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Minster
THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF
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Nottingham Trent
University



ROGATION SERVICE
and
PROCESSION TO
NTU BRACKENHURST

Sunday 14 May 2023
3.00pm

Welcome to Southwell Minster

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Clergy at this Service

This service is led by the Revd Dr Richard Frith, *Canon Precentor*.
The preacher is the Very Revd Nicola Sullivan, *Dean of Southwell*.

Music at this Service

The Cathedral Choir is directed by Paul Provost, *Rector Chori*.
The organ is played by Jonathan Allsopp, *Assistant Director of Music*.

Organ Music before the Service

Chorale Prelude on 'Melcombe'

Hubert Parry (1848-1918)

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ORDER OF SERVICE

THE PREPARATION

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Please stand as the organ starts the play the hymn*



All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluya, Alleluya!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam:
*O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!*

Dear mother earth, who day by day
Unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise him, Alleluya!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
Let them his glory also show:
O praise him...

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, Alleluya!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, three in One:
*O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!*

Words: *St Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)*
trans. *William Draper (1855-1933)*

Tune: *LASST UNS ERFREUEN NEH 263*
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

GREETING

The Revd Dr Richard Frith, Canon Precentor, welcomes the congregation and says:

We come together in this Cathedral Church
to give thanks to Almighty God for the fruits of the earth
which delight the eye and give sustenance to our lives;
to give him thanks and praise
for the wonder and beauty of his creation;
to acknowledge his care and love for us
in providing food out of the earth;
to confess our misuse of his creation
and to pray for a just and equal sharing of the world's resources;
to ask his blessing on our farms
and on all who work on the land.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Let us ask God to have mercy on our tired land,
and to prosper the work of our soiled hands.
Let us ask God to forgive our delusion of self-sufficiency
so that we may praise him for his provision and goodness.

Please sit or kneel

CONFESSION

Lord, you give us this good earth,
yet we take your generous gifts for granted.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, you give us this good earth,
but we squander its rich resources.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord, you give us this good earth,
but we fail to share your bounty with all of your children.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

ABSOLUTION

May God, who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour,
forgive you your sins
and make you holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COLLECT

Let us pray.

God our Father,
you never cease the work you have begun
and prosper with your blessing all human labour:
make us wise and faithful stewards of your gifts,
that we may serve the common good,
maintain the fabric of our world
and seek that justice where all may share
the good things you pour upon us;
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.

BENEDICITE, OMNIA OPERA *sung by the choir*

O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord:
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye angels of the Lord,
O ye heavens, bless ye the Lord:
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye waters that be above the firmament,
O all ye powers of the Lord, bless ye the Lord:
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye sun and moon,
O ye stars of heaven, bless ye the Lord:
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye showers and dew,

O ye winds of God,
O ye fire and heat, bless ye the Lord:
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye winter and summer,
O ye dews and frosts,
O ye frost and cold,
O ye ice and snow, bless ye the Lord:
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye nights and days,
O ye light and darkness,
O ye lightnings and clouds, bless ye the Lord:
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O let the earth bless the Lord:
yea, let it praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye mountains and hills,
O all ye green things upon the earth,
O ye wells,
O ye seas and floods, bless ye the Lord:
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye whales and all that move in the waters,
O all ye fowls of the air,
O all ye beasts and cattle,
O ye children of men, bless ye the Lord:
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O let Israel bless the Lord:
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye priests of the Lord,
O ye servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord:
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O ye spirits and souls of the righteous,
O ye holy and humble men of heart, bless ye the Lord:
praise him, and magnify him for ever.
O Ananias, Azarias and Mizaël, bless ye the Lord:
praise him, and magnify him 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.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING *read by Julia Davies, Interim Deputy Dean,
School of Animal Rural and Environmental Sciences, NTU*

Luke 11: 5–13

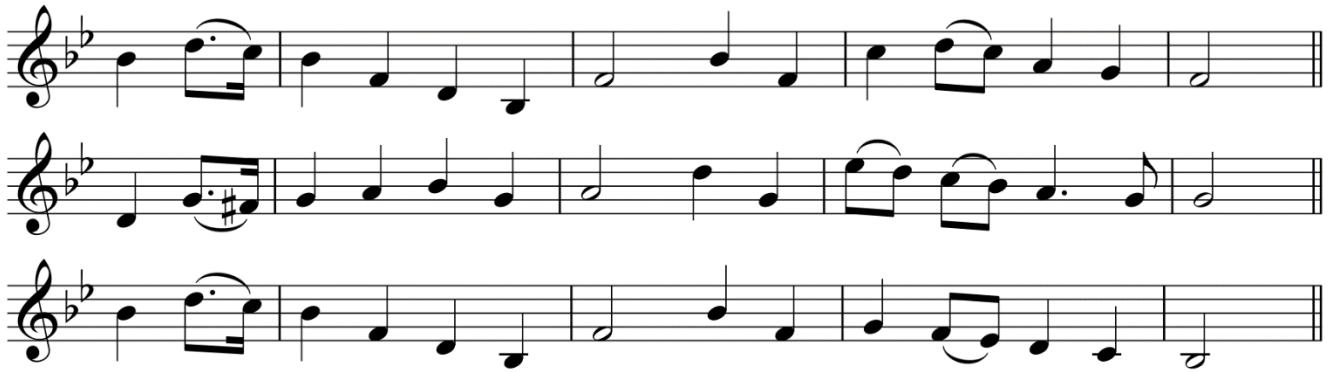
And Jesus said to the disciples, ‘Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, “Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.” And he answers from within, “Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.” I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

‘So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!’

HOMILY *given by the Very Revd Nicola Sullivan, Dean of Southwell*

Please stand

HYMN



For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.*

For the beauty of each hour,
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light:

Lord of all...

For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and brain's delight,
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight:

Lord of all...

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild:

Lord of all...

For each perfect gift of thine,
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven:

Lord of all...

Words: Folliot Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917)

Tune: ENGLAND'S LANE NEH 285 (t. i)
English traditional arr. Geoffrey Shaw (1879-1943)

THE PRAYERS

Please sit

A LITANY OF CREATION *led by the Revd Dr Richard Frith, Canon Precentor*

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

One day pours out its song to another,
and one night unfolds knowledge to another.

They have neither speech nor language,
and their voices are not heard.

Yet their sounds has gone out into all lands,
and their words to the ends of the world.

O Lord, how manifold are your works:
in wisdom have you made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

God our Creator,
we thank you for mountains and lowlands
for fossils, fruits and leaves,
whales and worms, blackbirds and bears.

O Lord, how manifold are your works:
in wisdom have you made them all.

Lord, in a world whose web of life is delicate and beautiful,
save us from carelessness and blindness.

In a world whose creatures are so varied and vulnerable,
save us from plundering and cruelty.

In a world whose waters are fresh and whose oceans should cleanse,
forgive our recklessness and pollution by plastic.

In a world whose forests protect our air and wildlife,
forgive our short-term expediency and the greed that destroys.

In a world whose fruits are rich and plentiful,
give us generous hearts and open hands.

Show us, good Lord, how to treasure creation
and share with daring and delight
the abundant gifts of this wonderful yet fragile planet.
Guide us in each decision we make, whether large or small,
that we may cherish the environment on which all life depends;
in the love of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

O Lord, how manifold are your works:
in wisdom have you made them all.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
we pray as Jesus our Saviour taught us:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Please stand

HYMN *during which a collection is taken*



1. Lord of beauty, thine the splendour
Shewn in earth and sky and sea,
Burning sun and moonlight tender,
Hill and river, flower and tree:
Lest we fail our praise to render
Touch our eyes that they may see.

2. Lord of wisdom, whom obeying
Mighty waters ebb and flow,
While unhasting, undelaying,
Planets on their courses go:
In thy laws thyself displaying,
Teach our minds thyself to know.

3. Lord of life, alone sustaining
All below and all above,
Lord of love, by whose ordaining
Sun and stars sublimely move:
In our earthly spirits reigning,
Lift our hearts that we may love.

4. Lord of beauty, bid us own thee,
Lord of truth, our footsteps guide,
Till as Love our hearts enthrone thee,
And, with vision purified,
Lord of all, when all have known thee,
Thou in all art glorified.

Words: Cyril Alington (1872-1955)
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Tune: REGENT SQUARE NEH 265
Henry Smart (1813-79)

INVITATION TO PROCESSION

Let us go out and praise God in all his creation.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

(If the weather does not allow the procession to take place, the above invitation is omitted and the service continues in the Cathedral with the hymn opposite.)

THE PROCESSION TO BRACKENHURST

All are invited to follow the procession through the West Door; the route through Brackenhurst Campus is outlined on the back cover of this order of service.

Transport to Brackenhurst College is available for those who need it: a minibus will depart from the Church Street bus stop, adjacent to the Cathedral Shop, and arrive at Brackenhurst Campus in time for the reception after the service.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *sung by all in canon*



**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him all creatures here below,
Praise him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

*Tune: TALLIS' CANON NEH 244
Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-85)*

PSALMS *to be sung by the choir whilst in procession*

Psalm 147: 1-12

Psalm 104: 23-end

Psalm 107: 1-9, 23-end

Psalm 112

The procession stops opposite the entrance to Flower Pod at Home Farm.

You visit the earth and water it,
you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of water;
you provide the people with grain,
for so you have prepared it.
You water its furrows abundantly,
settling its ridges,
softening it with showers,
and blessing its growth.
You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.
The pastures of the wilderness overflow,
the hills gird themselves with joy,
the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy.

BLESSING OF THE CROPS

Let the earth bless the Lord:
praise him and magnify him for ever.

Let us pray.

Almighty God,
whose will it is that the earth should bear its fruits in due season,
bless the labours of those who work in the fields,
bless the increase of the crops and grain,
that bread and wholesome food may be shared
and enjoyed by all your people.
Amen.

HYMN



We plough the fields and scatter
The good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered
By God's almighty hand;
He sends the snow in winter,
The warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine,
And soft refreshing rain:
*All good gifts around us
Are sent from heaven above,
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
For all his love.*

Words: German, Matthias Claudius (1740-1815)
trans. Jane Campbell (1817-78)

Tune: WIR PFLÜGEN NEH 262
Johann Abraham Peter Schulz (1747-1800)
arr. John Bacchus Dykes (1823-76)

The procession continues, stopping again by the livestock.

I will make for you a covenant on that day with the wild animals, the birds of the air, and the creeping things of the ground; and I will abolish the bow, the sword, and war from the land; and I will make you lie down in safety. And I will take you for my wife for ever; I will take you for my wife in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love, and in mercy. I will take you for my wife in faithfulness; and you shall know the Lord.

On that day I will answer, says the Lord,
I will answer the heavens
and they shall answer the earth;
and the earth shall answer the grain, the wine, and the oil.

BLESSING OF THE CATTLE

Bless the Lord you beasts and cattle:
praise him and magnify him for ever.

Let us pray.

O Lord,
who surrounds with your love all things living
and promises to save both man and beast;
we thank you for the companionship of animals and birds,
without which there would be a loneliness of spirit on the earth;
bless all your creatures,
preserve them from disease and danger;
bless the shepherds, herdsmen and women, veterinary surgeons,
and all who work with animals
that they may be in harmony with you and your creation.
Amen.

HYMN

He only is the Maker
Of all things near and far,
He paints the wayside flower,
He lights the evening star.
The winds and waves obey him,
By him the birds are fed;
Much more to us, his children,
He gives our daily bread:
*All good gifts around us
Are sent from heaven above,
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
For all his love.*

The procession continues to the Victorian Walled Garden.

God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

BLESSING OF THE HORTICULTURE

Bless the Lord all that grows in the ground:
praise him and magnify him for ever.

Let us pray.

O Lord God,
who causes fruit bearing trees and shrubs,
flowers and vegetables to flourish upon the earth,
to provide beauty to the eye and food for all people,
bless all who work in horticulture
that they may exercise their skills
for the welfare and benefit of all
and to your glory and praise.
Amen.

HYMN

We thank thee then, O Father,
For all things bright and good;
The seed-time and the harvest,
Our life, our health, our food.
No gifts have we to offer
For all thy love imparts,
But that which thou desirest,
Our humble, thankful hearts:
*All good gifts around us
Are sent from heaven above,
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
For all his love.*

The procession continues to Brackenhurst Campus.

ANTHEM sung by the choir once all have gathered

Thou visitest the earth and blessest it:
thou crownest the year with thy goodness.

Words: Psalm 65: 9, 12

Music: Maurice Greene (1696-1755)

BLESSING OF BRACKENHURST

O people of God, bless the Lord:
praise him and magnify him for ever.

We pray for Brackenhurst
and the work of Nottingham Trent University.
We remember all who work and study here;
for those who teach and those who inspire
through their care and nurture and leadership.
We pray for students preparing themselves for employment
and those working hard
seeking new opportunities for their gifts to be used.
We ask for God's minding of new work
and the growing vision in this place;
for the gifts of grace to face the risks;
for steadiness of nerve;
for imagination and for openness to the future,
so that work imagined here will bear fruit
for the flourishing of all.
Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

BLESSING

Dean May he that provides seed for sowing,
 hands for working, and hearts for loving,
 surround you with his love, visit you with his mercy,
 and make you perfect to do his will;
 and the blessing of God Almighty,
 the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
 be upon you, upon our county, our town and the University,
 the farmers, the homes and the people,
 now and for evermore.
 Amen.

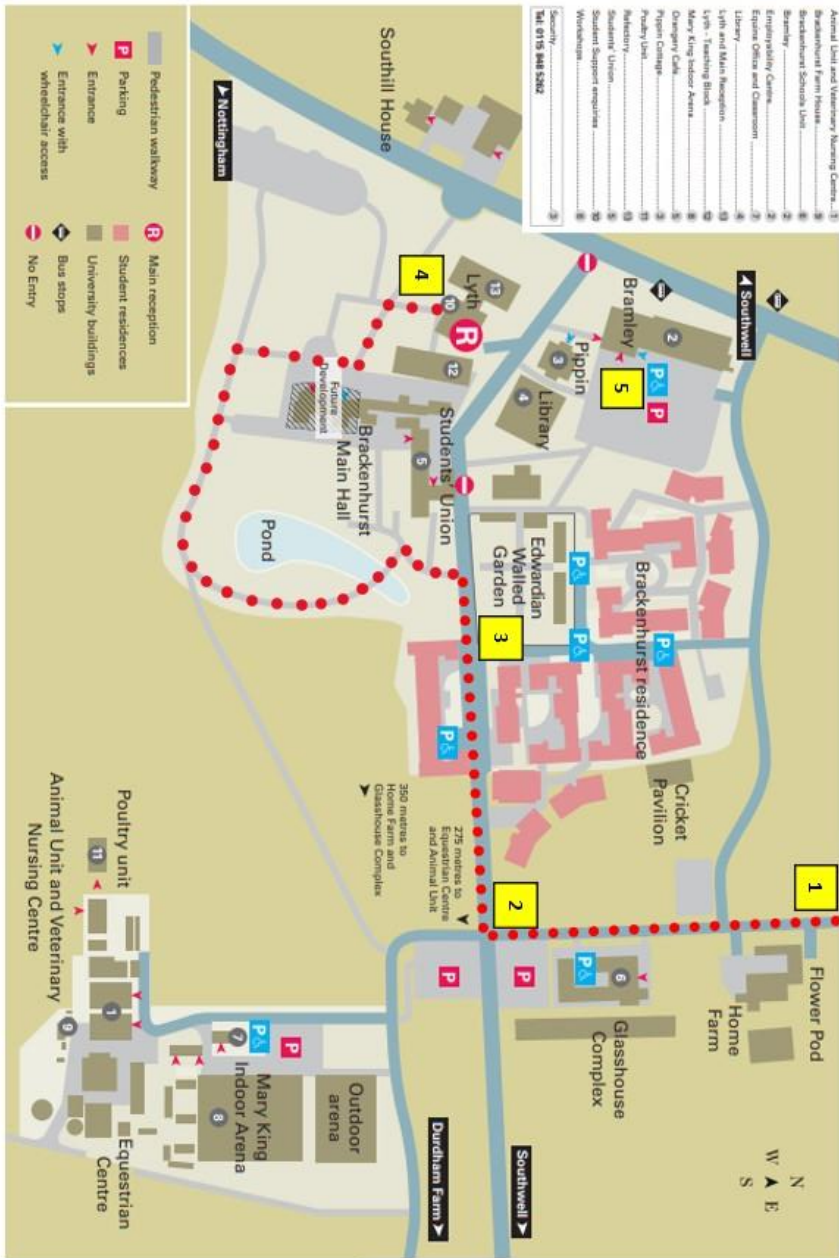
DISMISSAL

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation,
and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Martyn East, Deputy Head of Further Education at Brackenhurst welcomes the congregation to Brackenhurst, after which all are warmly invited to stay for refreshments. Transport back to Southwell is available to those who need it and to a limited number of others..

Please take this order of service away with you.



- Key:**
1. Blessing of the Crops
 2. Blessing of the Cattle
 3. Blessing of the Horticulture
 4. Welcome to Brackenhurst
 5. Bramley car park & minibus point

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