

# The Second Sunday in Lent

## Sunday 1 March 2026



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

### 3.30pm Evensong

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

**Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis:** *Evening Service in D*, Ernest Bullock (1890-1979)

*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 burgundy Book of Common Prayer (for the Psalms) and the bright red NRSV Bibles (for the First and Second Lessons).*

### ORGAN PRELUDE

*Gaudeamus in loci pace*

James MacMillan (b. 1959)

### INTROIT *sung by the choir from the North Transept*

Domine, Jesu Christe,  
qui me creasti, redemisti,  
et preordinasti ad hoc quod sum,  
tu scis quid de me facere vis;  
fac de me secundum voluntatem  
tuam cum misericordia. Amen.

*O Lord Jesu Christ, who created  
me, redeemed me, and brought  
me to that which I am, you know  
what you will have me be;  
deal mercifully with me  
according to your will. Amen.*

*Words: attributed to King Henry VI (1421-71)*

*Music: Henry Ley (1887-1962)*

### PRECES (*see page 4 of Evensong booklet*)

*The congregation is welcomed by the Revd Dr Richard Frith, Canon Precentor.*

OFFICE HYMN

*Audi benigne Conditor*

O kind Creator, bow thine ear

*(page 10 of the Office Hymn booklet)*

PSALM 135

*(page 521 in the Book of Common Prayer)*

*Chants: John Jones (1728-96), Charles Lloyd (1849-1919)  
& Robert Ashfield (1911-2006)*

FIRST LESSON

Numbers 21: 4–9

*(see page 154 in the Old Testament section of the bright red NRSV Pew Bibles)*

MAGNIFICAT *(see page 5 of Evensong booklet)*

SECOND LESSON

Luke 14: 27–33

*(see page 85 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 THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Almighty God,  
who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves;  
Keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls;  
that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the  
body,  
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

*and* 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*

Take him, earth, for cherishing,  
to thy tender breast receive him.  
Body of a man I bring thee,  
noble even in its ruin.

Once was this a spirit's dwelling,  
by the breath of God created.  
High the heart that here was beating,  
Christ the prince of all its living.

Guard him well, the dead I give thee,  
not unmindful of his creature  
shall he ask it: he who made it  
symbol of his mystery.

Comes the hour God hath appointed  
to fulfil the hope of men,  
then must thou, in very fashion  
what I give, return again.

Not though ancient time decaying  
wear away these bones to sand,  
ashes that a man might measure  
in the hollow of his hand:

Not though wandering winds and idle,  
drifting through the empty sky,  
scatter dust was nerve and sinew,  
is it given man to die.

Once again the shining road  
leads to ample Paradise;  
open are the woods again  
that the Serpent lost for men.

Take, O take him, mighty Leader,  
take again thy servant's soul,  
grave his name, and pour the fragrant  
balm upon the icy stone.

*Words: Prudentius (348-416)  
translated by Helen Waddell (1889-1965)*

*Music: Herbert Howells (1892-1983)*

HOMILY *given by the Canon Precentor*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*led by the Revd Canon Dr Neil Evans, Interim Dean of Southwell*

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

Take up thy cross, the Saviour said

(NEH 76)

## THE BLESSING AND THE DISMISSAL

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Kyrie, Gott Heiliger Geist, BWV 671*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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