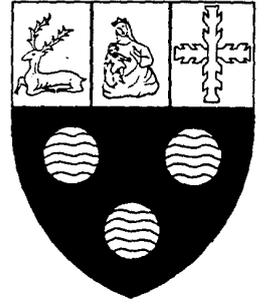


Southwell
Minster

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



EVENSONG

with the Installation of the Head Verger

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 25 September 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.

We have now resumed the practice of taking the collection during the Offertory Hymn at our Sunday services. However, donations in support of the mission and ministry of the Cathedral by other means are equally welcome. Envelopes and cash may be deposited in the donation box near each entrance, or donations by card can be made using the contactless donation station. Alternatively, you can give online at www.southwellminster.org/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

Choral (from Symphonie romane)

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

INTROIT *sung by the choir from the North Transept*

Christus der uns selig macht, kein Böses hat begangen, der ward für uns in der Nacht als ein Dieb gefangen, geführt vor gottlose Leut, und fälschlich verklaget, verlacht, verhöhnt und verspeit, wie denn die Schrift saget.	<i>Christ, who makes us blessed and has done no wrong, was for us in the night seized like a thief, led before godless people and falsely accused, derided, mocked and spat upon, as the scripture says.</i>
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*Words: Latin hymn PATRIS SAPIENTIA
as translated by Michael Weiße (c. 1488-1534)*

*Music: Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
as set in the SAINT JOHN PASSION*

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: Richard Ayleward (1626-69)

The Canon in Residence welcomes the congregation to the service.

OFFICE HYMN



O blest Creator of the light,
Who makest day with radiance bright,
And o'er the forming world didst call
The light from chaos first of all;

**Whose wisdom joined in meet array
The morn and eve, and named them Day:
Night comes with all its darkling fears;
Regard thy people's prayers and tears:**

Lest, sunk in sin and whelm'd with strife,
They lose the gift of endless life;
While, thinking but the thoughts of time,
They weave new chains of guilt and crime.

**But grant them grace that they may strain
The heavenly gate and prize to gain:
Each harmful lure aside to cast,
And purge away each error past.**

**O Father, that we ask be done,
Through Jesus Christ, thine only Son,
Who with the Spirit and with thee
Doth live and reign eternally.
Amen.**

*Words: Latin, 8th century or earlier
trans. Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)*

*Tune: LUCIS CREATOR NEH 150 (t. i)
Mode viii*

Please sit

O praise the Lord, laud ye the Name of the Lord:
 praise it, O ye servants of the Lord;
 Ye that stand in the house of the Lord:
 in the courts of the house of our God.
 O praise the Lord, for the Lord is gracious:
 O sing praises unto his Name, for it is lovely.
 For why? the Lord hath chosen Jacob unto himself:
 and Israel for his own possession.
 For I know that the Lord is great:
 and that our Lord is above all gods.
 Whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did he in heaven, and in earth:
 and in the sea, and in all deep places.
 He bringeth forth the clouds from the ends of the world:
 and sendeth forth lightnings with the rain, bringing the winds out of
 his treasures.
 He smote the first-born of Egypt:
 both of man and beast.
 He hath sent tokens and wonders into the midst of thee, O thou land
 of Egypt:
 upon Pharaoh, and all his servants.
 He smote divers nations:
 and slew mighty kings;
 Sehon king of the Amorites, and Og the king of Basan:
 and all the kingdoms of Canaan;
 And gave their land to be an heritage:
 even an heritage unto Israel his people.
 Thy Name, O Lord, endureth for ever:
 so doth thy memorial, O Lord, from one generation to another.
 For the Lord will avenge his people:
 and be gracious unto his servants.

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: John Jones (1728-96) & Charles Lloyd (1849-1919)

Please sit

In the month of Nisan, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when wine was served to him, I carried the wine and gave it to the king. Now, I had never been sad in his presence before. So the king said to me, 'Why is your face sad, since you are not sick? This can only be sadness of the heart.' Then I was very much afraid. I said to the king, 'May the king live for ever! Why should my face not be sad, when the city, the place of my ancestors' graves, lies waste, and its gates have been destroyed by fire?' Then the king said to me, 'What do you request?' So I prayed to the God of heaven. Then I said to the king, 'If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favour with you, I ask that you send me to Judah, to the city of my ancestors' graves, so that I may rebuild it.' The king said to me (the queen also was sitting beside him), 'How long will you be gone, and when will you return?' So it pleased the king to send me, and I set him a date. Then I said to the king, 'If it pleases the king, let letters be given me to the governors of the province Beyond the River, that they may grant me passage until I arrive in Judah; and a letter to Asaph, the keeper of the king's forest, directing him to give me timber to make beams for the gates of the temple fortress, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall occupy.' And the king granted me what I asked, for the gracious hand of my God was upon me.

Then I came to the governors of the province Beyond the River, and gave them the king's letters. Now the king had sent officers of the army and cavalry with me. When Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite official heard this, it displeased them greatly that someone had come to seek the welfare of the people of Israel.

So I came to Jerusalem and was there for three days. Then I got up during the night, I and a few men with me; I told no one what my God had put into my heart to do for Jerusalem. The only animal I took was the animal I rode. I went out by night by the Valley Gate past the Dragon's Spring and to the Dung Gate, and I inspected the walls of Jerusalem that had been broken down and its gates that had been destroyed by fire. Then I went on to the Fountain Gate and to the King's Pool; but there was no place for the animal I was riding to continue. So I went up by way of the valley by night and inspected the wall. Then I turned back and entered by the Valley Gate, and so returned. The officials did not know where I had gone or what I was doing; I had not yet told the Jews, the priests, the nobles, the officials, and the rest that were to do the work.

Then I said to them, 'You see the trouble we are in, how Jerusalem lies in ruins with its gates burnt. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, so that we may no longer suffer disgrace.' I told them that the hand of my God had been gracious upon me, and also the words that the king had spoken to me. Then they said, 'Let us start building!' So they committed themselves to the common good. But when Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite official, and Geshem the Arab heard of it, they mocked and ridiculed us, saying, 'What is this that you are doing? Are you rebelling against the king?' Then I replied to them, 'The God of heaven is the one who will give us success, and we his servants are going to start building; but you have no share or claim or historic right in Jerusalem.'

Please stand

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
William Byrd (c. 1540-1623)*

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, 'If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.' They answered him, 'We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, "You will be made free"?''

Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there for ever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed. I know that you are descendants of Abraham; yet you look for an opportunity to kill me, because there is no place in you for my word. I declare what I have seen in the Father's presence; as for you, you should do what you have heard from the Father.'

The Jews answered him, 'Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?' Jesus answered, 'I do not have a demon; but I honour my Father, and you dishonour me. Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is one who seeks it and he is the judge. Very truly, I tell you, whoever keeps my word will never see death.' The Jews said to him, 'Now we know that you have a demon. Abraham died, and so did the prophets; yet you say, "Whoever keeps my word will never taste death." Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? The prophets also died. Who do you claim to be?' Jesus answered, 'If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, he of whom you say, "He is our God", though you do not know him. But I know him; if I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you. But I do know him and I keep his word. Your ancestor Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day; he saw it and was glad.' Then the Jews said to him, 'You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?' Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, before Abraham was, I am.' So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

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
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Please turn East to face the High Altar

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 King:
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

Keep, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church with thy perpetual mercy;
and, because the frailty of man without thee cannot but fall,
keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
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: Richard Ayleward (1626-69) and John Harper (b. 1947)

Please sit

ANTHEM *sung by the choir*

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes:
and I shall keep it unto the end.
Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law:
yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.
Make me to go in the path of thy commandments:
for therein is my desire.
Incline my heart unto thy testimonies:
and not to covetousness.
O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity:
and quicken thou me in thy way.
O stablish thy word in thy servant:
that I may fear thee.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, and is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

Words: Psalm 119: 33-38

Music: William Byrd (c. 1540-1623)

THE INSTALLATION OF ANDY MCINTOSH AS HEAD VERGER

Precentor Madam Dean, I present to you Andy McIntosh, who has been duly chosen and appointed as Head Verger of this Cathedral Church, and I ask you now to admit him to that office.

Dean Andy, we welcome you in the Lord's name to serve here as Head Verger. Before you are admitted to this office, you must publicly declare your intention to undertake the duties of this ministry. Andy, are you willing to become Head Verger of this Cathedral Church, and in that ministry endeavour to fulfil the work committed to you with diligence, faithfulness, reverence and courtesy?

The Head Verger Designate I am willing.

Dean Will you strive to further our mission and ministry to those who worship in this place and those visit here, and strengthen our common life by taking your part in the ordering of our public life and common prayer?

Head Verger Designate I will, with God's help.

Dean Will you be diligent in your care for this building; in the preparation and performance of the liturgy, in your care for the sacred vessels, vestments and treasures of this Church, that the worship offered in this place may always be at the centre of its life?

Head Verger Designate I will, with God's help.

Dean Will you endeavour to promote peace and goodwill among your colleagues and, with them, exercise care and guidance to all those, who by their voluntary help, assist in the care and mission of this place; and by your example maintain the dignity and honour of this Church?

Head Verger Designate I will, with God's help.

Dean Will you swear to be faithful in upholding the laws, statutes, ordinances, privileges and laudable customs of this Cathedral Church so far as in any way they concern you, and pay due respect and obedience to those in authority in all commands lawful and honest; and that you will not reveal to others matters confidential to the Church authorities?

Head Verger Designate I so swear, with the help of God.

Dean Members of this congregation, will you uphold Andy, in his new ministry in your work and by your prayers?

All **We will.**

Dean Andy, I admit you to the office of Head Verger of this Cathedral Church in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord prosper your work done in his name and guide and govern you evermore.

All **Amen.**

The Head Verger is presented with the Head Verger's Verge

Dean Receive this verge as an outward sign of the dignity of your office and a symbol of the authority committed to you.
May the Lord give you wisdom and courage, strength and love to do his will; and may the Lord protect your going out and your coming in, now and for evermore.

All **Amen.**

PSALM 84 *sung by the Choir, as the Head Verger is led to his stall*

O how amiable are thy dwellings:

thou Lord of hosts!

My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord:

my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where

she may lay her young:

even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house:

they will be alway praising thee.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee:

in whose heart are thy ways.

Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well:

and the pools are filled with water.

They will go from strength to strength:

and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer:

hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold, O God our defender:

and look upon the face of thine Anointed.

For one day in thy courts:

is better than a thousand.

I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God:

than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

For the Lord God is a light and defence:

the Lord will give grace and worship, and no good thing shall he

withhold from them that live a godly life.

O Lord God of hosts:

blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:

and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, and is now, and ever shall be:

world without end. Amen.

Chant: James Coward (1824-80)

Dean Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people; that each in their vocation and ministry may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your Name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

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

Please remain seated or kneel when invited.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *led by the Dean*

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 for the mission and ministry of the Cathedral*



**1. Ye that know the Lord is gracious,
Ye for whom a Corner-stone
Stands, of God elect and precious,
Laid that ye may build thereon,
See that on that sure foundation
Ye a living temple raise,
Towers that may tell forth salvation,
Walls that may re-echo praise.**

**2. Living stones, by God appointed
Each to his allotted place,
Kings and priests, by God anointed,
Shall ye not declare his grace?
Ye, a royal generation,
Tell the tidings of your birth,
Tidings of a new creation
To an old and weary earth.**

**3. Tell the praise of him who called you
Out of darkness into light,
Broke the fetters that enthralled you,
Gave you freedom, peace and sight:
Tell the tale of sins forgiven,
Strength renewed and hope restored,
Till the earth, in tune with heaven,
Praise and magnify the Lord.**

*Words: C.A. Alington (1872-1955)
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*Tune: RUSTINGTON NEH 477
C. Hubert H. Parry (1848-1918)*

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: Edward Naylor (1867-1934)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *during which the ministers depart*

Carillon de Westminster (from 24 Pièces de fantaisie)

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

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 in the Crossing to greet you on your way out.

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Similarly, the full service list for the next week, including the music, is available at <https://www.southwellminster.org/worship/services-calendar/> (direct link is included in the same e-mail mentioned above for Pew News).

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