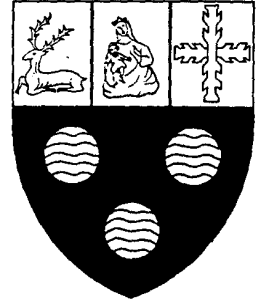


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THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF
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CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 26 April 2026
10.00am

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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This Order of Service is printed on sustainably produced paper.

The President of the Eucharist and Preacher is the Very Revd Dr Stephen Evans, *Dean of Southwell*. The Deacon is the Revd Dr Richard Frith, *Canon Precentor*. The Sub-Deacon is the Revd Erika Kirk, *Priest Vicar*.

The congregation is invited to join in all texts printed in **bold**.

As part of our service today, we are invited to share the Peace in a way that we, and those around us, feel comfortable with.

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.

Support the Mission and Ministry of the Cathedral. A collection for the Cathedral's mission and ministry will be taken during the Offertory Hymn. If you are a UK



taxpayer, please use one of the Gift Aid envelopes provided – this allows us to increase your donation by 25p for every £1 you give at no extra cost to you. Card donations can be made at the contactless stations located near the main exits. You can also donate online by scanning the QR code or visiting www.southwellminster.org/donate. Thank you for your generous support of the Cathedral and its ongoing work.

Communion

Holy Communion will be offered in both kinds (bread and wine) but please feel free to leave the altar rail after receiving the bread if you prefer. The Church teaches that Holy Communion is received fully in either the consecrated wafer or the wine. **Please do not intinct (dip your wafer in the wine) as this carries an increased risk of transmitting infection.** The administrant will not offer you the chalice to intinct, but only to drink from. Gluten-free wafers are available from the President.

Minster Kids

During the first hymn, children (up to age 11) in the congregation are warmly invited to leave the main service for separate children's activities — please look out for our children's leaders and follow them at this point of the service. They will return in time for the Offertory Hymn. (If this is the first time your child has gone out to the group please could an adult initially accompany them so as to complete a registration form. Children under 5 will be welcome if accompanied throughout the session by an adult.) We also have a Children's Chapel next to the font, and young children and their carers are encouraged to explore it.

Standing, Sitting and Kneeling

Throughout this booklet, you will find various references to posture. We stand to praise or sing together; sit to listen and to receive (for example, during Bible readings – except the Gospel – and the sermon), and we may kneel for personal prayer. 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 if you need to. For example, if standing for long periods is difficult, you may wish to sit during the Gospel and the Eucharistic Prayer.

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*.

The setting for the Eucharist is the *Mass in E* by Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901).

Organ Music before the service

Praeludium in C, BUXWV 137

Dieterich Buxtehude (c. 1637-1707)

ORDER OF SERVICE

The President welcomes the congregation.

THE GATHERING

Please stand at the start of the opening hymn.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *during which the altar party enter and make their way to the font.*



The strife is o'er, the battle done;
Now is the victor's triumph won;
O let the song of praise be sung.
Alleluya!

Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,
And Jesus hath his foes dispersed;
Let shouts of praise and joy outburst.
Alleluya!

On the third morn he rose again
Glorious in majesty to reign;
O let us swell the joyful strain.
Alleluya!

He brake the age-bound chains of hell;
The bars from heaven's high portals fell;
Let hymns of praise his triumph tell.
Alleluya!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee
From death's dread sting thy servants free,
That we may live, and sing to thee.
Alleluya!

Words: Latin, 17th century
trans. Francis Pott (1832-1909)

Tune: VICTORY NEH 119
Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525-94)
arr. William Henry Monk (1823-89)

Please turn to face the font.

President In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

GREETING

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The President introduces the Eucharist.

ACT OF PENITENCE

President God our Father,
your gift of water brings life and freshness to the earth;
in baptism it is a sign of the washing away of our sins
and the gift of life eternal.

Sanctify this water, we pray.
Renew the living spring of your life within us,
that we may be free from sin
and filled with your saving health;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Deacon Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God.
Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence is kept.

President We have lived by our own strength,
and not by the power of your resurrection.

In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.

In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.

In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

VIDI AQUAM sung by the choir during which the President sprinkles the congregation with the waters of baptism, and the altar party make their way to the sanctuary.

Cantor I saw water

All

flo-wing from the right side of the tem - ple, al - le - lu - ia:
it brought God's life and his sal - va - tion, and the peo-ple sang in joy-ful praise,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Choir O give thanks to the Lord for he is good:
and his mercy endures 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.

All

I saw wa - ter flo-wing from the right side of the tem - ple,
 al - le - lu - ia: it brought God's life and his sal - va - tion,
 and the peo - ple sang in joy - ful praise, al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia.

Music: Mode viii

Please turn back to face the altar.

ABSOLUTION

President May the God of love and power
 forgive you and free you from your sins,
 heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
 and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Choir

Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra
pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.

Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te,
gratias agimus tibi propter
magnam gloriam tuam.

Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus
Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili
unigenite, Jesu Christe: Domine
Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, qui
tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis,
qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe
deprecationem nostram; qui sedes
ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus; tu solus
Dominus; tu solus altissimus, Jesu
Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu, in
gloria Dei Patris.
Amen.

*Glory to God in the highest, and
peace to his people on earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father, we
worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the
Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the
world: have mercy on us; you are
seated at the right hand of the
Father: receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord, you alone
are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory
of God the Father. Amen.*

COLLECT

President Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Please sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *read by Diana Evans*

Acts 2: 42–end

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please remain seated



I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ev - er.

Choir I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

All **I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

Choir The Lord is my shepherd;
therefore can I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.

All **I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

Choir He shall refresh my soul
and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

All **I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil
and my cup shall be full.
Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

All **I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

Music: Paul Provost (b. 1985)

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al-le-lu-ia, al - le-lu-ia, — al - le - lu - ia.

Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Choir I am the good shepherd,
I know my own sheep, and my own know me.

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Music: Mode vi and Katherine Dienes-Williams (b. 1970)

Please turn to face the Gospel reader

GOSPEL READING

John 10: 1–10

Deacon Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.



Glo-ry to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the Pharisees: ‘Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.’ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

Please turn back to face the altar.

Please sit following the preacher's opening prayer.

SERMON *given by the Dean*

Silence is kept.

Please stand as the President stands to introduce the Nicene Creed.

NICENE CREED

President Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

Please sit or kneel when invited

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *led by Canon Angela Ashwin, Reader*

The following response may be used:

God of compassion
hear our prayer.

and at the end:

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Please stand

THE PEACE

President The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples
and said, 'Peace be with you.'
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

John 20: 19, 20

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

The Deacon invites the congregation to share a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN *during which a collection is taken and the table is prepared for Communion*



1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King,
Who hath washed us in the tide
Flowing from his pierced side;
Praise we him, whose love divine
Gives his sacred blood for wine,
Gives his body for the feast,
Love the victim, Love the priest.

2. Where the paschal blood is poured,
Death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
Through the wave that drowns the foe.
Christ, the lamb whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, Paschal bread;
With sincerity and love
Eat we manna from above.

3. Mighty victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce powers beneath thee lie;
Thou hast conquered in the fight,
thou hast brought us life and light.
Now thy banner thou dost wave,
Conquering Satan and the grave.
See the prince of darkness quelled;
Heaven's bright gates are open held.

4. Paschal triumph, Paschal joy,
Only sin can this destroy;
From sin's death do thou set free
Souls re-born, Dear Lord, in thee.
Hymns of glory, songs of praise,
Father, unto thee we raise;
Risen Lord, all praise to thee,
Ever with the Spirit be.

*Words: from a Latin Breviary hymn
trans. Robert Campbell (1814-68)*

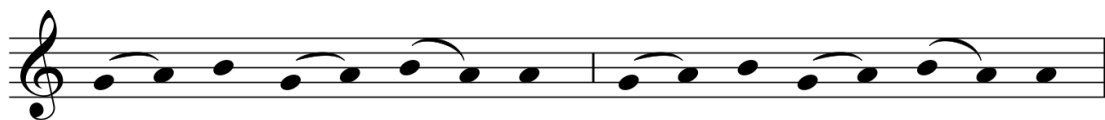
*Tune: SALZBURG NEH 104
Melody from Jakob Hintze (1622-1702)
Harmony by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

President Let us pray.

Be present, be present,
Lord Jesus Christ,
our risen high priest;
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.
Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER



The_ Lord be_ with_ you and_ al - so_ with_ you.



Lift_____ up your_ hearts._ We lift them to_ the Lord._



Let us give thanks_ to_____ the Lord_ our God.



It is right to give thanks and praise.____

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and in these days of Easter
to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.
For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.
He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.
And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS *sung by the choir*

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth,
pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

President Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Deacon Great is the mystery of faith:

All



Christ has died: Christ is ri - sen: Christ will come__ a-gain.

President And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.
Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All



Please sit or kneel

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
**Lord, our hearts hunger for you;
give us this bread always.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

AGNUS DEI sung by the choir whilst the altar party receives communion

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:	<i>Lamb of God, you take away the sin</i>
miserere nobis.	<i>of the world; have mercy on us.</i>
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:	<i>Lamb of God, you take away the sin</i>
miserere nobis.	<i>of the world; have mercy on us.</i>
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:	<i>Lamb of God, you take away the sin</i>
dona nobis pacem.	<i>of the world; grant us peace.</i>

All baptised, communicant members of Christian churches are invited to receive Communion.

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Please follow the instructions of Churchwardens to approach to receive Communion.

Gluten-free wafers are available from the President. If you would prefer to receive a blessing (without physical contact), please bring this order of service with you as an indication. If you are unable to move to the altar, please inform a Churchwarden and a minister will come to you.

COMMUNION MOTET *sung by the choir during the distribution of Communion*

O sacrum convivium in quo
Christus sumitur; recolitur
memoria passionis eius mens
impletur gratia; et futurae gloriae
nobis pignus datur.
Alleluia.

O sacred banquet in which Christ
is received, the memory of his
Passion is renewed, the mind
filled with grace, and a pledge of
future glory is given to us.
Alleluia.

Words: Magnificat antiphon,
Second Vespers, Corpus Christi

Music: Olivier Messiaen (1908-92)

COMMUNION HYMN *Please remain seated*



1. The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine for ever.

2. Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth.

3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.

4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

5. Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
Thy unction, grace bestoweth:
And O what transport of delight
From thy pure chalice floweth!

6. And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house for ever.

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-77)
after Psalm 23

Tune: DOMINUS REGIT ME NEH 457 (t. ii)
John Bacchus Dykes (1823-76)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

President Let us pray.

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

Notices are given.

THE DISMISSAL

Please stand

THE BLESSING

President The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
make you perfect in every good work to do 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

Deacon Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

FINAL HYMN *during which the altar party leave in procession.*



To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life our redemption to win,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,

And give him the glory! Great things he has done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God!
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!...

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!...

Words: Fanny Crosby (1820-1915) *altered*

Tune: TO GOD BE THE GLORY CP 609

William Howard Doane (1832-1916)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Toccata

Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)

Following this morning's service, everyone is warmly invited to the State Chamber for fizz, hot drinks and delicious light bites.

Please note that Mini Pew News (the abridged version of the Weekly notice sheet), is available as a separate printed document given out at Minster services each Sunday – please take a copy. The full version of Pew News is available online at <https://www.southwellminster.org/worship/pew-news/>. Alternatively, we can e-mail you a link to the latest edition of Pew News as it is published each Friday (please complete the web form at <https://www.southwellminster.org/newsletter/> to sign up to receive this regular e-mail).

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