

# The First Sunday of Lent

## Sunday 26 February 2023



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

### 3.30pm Evensong

**Preces and Responses:** Michael Walsh (b. 1948)

**Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis:** *Third Service*, Philip Moore (b. 1943)

INTROIT *sung by the choir from the North Transept*

Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies:  
and thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old.  
O remember not the sins and offences of my youth:  
but according to thy mercy think thou upon me,  
O Lord, for thy goodness.

*Words: Psalm 25: 5-6*

*Music: Richard Farrant (c.1525-80)*

PRECES (*see page 4 of Evensong booklet*)

## OFFICE HYMN



O kind Creator, bow thine ear  
To mark the cry, to know the tear  
Before thy throne of mercy spent  
In this thy holy fast of Lent.

**Our hearts are open, Lord, to thee:  
Thou knowest our infirmity;  
Pour out on all who seek thy face  
Abundance of thy pardoning grace.**

Our sins are many, this we know;  
Spare us, good Lord, thy mercy show;  
And for the honour of thy name  
Our fainting souls to life reclaim.

**Give us the self-control that springs  
From discipline of outward things,  
That fasting inward secretly  
The soul may purely dwell with thee.**

**We pray thee, holy Trinity,  
One God, unchanging Unity,  
That we from this our abstinence  
May reap the fruits of penitence.  
Amen.**

*Words: Latin, attributed to Gregory the Great (540-604)  
trans. Thomas Lacey (1853-1931)*

*Tune: AUDI BENIGNE NEH 60 (t. i)  
Mode ii*

The Lord, even the most mighty God, hath spoken:  
and called the world, from the rising up of the sun, unto the going  
down thereof.

Out of Sion hath God appeared:  
in perfect beauty.

Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence:  
there shall go before him a consuming fire, and a mighty tempest shall  
be stirred up round about him.

He shall call the heaven from above:  
and the earth, that he may judge his people.

Gather my saints together unto me:  
those that have made a covenant with me with sacrifice.

And the heaven shall declare his righteousness:  
for God is Judge himself.

Hear, O my people, and I will speak:  
I myself will testify against thee, O Israel; for I am God, even thy God.  
I will not reprove thee because of thy sacrifices, or for thy burnt-offerings:  
because they were not alway before me.

I will take no bullock out of thine house:  
nor he-goat out of thy folds.

For all the beasts of the forest are mine:  
and so are the cattle upon a thousand hills.

I know all the fowls upon the mountains:  
and the wild beasts of the field are in my sight.

If I be hungry, I will not tell thee:  
for the whole world is mine, and all that is therein.

Thinkest thou that I will eat bulls' flesh:  
and drink the blood of goats?

Offer unto God thanksgiving:  
and pay thy vows unto the most Highest.

And call upon me in the time of trouble:  
so will I hear thee, and thou shalt praise me.

*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.

*Chant: Henry Smart (1813-79)*

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 6: 4–9, 16–25

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Do not put the Lord your God to the test, as you tested him at Massah. You must diligently keep the commandments of the Lord your God, and his decrees, and his statutes that he has commanded you. Do what is right and good in the sight of the Lord, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may go in and occupy the good land that the Lord swore to your ancestors to give you, thrusting out all your enemies from before you, as the Lord has promised.

When your children ask you in time to come, ‘What is the meaning of the decrees and the statutes and the ordinances that the Lord our God has commanded you?’ then you shall say to your children, ‘We were Pharaoh’s slaves in Egypt, but the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand. The Lord displayed before our eyes great and awesome signs and wonders against Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his household. He brought us out from there in order to bring us in, to give us the land that he promised on oath to our ancestors. Then the Lord commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our lasting good, so as to keep us alive, as is now the case. If we diligently observe this entire commandment before the Lord our God, as he has commanded us, we will be in the right.’

MAGNIFICAT (*see page 5 of Evensong booklet*)

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

So he told them this parable: 'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

'Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

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 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,  
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:  
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;  
and, as you know our weakness,  
so may we know your power to save;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR LENT

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who hatest nothing that thou hast made,  
and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent;  
Create and make in us new and contrite hearts,  
that we worthily lamenting our sins,  
and acknowledging our wretchedness,  
may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy,  
perfect remission and forgiveness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

ANTHEM *sung by the choir*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whoso believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

*Words: John 3: 16,17*

*Music: from THE CRUCIFIXION  
John Stainer (1840-1901)*

HOMILY *given by the Dean*

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

OFFERTORY HYMN *during which a collection is taken for the mission and ministry of the Cathedral*



1. My God, I love thee; not because  
I hope for heaven thereby,  
Nor yet because who love thee not  
Are lost eternally.

2. Thou, O my Jesus, thou didst me  
Upon the cross embrace;  
For me didst bear the nails and spear,  
And manifold disgrace,

3. And griefs and torments numberless,  
And sweat of agony;  
E'en death itself; and all for one  
Who was thine enemy.

4. Then why, O blessèd Jesu Christ,  
Should I not love thee well,  
Not for the sake of winning heaven,  
Or of escaping hell;

5. Not with the hope of gaining aught,  
Not seeking a reward;  
But as thyself hast lovèd me,  
O ever-loving Lord!

6. E'en so I love thee; and will love  
And in thy praise will sing,  
Solely because thou art my God,  
And my eternal King.

*Words: Latin, 17th century  
trans. Edward Caswall (1814-78)*

*Tune: ST FRANCIS XAVIER NEH 73 (t. ii)  
John Stainer (1840-1901)*

THE BLESSING AND THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Aus tiefer Not, schrei ich zu dir, BWV 686*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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