

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
(The Third Sunday after Easter)
Sunday 26 April 2026



3.30pm Evensong

Preces and Responses: William Smith (c. 1603-45)

Setting: *Evening Service in E flat (No 2)*, Charles Wood (1866-1926)

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

Romance (from Symphony No 4)

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

INTROIT *sung by the choir from the North Transept*

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
*Love is come again,
Like wheat that springeth green.*

In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain,
Thinking that never he would wake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again...

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain,
Quick from the dead, my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again...

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Thy touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts, that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again...

Words: John MacLeod Campbell Crum (1872-1958)
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Tune: NOËL NOUVELET NEH 115
French traditional, arr. Martin Shaw (1875-1958)

PRECES (*see page 4 of Evensong booklet*)

The congregation is welcomed by the Very Revd Dr Stephen Evans, Dean of Southwell

OFFICE HYMN

Aurora lucis rutilat

The day draws on with golden light

(page 13 of Office Hymn booklet)

PSALM 29

(page 378 in the Book of Common Prayer)

Chant: Robert Ashfield (1911-2006)

Rector Chori of Southwell Minster, 1946-56

FIRST LESSON

Ezra 3: 1–13

(see page 459 in the Old Testament section of the bright red NRSV Pew Bibles)

MAGNIFICAT (*see page 5 of Evensong booklet*)

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 2: 11–end

(see page 211 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 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Almighty God,
who shewest to them that be in error the light of thy truth,
to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness;
Grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

ANTHEM *sung by the choir*

The Lord is my shepherd:
therefore can I lack nothing.
He shall feed me in a green pasture:
and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
He shall convert my soul:
and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil:
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me:
thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.
But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Words: Psalm 23

Music: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

HOMILY *given by the Revd Prof. Alison Milbank, Canon Theologian*

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*
Christ is made the sure foundation (NEH 205)

THE BLESSING AND THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Prelude and Fugue in D 'Hallelujah!'

Franz Schmidt (1874-1939)

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