

The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 23 October 2022



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

3.30pm Evensong

sung by Priory Voices

Organ Prelude: *Rhosymedre*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Preces and Responses: John Sanders (1933-2003)

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis: *Evening Service in D*, George Dyson (1883-1964)

INTROIT *sung by the choir from the North Transept*

Cantate Domino canticum novum:
laus eius in ecclesia sanctorum.
Laetetur Israel in eo qui fecit eum:
et filiae Sion exultent in rege suo.

*O sing unto the Lord a new song:
let the congregation of saints praise him.
Let Israel rejoice in him that made him:
and let the daughters of Sion be joyful in
their king.*

Words: Psalm 149: 1, 2

Music: Giuseppe Ottavio Pitoni (1657-1743)

OFFICE HYMN: O blest Creator of the light

(page 11 in Evensong booklet)

PSALM 119 (verses 1-16)

(page 500 in the Book of Common Prayer)

FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes 11, 12

Send out your bread upon the waters,
for after many days you will get it back.
Divide your means seven ways, or even eight,
for you do not know what disaster may happen on earth.
When clouds are full,
they empty rain on the earth;
whether a tree falls to the south or to the north,
in the place where the tree falls, there it will lie.
Whoever observes the wind will not sow;
and whoever regards the clouds will not reap.

Just as you do not know how the breath comes to the bones in the mother's womb, so you do not know the work of God, who makes everything.

In the morning sow your seed, and at evening do not let your hands be idle; for you do not know which will prosper, this or that, or whether both alike will be good.

Light is sweet, and it is pleasant for the eyes to see the sun.

Even those who live for many years should rejoice in them all; yet let them remember that the days of darkness will be many. All that comes is vanity.

Rejoice, young man, while you are young, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth. Follow the inclination of your heart and the desire of your eyes, but know that for all these things God will bring you into judgement.

Banish anxiety from your mind, and put away pain from your body; for youth and the dawn of life are vanity.

Remember your creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come, and the years draw near when you will say, 'I have no pleasure in them'; before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars are darkened and the clouds return with the rain; on the day when the guards of the house tremble, and the strong men are bent, and the women who grind cease working because they are few, and those who look through the windows see dimly; when the doors on the street are shut, and the sound of the grinding is low, and one rises up at the sound of a bird, and all the daughters of song are brought low; when one is afraid of heights, and terrors are in the road; the almond tree blossoms, the grasshopper drags itself along and desire fails; because all must go to their eternal home, and the mourners will go about the streets; before the silver cord is snapped, and the golden bowl is broken, and the pitcher is broken at the fountain, and the wheel broken at the cistern, and the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the breath returns to God who gave it. Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher; all is vanity.

Besides being wise, the Teacher also taught the people knowledge, weighing and studying and arranging many proverbs. The Teacher sought to find pleasing words, and he wrote words of truth plainly.

The sayings of the wise are like goads, and like nails firmly fixed are the collected sayings that are given by one shepherd. Of anything beyond these, my child, beware. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh.

The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God, and keep his commandments; for that is the whole duty of everyone. For God will bring every deed into judgement, including every secret thing, whether good or evil.

MAGNIFICAT (*see page 5 of Evensong booklet*)

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 2: 1–7

You then, my child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; and what you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well. Share in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving in the army gets entangled in everyday affairs; the soldier's aim is to please the enlisting officer. And in the case of an athlete, no one is crowned without competing according to the rules. It is the farmer who does the work who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all things.

NUNC DIMITTIS (*see page 6 of Evensong booklet*)

THE APOSTLES' CREED (*see page 6 of Evensong booklet*)

LESSER LITANY, LORD'S PRAYER AND RESPONSES (*see page 7 of Evensong booklet*)

including

COLLECT FOR THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee;
Mercifully grant, that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule
our hearts;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

ANTHEM sung by the choir

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of righteousness, arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by thee;
Joyless is the day's return,
Till thy mercy's beam I see,
Till they inward light impart,
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine,
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiance divine,
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88)

Music: Harold Darke (1888-1976)

HOMILY given by Canon Angela Ashwin, Reader

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION led by the Revd Paul Rattigan, Canon Precentor

HYMN: Soldiers of Christ, arise

(NEH 449)

THE BLESSING AND THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Imperial March

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

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