

Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Sunday 21 September 2025



3.30pm Festal Evensong

Preces and Responses: Richard Ayleward (1626-69)

Setting: *Evening Service in D minor*, Thomas Attwood Walmisley (1814-56)

*This leaflet provides the material specific to our Evensong service this afternoon.
It should be used in conjunction with the pale blue Evensong booklet,
the purple Office Hymn booklet and the green New English Hymnal
you will find available in the stalls. In addition, you may wish to refer to
the bright red NRSV Bibles (for the First and Second Lessons).*

ORGAN PRELUDE

Deuxième Fantaisie

Jehan Alain (1911-40)

INTROIT *sung by the choir from the North Transept*

If I take the wings of the morning
and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea
Even there also shall thy hand lead me
and thy right hand shall uphold me

Words: Psalm 139: 8-9

Music: Michael McCree

PRECES (*see page 4 of Evensong booklet*)

The congregation is welcomed by the Revd Canon Dr Neil Evans, Interim Dean of Southwell

OFFICE HYMN

Exultet caelum laudibus

Let the round world with songs rejoice

(*page 21 of Office Hymn booklet*)

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes:
and I shall keep it unto the end.
Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law:
yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.
Make me to go in the path of thy commandments:
for therein is my desire.
Incline my heart unto thy testimonies:
and not to covetousness.
O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity:
and quicken thou me in thy way.
O stablish thy word in thy servant:
that I may fear thee.
Take away the rebuke that I am afraid of:
for thy judgements are good.
Behold, my delight is in thy commandments:
O quicken me in thy righteousness.

O Lord, thy word endureth for ever in heaven.
Thy truth also remaineth from one generation to another:
thou hast laid the foundation of the earth, and it abideth.
They continue this day according to thine ordinance:
for all things serve thee.
If my delight had not been in thy law:
I should have perished in my trouble.
I will never forget thy commandments:
for with them thou hast quickened me.
I am thine, O save me:
for I have sought thy commandments.
The ungodly laid wait for me to destroy me:
but I will consider thy testimonies.
I see that all things come to an end:
but thy commandment is exceeding broad.

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: Walter Parratt (1814-1924) & Francis Defell (19th century)

FIRST LESSON

Ecclesiastes 5: 4–12

(see page 664 in the Old Testament section of the bright red NRSV Pew Bibles)

ANTIPHON AND MAGNIFICAT

(see page 5 of Evensong booklet)

Be valiant in battle, and fight against the serpent
and accept the eternal kingdom, alleluia.

Antiphon: ESTOTE FORTES IN BELLO

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 19: 16–end

(see page 24 in the New Testament section of the bright red NRSV Pew Bibles)

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 MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

O Almighty God, whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax collector
to be an apostle and evangelist:
give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain
and the possessive love of riches
that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

ANTHEM *sung by the choir*

Justorum animae in manu Dei
sunt, et non tanget illos
tormentum malitiae.
Visi sunt oculis insipientium
mori: illi autem sunt in pace.

*The souls of the righteous are in the
hand of God, and there shall no
torment touch them.
In the sight of the unwise they
seemed to die: but they are in peace.*

Words: Wisdom 3: 1-3

Music: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

HOMILY *given by Robert Ridgwell, Reader*

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*

He sat to watch o'er customs paid (NEH 189)

THE BLESSING AND THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Allegro giocoso (from Sonata in E flat)

Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

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