

The Fourth Sunday before Advent

Sunday 30 October 2022



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

3.30pm Evensong

Preces and Responses: Richard Shephard (1949-2021)

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis: *Evening Service in E flat (No 2)*, Charles Wood (1866-1926)

ORGAN PRELUDE

Andante sostenuto (from *Symphonie gothique*),

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

INTROIT *sung by the choir from the North Transept*

Te lucis ante terminum,
Rerum Creator, poscimus,
Ut solita clementia
Sis praesul ad custodiam.

*Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray,
That with thy wonted favour thou
Wouldst be our guard and keeper now.*

Procul recedant somnia
Et noctium fantasmata;
Hostemque nostrum comprime,
Ne pollutantur corpora.

*From all ill dreams defend our eyes,
From nightly fears and fantasies;
Tread under foot our ghostly foe,
That no pollution we may know.*

Praesta, Pater omnipotens,
Per Jesum Christum Dominum,
Qui tecum in perpetuum
Regnat cum Sancto Spiritu.
Amen.

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

*Words: Latin hymn
trans. John Mason Neale (1818-66)*

Music: Thomas Tallis (c.1505-85)

OFFICE HYMN: O blest Creator of the light

(page 11 in Evensong booklet)

PSALM 145

(page 532 in the Book of Common Prayer)

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul,
'therefore I will hope in him.'

The Lord is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.
It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the Lord.
It is good for one to bear
the yoke in youth,
to sit alone in silence
when the Lord has imposed it,
to put one's mouth to the dust
(there may yet be hope),
to give one's cheek to the smiter,
and be filled with insults.

For the Lord will not
reject for ever.
Although he causes grief, he will have compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;
for he does not willingly afflict
or grieve anyone.

MAGNIFICAT (*see page 5 of Evensong booklet*)

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

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 TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

O Almighty and most merciful God,
of thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech thee, from all things that
may hurt us;
that we, being ready both in body and soul,
may cheerfully accomplish those things that thou wouldest have done;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

ANTHEM sung by the choir

Give us the wings of faith to rise
Within the veil, and see
The saints above, how great their joys,
How bright their glories be.

We ask them whence their victory came:
They, with one united breath,
Ascribe the conquest to the Lamb,
Their triumph to his death.

They marked the footsteps that he trod,
His zeal inspired their breast,
And, following their incarnate God,
They reached the promised rest.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Music: Ernest Bullock (1890-1979)

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

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

HYMN: Love Divine, all loves excelling

(NEH 408 t.i)

THE BLESSING AND THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Paeon

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

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