958)

*Tune: NOËL NOUVELET NEH 115
French traditional
arr. Martin Shaw (1875-1958)*

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: Bernard Rose (1916-96)

The Canon in Residence welcomes the congregation to the service.

OFFICE HYMN



1. The day draws on with golden light,
Glad songs go echoing through the height,
The broad earth lifts an answering cheer,
And hell makes moan with wailing fear.

2. For lo, he comes, the mighty King,
To take from death his power and sting,
To trample down his gloomy reign,
And break the weary prisoner's chain.

3. Enclosed he lay in rocky cell,
With guard of armèd sentinel;
But thence returning, strong and free,
He comes in might of victory.

4. The sad Apostles mourn him slain,
Nor hope to see their Lord again,
When, to their very eyes restored,
They look upon the risen Lord.

5. Those wounds before their eyes displayed
They see in heavenly light arrayed,
And what they see they testify
In open witness fearlessly.

6. O Christ, the King of gentleness,
Thy people's hearts do thou possess,
That we may render all our days
An endless sacrifice of praise.

7. Maker of all, to thee we pray,
Fulfil in us thy joy today;
When death assails, grant, Lord, that we
May share thy Paschal victory.

8. To thee, who, dead, again dost live,
All glory, Lord, thy people give,
All glory to the Father be
And Spirit blest, eternally. Amen.

*Words: Latin, c. 4th century
trans. T.A. Lacey (1853-1931)*

*Tune: AURORA LUCIS NEH 100 (t. i)
Mode vii*

Please sit

Give thanks unto the Lord, and call upon his Name:
tell the people what things he hath done.
O let your songs be of him, and praise him:
and let your talking be of all his wondrous works.
Rejoice in his holy Name:
let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord.
Seek the Lord and his strength:
seek his face evermore.
Remember the marvellous works that he hath done:
his wonders, and the judgements of his mouth,
O ye seed of Abraham his servant:
ye children of Jacob his chosen.
He is the Lord our God:
his judgements are in all the world.
He hath been alway mindful of his covenant and promise:
that he made to a thousand generations;
Even the covenant that he made with Abraham:
and the oath that he sware unto Isaac;
And appointed the same unto Jacob for a law:
and to Israel for an everlasting testament;
Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan:
the lot of your inheritance;
When there were yet but a few of them:
and they strangers in the land;
What time as they went from one nation to another:
from one kingdom to another people;
He suffered no man to do them wrong:
but reprov'd even kings for their sakes;
Touch not mine Anointed:
and do my prophets no harm.
Moreover, he called for a dearth upon the land:
and destroyed all the provision of bread.
But he had sent a man before them:
even Joseph, who was sold to be a bond-servant;
Whose feet they hurt in the stocks:
the iron entered into his soul;
Until the time came that his cause was known:
the word of the Lord tried him.

The king sent, and delivered him:
the prince of the people let him go free.
He made him lord also of his house:
and ruler of all his substance;
That he might inform his princes after his will:
and teach his senators wisdom.

Israel also came into Egypt:
and Jacob was a stranger in the land of Ham.
And he increased his people exceedingly:
and made them stronger than their enemies;
Whose heart turned so, that they hated his people:
and dealt untruly with his servants.
Then sent he Moses his servant:
and Aaron whom he had chosen.
And these shewed his tokens among them:
and wonders in the land of Ham.
He sent darkness, and it was dark:
and they were not obedient unto his word.
He turned their waters into blood:
and slew their fish.
Their land brought forth frogs:
yea, even in their kings' chambers.
He spake the word, and there came all manner of flies:
and lice in all their quarters.
He gave them hail-stones for rain:
and flames of fire in their land.
He smote their vines also and fig-trees:
and destroyed the trees that were in their coasts.
He spake the word, and the grasshoppers came, and
caterpillars innumerable:
and did eat up all the grass in their land, and devoured the fruit of
their ground.
He smote all the first-born in their land:
even the chief of all their strength.
He brought them forth also with silver and gold:
there was not one feeble person among their tribes.
Egypt was glad at their departing:
for they were afraid of them.

He spread out a cloud to be a covering:
and fire to give light in the night-season.
At their desire he brought quails:
and he filled them with the bread of heaven.
He opened the rock of stone, and the waters flowed out:
so that rivers ran in the dry places.
For why? he remembered his holy promise:
and Abraham his servant.
And he brought forth his people with joy:
and his chosen with gladness;
And gave them the lands of the heathen:
and they took the labours of the people in possession;
That they might keep his statutes:
and observe his laws.

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.

Chants: Herbert Murrill (14909-52) & Ivor Atkins (1869-1953)

Please sit

But now thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my sight,
and honoured, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
I will say to the north, 'Give them up',
and to the south, 'Do not withhold';
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.'

Bring forth the people who are blind, yet have eyes,
who are deaf, yet have ears!
Let all the nations gather together,
and let the peoples assemble.
Who among them declared this,
and foretold to us the former things?
Let them bring their witnesses to justify them,
and let them hear and say, 'It is true.'
You are my witnesses, says the Lord,
and my servant whom I have chosen,

so that you may know and believe me
and understand that I am he.
Before me no god was formed,
nor shall there be any after me.
I, I am the Lord,
and besides me there is no saviour.
I declared and saved and proclaimed,
when there was no strange god among you;
and you are my witnesses, says the Lord.
I am God, and also henceforth I am He;
there is no one who can deliver from my hand;
I work and who can hinder it?

Thus says the Lord,
your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel:
For your sake I will send to Babylon
and break down all the bars,
and the shouting of the Chaldeans will be turned to lamentation.
I am the Lord, your Holy One,
the Creator of Israel, your King.
Thus says the Lord,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honour me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.'

Please stand

ANTIPHON AND MAGNIFICAT *sung by the choir*

And looking they saw the stone rolled back,
for it was very great, alleluia.

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.

And looking they saw the stone rolled back,
for it was very great, alleluia.

Words: Luke 1: 46-55

*Music: from EVENING SERVICE IN D
George Dyson (1883-1964)*

Antiphon: ET RESPICIENTES, mode iii

Please sit

SECOND LESSON

John 20: 19–23

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

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 EVENING SERVICE IN D
George Dyson (1883-1964)*

Please turn east to face the High Altar

APOSTLES' 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.**

Please turn back

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 through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death,
and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life;
We humbly beseech thee,
that as by thy special grace preventing us thou dost put into our minds
good desires,
so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost,
ever 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: Bernard Rose (1916-96)

Please sit

ANTHEM *sung by the choir*

Laudate Dominum omnes gentes,
Laudate eum omnes populi.
Quoniam confirmata est
 misericordia ejus,
Et veritas Domini manet in aeternum.

*Praise the Lord, all ye nations,
Praise the Lord, all ye people.
For his mercy is upon us,
And the truth of the Lord shall
 endure for ever.*

Words: Psalm 117

Music: Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

VALEDICTION OF A LAY CLERK

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

Please remain seated or kneel when invited.

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

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

OFFERTORY HYMN *during which a collection is taken*



**Battle is o'er, hell's armies flee;
Raise we the cry of victory
With abounding joy resounding:
*Alleluia, alleluia!***

**Christ, who endured the shameful Tree,
O'er death triumphant welcome we.
Our adoring praise outpouring:
*Alleluia, alleluia!***

**On the third morn from death rose he,
Clothed with what light in heaven shall be,
Our unswerving faith deserving:
*Alleluia, alleluia!***

**Hell's gloomy gates yield up their key,
Paradise door thrown wide we see:
Never-tiring be our choring:
*Alleluia, alleluia!***

**Lord, by the stripes men laid on thee,
Grant us to live from death set free,
This our greeting still repeating:
*Alleluia, alleluia!***

Words: FINITA IAM SUNT PROELIA, 17th century CH 74
Translated by Ronald Arbuthnott Knox (1888-1957)

Tune: SURREXIT NEP 610
Anthony Gregory Murray (1905-92)

Precentor 
Let us pro-ceed in peace:

All 
in the name of Christ. A - men.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *during which the congregation is invited to follow the choir and clergy to the font.*



**Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky;
Heaven thunders forth its victor-cry:
*Alleluia.***

**The glad earth shouts her triumph high,
And groaning hell makes wild reply:
*Alleluia.***

**While he, the King, the mighty King,
Despoiling death of all its sting,
*Alleluia.***

**And trampling down the powers of night,
Brings forth his ransomed saints to light:
*Alleluia.***

His tomb of late the threefold guard
Of watch and stone and seal had barred;

Alleluia.

But now, in pomp and triumph high,
He comes from death to victory:

Alleluia.

The pains of hell are loosed at last,
The days of mourning now are past;

Alleluia.

An angel robed in light hath said,
'The Lord is risen from the dead':

Alleluia.

O Lord of all, with us abide
In this our joyful Eastertide;

Alleluia.

From every weapon death can wield
Thine own redeemed for ever shield:

Alleluia.

All praise be thine, O risen Lord,
From death to endless life restored;

Alleluia.

All praise to God the Father be
And Holy Ghost eternally:

Alleluia.

Words: Latin, 4th century CP 149
trans. John Mason Neale (1818-66)

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN NEH 263
17th-century German melody
arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

When all are gathered around the Font, the Dean says

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the paschal mystery we have died and been buried with him in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life within the family of his Church. Now that we have completed our observance of Lent, we renew the promises made at our baptism, affirming our allegiance to Christ, and our rejection of all that is evil.

Therefore I ask these questions of all present who have been baptized:

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.

The congregation is sprinkled with the waters of baptism.

Dean

Almighty God,

we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith
with all who have been baptised into your name.

Keep us faithful to our baptism,

and so make us ready for that day

when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

BLESSING

God the Father,
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.
Amen.

God the Son,
who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory,
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.
Amen.

God the Holy Spirit,
who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.
Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among 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: Bernard Rose (1916-96)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *during which the ministers depart*

Final (from Symphonie romane)

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.

We wish you a holy, blessed and peaceful Easter!

Please take this Order of Service away with you.

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