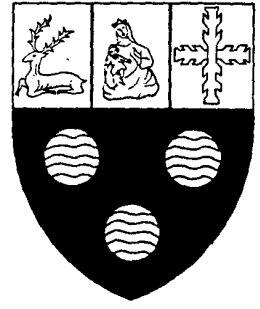


**Southwell
Minster**
THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



EVENING PRAYER WITH HYMNS

The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

Sunday 1 January 2023

3.30pm

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Clergy at this Service

This service is led by the Revd Paul Rattigan, *Canon Missioner*.
The homily will be given by the Revd Erika Kirk, *Priest Vicar*.

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

Please stand as the clergy enter the Quire

The Canon Missioner welcomes the congregation.

OPENING SENTENCE

Luke 15: 18–19

I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

PRECES

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.



1. At the name of Jesus
Every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess him
King of glory now:
'Tis the Father's pleasure
We should call him Lord,
Who from the beginning
Was the mighty Word.

3. Humbled for a season,
To receive a name
From the lips of sinners
Unto whom he came,
Faithfully he bore it
Spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious,
When from death he passed:

5. Name him, Christians, name him;
With love strong as death,
But with awe and wonder
And with bated breath:
He is God the Saviour,
He is Christ the Lord,
Ever to be worshipped
Trusted and adored.

7. Surely, this Lord Jesus
Shall return again,
With his Father's glory,
With his angel train;
For all wreaths of empire
Meet upon his brow,
And our hearts confess him
King of glory now.

Words: Caroline Noel (1817-77)

Tune: EVELYNS A&M 593
William Henry Monk (1823-89)

Please sit

PSALMODY

Psalm 115

Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy Name give the praise:
for thy loving mercy, and for thy truth's sake.
Wherefore shall the heathen say:
Where is now their God?

As for our God, he is in heaven:

he hath done whatsoever pleased him.

Their idols are silver and gold:

even the work of men's hands.

They have mouths, and speak not:

eyes have they, and see not.

They have ears, and hear not:

noses have they, and smell not.

They have hands, and handle not; feet have they, and walk not:

neither speak they through their throat.

They that make them are like unto them:

and so are all such as put their trust in them.

But thou, house of Israel, trust thou in the Lord:

he is their succour and defence.

Ye house of Aaron, put your trust in the Lord:

he is their helper and defender.

Ye that fear the Lord, put your trust in the Lord:

he is their helper and defender.

The Lord hath been mindful of us, and he shall bless us:

even he shall bless the house of Israel, he shall bless the house of Aaron.

He shall bless them that fear the Lord:

both small and great.

The Lord shall increase you more and more:

you and your children.

Ye are the blessed of the Lord:

who made heaven and earth.

All the whole heavens are the Lord's:

the earth hath he given to the children of men.

The dead praise not thee, O Lord:

neither all they that go down into silence.

But we will praise the Lord:

from this time forth for evermore. Praise the Lord.

Please stand

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:

and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now

and shall be for ever. Amen.

Please sit

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 30: 11–20

Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Please stand

MAGNIFICAT



**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of his word;
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name:
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might:
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and for evermore.**

*Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926)
after Luke 1: 46–55
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*Tune: WOODLANDS NEH 186
Walter Greatorex (1877-1949)*

Please sit

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, 'Look at us.' And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. But Peter said, 'I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk.' And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. All the people saw him walking and praising God, and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

While he clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's Portico, utterly astonished. When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

Please stand

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.**

LESSER LITANY, LORD'S PRAYER AND RESPONSES

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 lead us not 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

Almighty God,

who madest thy blessed Son to be circumcised, and obedient to the law
for man;

Grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit;

that, our hearts, and all our members, being mortified from all worldly
and carnal lusts,

we may in all things obey thy blessed will;

through the same thy Son 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.

Please stand

HYMN



**1. In the bleak midwinter
Frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone:
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
Snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter,
Long ago.**

**2. Our God, heaven cannot hold him
Nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away
When he comes to reign:
In the bleak midwinter
A stable-place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty,
Jesus Christ.**

**4. Angels and archangels
May have gathered there,
Cherubim and Seraphim
Thronged the air
But only his mother
In her maiden bliss
Worshipped the Beloved
With a kiss.**

**5. What can I give him,
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man
I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give him
Give my heart.**

Words: Christina Rossetti (1830-94)

*Tune: CRANHAM NEH 28
Gustav Holst (1874-1934)*

HOMILY *given by the Revd Erika Kirk, Priest Vicar*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *led by the 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*



**How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,
And drives away his fear.**

**It makes the wounded spirit whole,
And calms the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul,
And to the weary rest.**

**Dear name! the rock on which I build,
My shield and hiding-place,
My never-failing treasury filled
With boundless stores of grace.**

**Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
My Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
Accept the praise I bring.**

**Weak is the effort of my heart,
And cold my warmest thought;
But when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.**

**Till then I would thy love proclaim
With every fleeting breath;
And may the music of thy name
Refresh my soul in death.**

Words: John Newton (1725-1807)

*Music: ST PETER NEH 374
Alexander Reinagle (1799-1877)*

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.

There is no printed noticesheet this week. The Christmas edition of Pew News is available online at <https://www.southwellminster.org/worship/pew-news/>.

Sunday 8 January

The Baptism of Christ (*The First Sunday of Epiphany*)

7.40am	Litany	<i>Quire</i>
8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	<i>Quire</i>
10.00am	Cathedral Eucharist CW	<i>Nave (and live-streamed)</i>
11.15am	Sung Eucharist BCP	<i>Quire (and live-streamed)</i>
3.30pm	Epiphanytide Procession	<i>Nave</i>

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