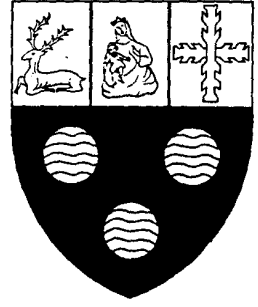


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THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 10 May 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.



A loop system is in operation throughout the Minster. Hearing aids that are equipped to do so should be switched to the 'T' position



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We are a Fairtrade cathedral, committed to continuing and increasing our use of fairly traded goods wherever possible.



This Order of Service is printed on sustainably produced paper.

The President of the Eucharist is the Revd Dr Richard Frith, *Canon Precentor*.

The Preacher 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 ministrant 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 aged 5–11 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.

Music at this service

The organ is played by Jonathan Allsopp, *Assistant Director of Music*.

Organ Music before the service

Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr, BWV 662

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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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, and children leave for their own activities.*



1. O worship the King
All glorious above;
O gratefully sing
His power and his love:
Our Shield and Defender,
The Ancient of days,
Pavilioned in splendour
And girded with praise.

2. O tell of his might,
O sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light,
Whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath
The deep thunder-clouds form,
And dark is his path
On the wings of the storm.

3. This earth, with its store
Of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power
Hath founded of old:
Hath stablished it fast
By a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast,
Like a mantle, the sea.

4. O measureless Might,
Ineffable Love,
While angels delight
To hymn thee above,
Thy humbler creation,
Though feeble their lays,
With true adoration
Shall sing to thy praise.

Words: Robert Grant (1779-1838)

Tune: HANOVER NEH 433
William Croft (1678-1727)

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.

The President sprinkles the congregation with the waters of baptism, and the altar party make their way to the sanctuary. 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

Organ *All*

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high- est.

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al-migh-ty God and Fa - ther, we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est.

Lord, Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have

mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right

hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est.
 For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 You a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
 Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est.

*Music: from MASS OF ST THOMAS
 David Thorne (b. 1950)*

Please remain standing

COLLECT

President Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

God our redeemer,
 you have delivered us from the power of darkness
 and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
 grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
 so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
 to eternal joy;
 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.

Please sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *read by Christine Vincent*

Acts 17: 22–31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.”

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand and turn to face the Gospel reader

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

President Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus said, ‘All who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.’

Alleluia.

Deacon The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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



Glo-ry to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

Please turn back to face the altar, and sit following the preacher's opening prayer.

SERMON *given by the Revd Erika Kirk*

Silence is kept.

Please stand as the President stands to introduce the Profession of Faith.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Please sit or kneel when invited

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *led by Celia Burge*

One of the following responses may be used:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

and at the end:

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

Please stand

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

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.

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 the table is prepared and a collection is taken for the mission and ministry of the Cathedral*



1. Alleluya, sing to Jesus,
His the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluya, his the triumph,
His the victory alone:
Hark the songs of peaceful Sion
Thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus, out of every nation,
Hath redeemed us by his blood.

2. Alleluya, not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluya, he is near us,
Faith believes, nor questions how;
Though the cloud from sight received him
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?

3. Alleluya, Bread of Angels,
Thou on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluya, here the sinful
Flee to thee from day to day;
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.

4. Alleluya, King eternal,
Thee the Lord of Lords we own;
Alleluya, born of Mary,
Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
Thou within the veil hast entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim
In the Eucharistic Feast.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-98)

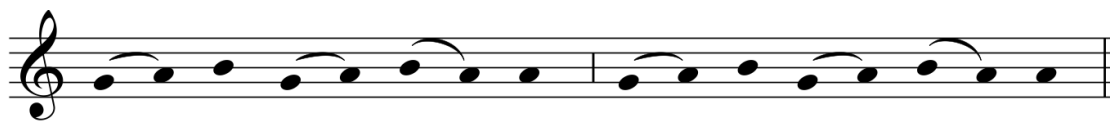
Tune: HYFRYDOL NEH 271
Richard Huw Pritchard (1811-87)

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.

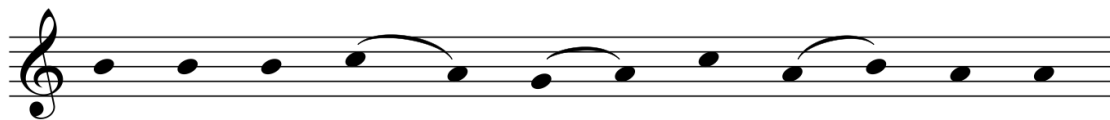
EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER



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

Ho - ly, Ho - ly Ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and
 might, Heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
 Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Music: from MASS OF ST THOMAS
 David Thorne (b. 1950)*

President We praise and bless you, loving Father,
 through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
 and as we obey his command,
 send your Holy Spirit,
 that broken bread and wine outpoured
 may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
 and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
 Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
 do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.

Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.
So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Deacon Great is the mystery of faith:

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

President Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

All 
A - men.__

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.**

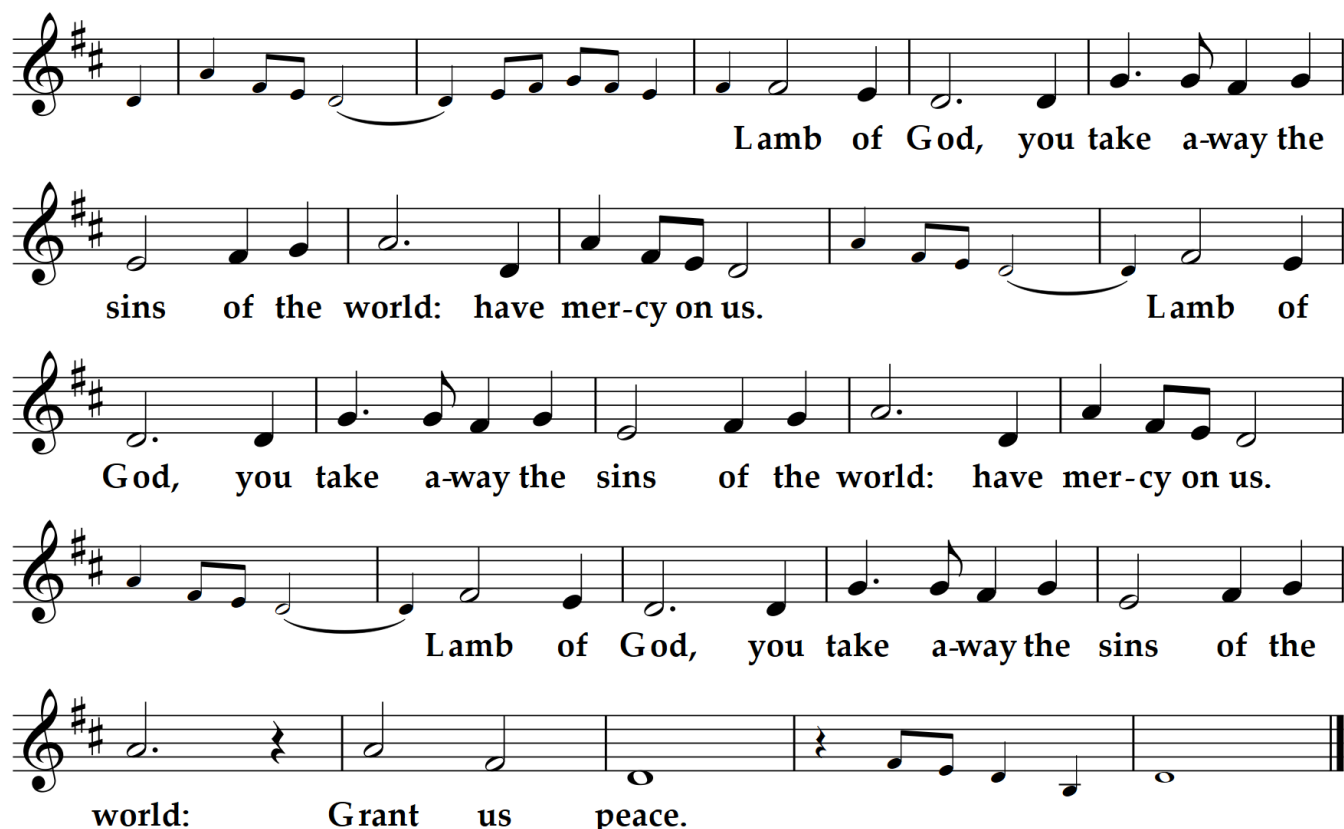
BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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



Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sins of the world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of
God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the
world: Grant us peace.

*Music: from MASS OF ST THOMAS
David Thorne (b. 1950)*

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

Holy Communion will be offered in both kinds (bread and wine) both at the communion rail and at the font. If you prefer to receive in one kind please feel free to leave after receiving the bread. 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 ministrant will not offer you the chalice to intinct, but only to drink from. Thank you.

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 HYMN *Please remain seated*



*Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia, give praise to his name.*

**Jesus is Lord of all the earth:
He is the King of creation:
*Alleluia, Alleluia...***

**Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen:
*Alleluia, Alleluia...***

**We have been crucified with Christ:
Now we shall live for ever:
*Alleluia, Alleluia...***

**God has proclaimed the just reward:
Life for all men, alleluia:
*Alleluia, Alleluia...***

**Come, let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Saviour:
*Alleluia, Alleluia...***

*Words and music: Donald Fishel (b. 1950)
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Tune: ALLELUIA NO 1 CP 136

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

President Let us pray.

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.

Notices are given.

Minster Kids may make a short presentation.

THE DISMISSAL

President The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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.*



**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.**

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

**Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:**

Thine be the glory...

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
Life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife,
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:**

Thine be the glory...

Words: French, Edmund Budry (1854-1932)
trans. Richard Birch Hoyle (1875-1939)

Tune: MACCABAEUS NEH 120
George Frederick Handel (1685-1759)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go
(from *Variations on Old Psalm-Tunes*)

George Dyson (1883-1964)

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