

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



FESTAL EVENSONG AND PROCESSION

PATRONAL FESTIVAL

Sunday 29 January 2023

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.



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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**.

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 week. Live-streaming allows those joining from home to participate in the same act of worship as those in the Cathedral.

The Cathedral Choir is directed by Paul Provost, *Rector Chori*.

The organ is played by Jonathan Allsopp, *Assistant Director of Music*.

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



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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

Variations on a Hymn Tune

William Mathias (1934-92)

INTROIT *sung by the choir from the North Transept*

For Mary, Mother of the Lord
God's holy name be praised,
Who first the Son of God adored
As on her child she gazed.

Dear Mary, from your lowliness
And home in Galilee,
There comes a joy and holiness
To every family.

Hail, Mary, you are full of grace,
Above all women blest;
Blest in your Son, whom your embrace
In birth and death confessed.

Words: John Raphael Peacey (1896-1971) NEH 161
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Music: ST BOTOLPH NEH 385
Gordon Slater (1896-1979)

Please stand at the entry of the choir and ministers

PRECES *sung by a cantor and the 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: Kenneth Leighton (1929-88)

The Revd Paul Rattigan, Canon Missioner, welcomes the congregation to the service.

OFFICE HYMN

Quem terra, pontus, aethera



The Lord whom earth and sea and sky
Adore and praise and magnify,
Who o'er their threefold fabric reigns,
The Virgin's spotless womb contains.

**And he whose will is ever done
By moon and seas, by stars and sun,
Is borne upon a maiden's breast,
Whom God's foreseeing grace possessed.**

How blest that Mother, in whose shrine
The very Word of God divine,
The maker of the earth and sky,
Was pleased in fleshly form to lie.

**Blest in the message Gabriel brought,
Blest in the work the Spirit wrought,
Blest evermore, who brought to birth
The long-desired of all the earth.**

**O Jesu, Virgin-born, to thee
Eternal praise and glory be,
Whom with the Father we adore
And Holy Spirit, evermore.
Amen.**

*Words: Latin, 6th century
trans. John Mason Neale (1818-66)*

*Tune: VENI REDEMPTOR NEH 181 (t. i)
Mode i*

Please sit

Lord, remember David:
and all his trouble;
How he swore unto the Lord:
and vowed a vow unto the Almighty God of Jacob;
I will not come within the tabernacle of mine house:
nor climb up into my bed;
I will not suffer mine eyes to sleep, nor mine eye-lids to slumber:
neither the temples of my head to take any rest;
Until I find out a place for the temple of the Lord:
an habitation for the mighty God of Jacob.
Lo, we heard of the same at Ephrata:
and found it in the wood.
We will go into his tabernacle:
and fall low on our knees before his footstool.
Arise, O Lord, into thy resting-place:
thou, and the ark of thy strength.
Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness:
and let thy saints sing with joyfulness.
For thy servant David's sake:
turn not away the presence of thine Anointed.
The Lord hath made a faithful oath unto David:
and he shall not shrink from it;
Of the fruit of thy body:
shall I set upon thy seat.
If thy children will keep my covenant, and my testimonies that I shall
learn them:
their children also shall sit upon thy seat for evermore.
For the Lord hath chosen Sion to be an habitation for himself:
he hath longed for her.
This shall be my rest for ever:
here will I dwell, for I have a delight therein.
I will bless her victuals with increase:
and will satisfy her poor with bread.
I will deck her priests with health:
and her saints shall rejoice and sing.
There shall I make the horn of David to flourish:
I have ordained a lantern for mine Anointed.

As for his enemies, I shall clothe them with shame:
but upon himself shall his crown flourish.

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: Robert Ashfield (1911-2006)

Please sit

FIRST LESSON

Song of Solomon 2: 1-7

I am a rose of Sharon,
a lily of the valleys.

As a lily among brambles,
so is my love among maidens.

As an apple tree among the trees of the wood,
so is my beloved among young men.
With great delight I sat in his shadow,
and his fruit was sweet to my taste.
He brought me to the banqueting house,
and his intention towards me was love.
Sustain me with raisins,
refresh me with apples;
for I am faint with love.

O that his left hand were under my head,
and that his right hand embraced me!
I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem,
by the gazelles or the wild does:
do not stir up or awaken love
until it is ready!

Please stand

ANTIPHON AND MAGNIFICAT

sung by the choir, during which the altar and congregation are censed

O blessed Mother the undefiled Virgin Mary,
Glorious Queen of the world:
intercede for us with the Lord, alleluia.

Magnificat anima mea Dominum: et exultavit spiritus meus in Deo salvatore meo.	<i>My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.</i>
Quia respexit humilitatem ancillae suae: ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent omnes generationes.	<i>For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.</i>
Quia fecit mihi magna qui potens est: et sanctum nomen ejus.	<i>For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his name.</i>
Et misericordia ejus a progenie in progenies: timentibus eum.	<i>And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.</i>
Fecit potentiam in brachio suo: dispersit superbos mente cordis sui.	<i>He hath shewed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.</i>
Deposuit potentes de sede: et exaltavit humiles.	<i>He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek.</i>
Esurientes implevit bonis: et divites dimisit inanes.	<i>He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away.</i>
Suscepit Israel puerum suum: recordatus misericordiae suae.	<i>He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:</i>
Sicut locutus est ad patres nostros, Abraham et semini eius in saecula.	<i>as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.</i>
Gloria Patri, et Filio: et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper: et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.	<i>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.</i>

O blessed Mother the undefiled Virgin Mary,
Glorious Queen of the world:
intercede for us with the Lord, alleluia.

Words: Luke 1: 46-55

*Music: MAGNIFICAT OCTAVI TONI
David Bevan (b. 1951)*

*Antiphon: BEATA MATER
mode i*

Please sit

SECOND LESSON

Acts 1: 6–14

So when the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Please stand

NUNC DIMITTIS *sung by the choir*

Nunc dimittis servum tuum, Domine:	<i>Lord, now lettest thou thy servant</i>
secundum verbum tuum in pace.	<i>depart in peace: according to thy word.</i>
Quia viderunt oculi mei:	<i>For mine eyes have seen:</i>
salutare tuum.	<i>thy salvation.</i>
Quod parasti ante faciem: omnium	<i>Which thou hast prepared: before the</i>
populorum.	<i>face of all people;</i>
Lumen ad revelationem gentium:	<i>To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:</i>
et gloriam plebis tuae Israel.	<i>and to be the glory of thy people Israel.</i>
Gloria Patri et Filio: et Spiritui	<i>Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:</i>
Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et	<i>and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in</i>
nunc, et semper: et in saecula	<i>the beginning, is now, and ever shall</i>
saeculorum. Amen.	<i>be: world without end. Amen.</i>

Words: Luke 2: 29-32

Music: Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

Please turn east (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 a cantor and the 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 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 didst look upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary
and didst choose her to be the mother of thy only Son:
grant that we who are redeemed by his blood
may share with her in the glory of thine eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
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: Kenneth Leighton (1929-88)

Please sit

ANTHEM *sung by the choir*

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum; benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus. Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus, nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Words: from the Angelic Salutation in Luke 1: 28, 42

Music: Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

HOMILY *given by the Dean*

Please remain seated or kneel when invited

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *led by the Revd Paul Rattigan, Canon Missioner*

The following response is used:

Lord, hear us.

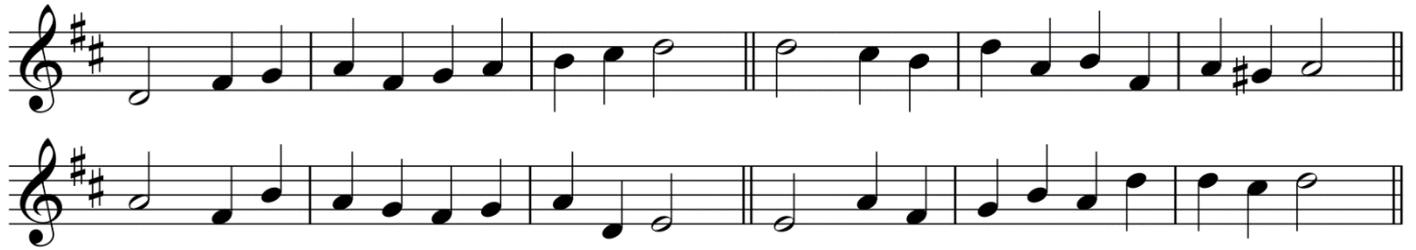
Lord, graciously hear us.

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*



Her Virgin eyes saw God incarnate born,
When she to Bethl'em came that happy morn;
How high her raptures then began to swell,
None but her own omniscient Son can tell.

As Eve when she her fontal sin reviewed,
Wept for herself and all she should include,
Blest Mary with man's Saviour in embrace
Joyed for herself and for all human race.

All saints are by her Son's dear influence blest,
She kept the very Fountain at her breast;
The Son adored and nursed by the sweet Maid
A thousandfold of love for love repaid.

Heaven with transcendent joys her entrance graced,
Next to his throne her Son his Mother placed;
And here below, now she's of heaven possest,
All generations are to call her blest.

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Tune: FARLEY CASTLE NEH 182
Henry Lawes (1596-1662)

INVITATION TO PROCESSION



Let us pro-ceed in peace:



In the name of Christ. A-men.

HYMN *during which all are invited to follow the procession to Our Lady of Kelham*



1. Ye who own the faith of Jesus
Sing the wonders that were done,
When the love of God the Father
O'er our sin the victory won,
When he made the Virgin Mary
Mother of his only Son.
*Hail Mary, hail Mary,
Hail Mary full of grace.*

2. Blessèd were the chosen people
Out of whom the Lord did come,
Blessèd was the land of promise
Fashioned for his earthly home;
But more blessèd far the Mother
She who bare him in her womb.
Hail Mary...

3. Wherefore let all faithful people
Tell the honour of her name,
Let the Church in her foreshadowed
Part in her thanksgiving claim;
What Christ's Mother sang in gladness
Let Christ's people sing the same.
Hail Mary...

4. Let us weave our supplications,
She with us and we with her,
For the advancement of the faithful,
For each faithful worshipper,
For the doubting, for the sinful,
For each heedless wanderer,
Hail Mary...

5. May the Mother's intercessions
On our homes a blessing win,
That the children all be prospered,
Strong and fair and pure within,
Following our Lord's own footsteps,
Firm in faith and free from sin.
Hail Mary...

6. For the sick and for the aged,
For our dear ones far away,
For the hearts that mourn in secret,
All who need our prayers today,
For the faithful gone before us,
May the holy Virgin pray.

Hail Mary...

7. Praise, O Mary, praise the Father,
Praise thy Saviour and thy Son,
Praise the everlasting Spirit,
Who hath made thee ark and throne;
O'er all creatures high exalted,
Lowly praise the Three in One.

Hail Mary...

Words: Vincent Stuckey Stratton Coles (1845-1929)

*Tune: DAILY, DAILY NEH 188 (t. ii)
French, anonymous*

SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE

Luke 1: 45

Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.

LESSON

Luke 1: 26–38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.'

Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

ANTIPHON TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY *sung by the choir,*
during which Our Lady of Kelham is censed

Alma Redemptoris mater quae
pervia caeli porta manes et
stella maris, succurre cadenti,
surgere qui curat populo: Tu
quae genuisti, natura mirante,
tuum sanctum genitorem:
Virgo prius ac posterius,
Gabrielis ab ore sumens illud
ave, peccatorum miserere.

*Kind mother of the Redeemer, the
open gateway to heaven and star
of the sea, help your fallen people
who strive to rise again: we pray
you, who bore your holy Son by
a miracle of nature, a virgin first
and last, who received God's
greeting from the mouth of
Gabriel, have mercy on sinners.*

*Words: Marian antiphon
from Advent Sunday to Candlemas*

Music: Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)

VERSICLE

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.
You will bring forth a son, and call his name Jesus.

COLLECT

Let us pray.

Most loving Father,
who by the obedience of Mary did repair the sin of Eve:
grant that we who venerate the Virgin Mother of the Lord
may follow her in faithfulness,
and at length attain the company of your saints in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

BLESSING

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary,
fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

DISMISSAL *sung by a cantor and the 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 clergy and choir depart*

Flourish for an Occasion

William Harris (1883-1973)

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. Please give generously.

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