

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 8 May 2022



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

3.30pm Evensong

Organ Prelude: *Pastorale*, César Franck (1822-90)

Preces and Responses: Bernard Rose (1916-96)

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis: *Fifth Service*, Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656)

Following the Anthem, we will be admitting Anna Patten as a full member of the Cathedral Choir.

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.*

In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain,
Thinking that never he would wake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again...

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain,
Quick from the dead, my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again...

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Thy touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts, that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again...

Words: John MacLeod Campbell Crum (1872-1958)

*Tune: NOËL NOUVELET
French traditional*

OFFICE HYMN: The day draws on with golden light (page 11 in Evensong booklet)

FIRST READING

Isaiah 63: 7–14

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord,
the praiseworthy acts of the Lord,
because of all that the Lord has done for us,
and the great favour to the house of Israel
that he has shown them according to his mercy,
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

For he said, 'Surely they are my people,
children who will not deal falsely';
and he became their saviour
in all their distress.

It was no messenger or angel
but his presence that saved them;
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

But they rebelled
and grieved his holy spirit;
therefore he became their enemy;
he himself fought against them.

Then they remembered the days of old,
of Moses his servant.

Where is the one who brought them up out of the sea
with the shepherds of his flock?

Where is the one who put within them
his holy spirit,
who caused his glorious arm
to march at the right hand of Moses,
who divided the waters before them
to make for himself an everlasting name,
who led them through the depths?

Like a horse in the desert,
they did not stumble.

Like cattle that go down into the valley,
the spirit of the Lord gave them rest.

Thus you led your people,
to make for yourself a glorious name.

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God,
who shewest to them that be in error the light of thy truth,
to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness;
Grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's
religion,
that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

ANTHEM *sung by the choir*

My beloved spake, and said unto me,
Rise, my love, my fair one, and come away.
For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone,
the flowers appear upon the earth;
and the time of the singing of birds is come, Hallelujah.
And the voice of the turtle is heard in our land.
The fig-tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender
grape give a good smell.
My beloved is mine and I am his. Hallelujah.

Words: Song of Songs 2: 10-13, 16

Music: Henry Purcell (1659-95)

THE ADMISSION OF A CHORISTER

HOMILY *given by Canon Angela Ashwin, Reader*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *led by the Revd Richard Frith, Canon Precentor*

HYMN: King of glory, king of peace (NEH 391)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Prelude and Fugue in C, BWV 547

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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