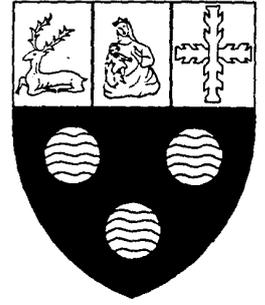


**Southwell  
Minster**

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF  
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



# FESTAL EVENSONG WITH PROCESSION

**Christ the King  
(The Sunday next before Advent)**

**Sunday 20 November 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](http://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.

A collection for the mission and ministry of the Cathedral will be taken during the Offertory Hymn at this service. If you are a UK taxpayer, you are invited to fill in your



details on the Gift Aid envelopes provided so that we can reclaim your income tax and thus increase your donation by 25p for every £1 given. Cash donations can also be placed in the donation box near each entrance or card donations made using the contactless card station. Alternatively, to make a donation online, please scan this QR code or visit [www.southwellminster.org/donate](http://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.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## ORGAN PRELUDE

*Adagio espressivo* (from *Sonata in A minor*)

William Harris (1883-1973)

INTROIT *sung by the choir from the North Transept*

Ach Herr, laß deine lieb' Engelein  
am letzten Ende die Seele mein  
in Abrahams Schoß tragen,  
den Leib in seinem Schlafkämmerlein  
gar sanft ohn' ein'ge Qual und Pein  
ruh'n bis an jüngsten Tage.

*Ah Lord when comes that final day  
May angels bear my soul away  
To Abram's bosom take it;  
Let then my body's anguish cease  
My soul to wait the Day, in peace,  
When Thou again awake it.*

Alsdann vom Tod erwecke mich,  
daß meine Augen sehen dich  
in aller Freude, o Gottes Sohn,  
mein Heiland und Genadenthron.  
Herr Jesu Christ, erhöre mich,  
ich will dich preisen ewiglich.

*Ah, what a joy it then will be  
The very Son of God to see,  
To gaze upon His holy face.  
My Saviour on the Throne of Grace!  
Lord Jesus Christ, oh hear Thou me,  
Thy name I praise eternally.*

*Words: taken from the hymn HERZLICH LIEB HAB ICH DICH, O HERR  
by Martin Schalling (1532-1608)*

*Music: An anonymous melody  
as set in THE ST JOHN PASSION  
by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

*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.

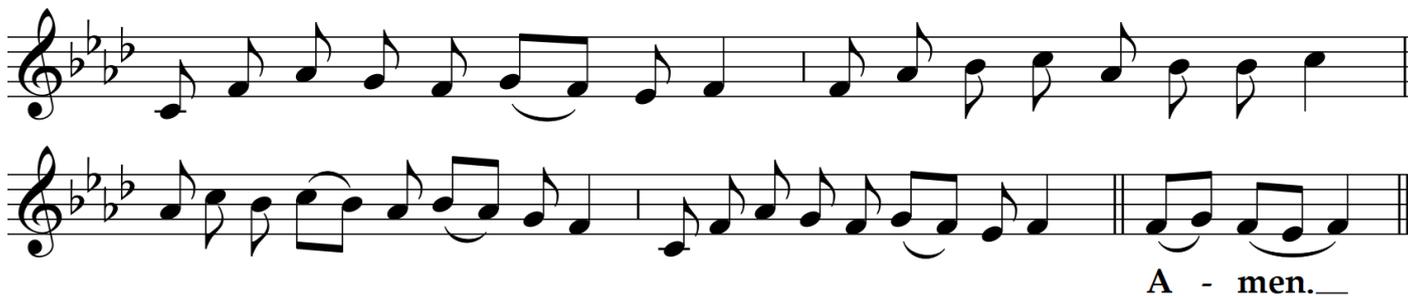
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord:  
The Lord's name be praised.

*Music: Philip Moore (b. 1943)*

*The Canon Missioner welcomes the congregation to the service.*

OFFICE HYMN



Ruler of all from heav'ns high throne,  
O Christ, our King ere time began,  
We kneel before thee, Lord, to own  
Thy empire o'er the heart of man

**The hosts of heav'n adoring kneel,  
And hymns of praise to thee they sing;  
We too rejoice and honour thee  
As Lord of all, and sov'reign King.**

O Prince of Peace, O Christ, subdue  
Those rebel hearts, thy peace restore;  
Into thy sheepfold lead anew  
Thy scattered sheep, to stray no more.

**For this upon the tree of shame  
Thy body hung, with arms spread wide,  
The spear revealed the heart of flame  
That burned within thy sacred side.**

For this our altars here are spread  
With mystic feast of bread and wine;  
Still thy redeeming blood is shed  
From that sore-stricken heart of thine.

**Jesus, to thee be honour done,  
Who rulest all in equity.  
With Father, Spirit, ever one,  
From age to age eternally.  
Amen.**

*Tune: EXULTET CAELUM LAUDIBUS NEH 214 (t. i)  
Mode ii*

Give the King thy judgements, O God:  
and thy righteousness unto the King's son.  
Then shall he judge thy people according unto right:  
and defend the poor.  
The mountains also shall bring peace:  
and the little hills righteousness unto the people.  
He shall keep the simple folk by their right:  
defend the children of the poor, and punish the wrong doer.  
They shall fear thee, as long as the sun and moon endureth:  
from one generation to another.  
He shall come down like the rain into a fleece of wool:  
even as the drops that water the earth.  
In his time shall the righteous flourish:  
yea, and abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth.  
His dominion shall be also from the one sea to the other:  
and from the flood unto the world's end.  
They that dwell in the wilderness shall kneel before him:  
his enemies shall lick the dust.  
The kings of Tharsis and of the isles shall give presents:  
the kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring gifts.  
All kings shall fall down before him:  
all nations shall do him service.  
For he shall deliver the poor when he crieth:  
the needy also, and him that hath no helper.  
He shall be favourable to the simple and needy:  
and shall preserve the souls of the poor.  
He shall deliver their souls from falsehood and wrong:  
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.  
He shall live, and unto him shall be given of the gold of Arabia:  
prayer shall be made ever unto him, and daily shall he be praised.

There shall be an heap of corn in the earth, high upon the hills:  
his fruit shall shake like Libanus, and shall be green in the city like  
grass upon the earth.  
His Name shall endure for ever; his Name shall remain under the sun  
among the posterities:  
which shall be blessed through him; and all the heathen shall  
praise him.  
Blessed be the Lord God, even the God of Israel:  
which only doeth wondrous things;  
And blessed be the Name of his Majesty for ever:  
and all the earth shall be filled with his Majesty. Amen, Amen.

*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.

*Music: Henry Smart (1813-79)*

*Please sit*

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, 'You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.' But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, 'Give us a king to govern us.' Samuel prayed to the Lord, and the Lord said to Samuel, 'Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.'

So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, 'These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plough his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the Lord will not answer you in that day.'

But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, 'No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.'

*Please stand*

ANTIPHON AND MAGNIFICAT *sung by the choir*

And he hath on his garment and on his thigh written:  
King of kings, and Lord of lords.  
To him be glory and empire  
for ever and for ever.

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 he hath on his garment and on his thigh written:  
King of kings, and Lord of lords.  
To him be glory and empire  
for ever and for ever.

*Words: Luke 1: 46-55*

*Music: from COLLEGIUM SANCTI IOANNIS CANTABRIGIENSE  
Herbert Howells (1892-1983)*

*Antiphon: HABET IN VESTIMENTO  
Mode vii*

*Please sit*

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

*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 COLLEGIUM SANCTI IOANNIS CANTABRIGIENSE*

*Herbert Howells (1892-1983)*

*Please turn East to face towards 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

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people;  
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,  
may of thee be plenteously rewarded;  
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: Philip Moore (b. 1943)*

*Please sit*

*ANTHEM sung by the choir*

Rejoice in God, O ye Tongues; give the glory to the Lord, and the Lamb. Nations, and languages, and every Creature in which is the breath of Life. Let man and beast appear before him, and magnify his name together. Let Nimrod, the mighty hunter, bind a Leopard to the altar and consecrate his spear to the Lord. Let Ishmail dedicate a Tyger, and give praise for the liberty in which the Lord has let him at large. Let Balaam appear with an Ass, and bless the Lord his people and his creatures for a reward eternal. Let Daniel come forth with a Lion, and praise God with all his might through faith in Christ Jesus. Let Ithamar minister with a Chamois, and bless the name of Him that cloatheth the naked. Let Jakim with the Satyr bless God in the dance. Let David bless with the Bear — the beginning of victory to the Lord — to the Lord the perfection of excellence. Hallelujah from the heart of God, and from the hand of the artist inimitable, and from the echo of the heavenly harp in sweetness magnificent and mighty.

For I will consider my cat Jeoffry. For he is the servant of the Living God, duly and daily serving him. For at the first glance of the glory of God in the East he worships in his way. For this is done by wreathing his body seven times round with elegant quickness. For he knows that God is his Saviour. For God has blessed him in the variety of his movements. For there is nothing sweeter than his peace when at rest. For I am possessed of a cat, surpassing in beauty, from whom I take occasion to bless Almighty God.

For the Mouse is a creature of great personal valour. For — this is a true case — Cat takes female mouse — male mouse will not depart, but stands threatening and daring. If you will let her go, I will engage you, as prodigious a creature as you are. For the Mouse is a creature of great personal valour. For the Mouse is of an hospitable disposition. For the flowers are great blessings. For the flowers have their angels even the words of God's Creation. For the flower glorifies God and the root parries the adversary. For there is a language of flowers. For flowers are peculiarly the poetry of Christ.

For I am under the same accusation with my Saviour — For they said, he is besides himself. For the officers of the peace are at variance with me - and the watchman smites me with his staff. For Silly fellow! Silly fellow! is against me and belongeth neither to me nor to my family. For I am in twelve HARSHIPS, but he that was born of a virgin shall deliver me out of all.

For H is a spirit and therefore he is God. For K is king and therefore he is God. For L is love and therefore he is God. For M is musick and therefore he is God.

For the instruments are by their rhimes. For the Shawm rhimes are lawn fawn moon boon and the like. For the harp rhimes are sing ring string and the like. For the cymbal rhimes are bell well toll soul and the like. For the flute rhimes are tooth youth suit mute and the like. For the Bassoon rhimes are pass class and the like. For the dulcimer rhimes are grace place beat heat and the like. For the Clarinet rhimes are clean seen and the like. For the trumpet rhimes are sound bound soar more and the like. For the TRUMPET of God is a blessed intelligence and so are all the instruments in HEAVEN. For GOD the father Almighty plays upon the HARP of stupendous magnitude and melody. For at that time malignity ceases and the devils themselves are at peace. For this time is perceptible to man by a remarkable stillness and serenity of soul.

Hallelujah from the heart of God, and from the hand of the artist inimitable, and from the echo of the heavenly harp in sweetness magnificent and mighty.

*Words: from JUBILATE AGNO  
Christopher Smart (1722-71)*

*Music: REJOICE IN THE LAMB  
Benjamin Britten (1913-76)*

*HOMILY given by the Revd David McCoulough, Priest Vicar*

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 for the mission and ministry of the Cathedral*



Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:  
Come ye who hear,  
Brothers and sisters draw near,  
Praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:  
Hast thou not seen  
All that is needful hath been  
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work, and defend thee;  
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;  
Ponder anew  
All the Almighty can do,  
He who with love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen  
Sound from his people again:  
Gladly for ay we adore him.

Words: German, Joachim Neander (1650-80)  
after Psalms 103, 150  
trans. Catherine Winkworth (1827-78) et al.

Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN NEH 440  
German traditional

Cantor 

Let us pro-ceed in peace:

All 

in the name of Christ. A - men.

HYMN *during which all are invited to join the procession into the Nave,  
concluding in front of the Christus Rex.*



**Hail Redeemer, King divine!  
Priest and Lamb, the throne is thine;  
King, whose reign shall never cease,  
Prince of everlasting peace.**

*Angels, saints and nations sing:  
'Praised be Jesus Christ our King;  
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,  
King of love on Calvary.'*

**King whose name creation thrills,  
Rule our minds, our hearts, our wills,  
Till in peace each nation rings  
With thy praises, King of kings.**

*Angels, saints and nations sing...*

**King most holy, King of truth,  
Guard the lowly, guide the youth;  
Christ thou King of glory bright,  
Be to us eternal light.**

*Angels, saints and nations sing...*

**Shepherd-King, o'er mountains steep  
Homeward bring the wandering sheep;  
Shelter in one royal fold  
States and kingdoms, new and old.**

*Angels, saints and nations sing...*

**Eucharistic King, what love  
Draws thee daily from above.  
Clad in signs of bread and wine;  
Feed us, lead us, keep us thine.  
*Angels, saints and nations sing...***

*Words: Patrick Brennan (1877-1952)*

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*Tune: KING DIVINE NEP 614*

*Charles Rigby (1901-62)*

*Precentor* Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

*All* **Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David.**

O Christ, the King of glory,  
who through the everlasting gates didst ascend to thy Father's throne,  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers:  
grant that, whilst thou dost reign in heaven,  
we may not be bowed down to the things of the earth,  
but that our hearts may be lifted up  
whither thou, our redemption, are gone before,  
who with the Father and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

## BLESSING

*Canon* Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will,  
*Missioner* that you may reign with him in glory;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon 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: Philip Moore (b. 1943)*

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY *during which the ministers depart*

*Presto (comodo) (from Sonata in G)*

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

*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. If you are a UK taxpayer, you are invited to fill in your details on the Gift Aid envelopes provided so that we can reclaim your income tax and thus increase your donation by 25p for every £1 given. Alternatively, you can give online at [www.southwellminster.org/donate](http://www.southwellminster.org/donate). Please give generously.*

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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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