



Southwell  
Minster

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF  
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



*Churches Together in Southwell*  
**PENTECOST PRAISE**

Sunday 24 May 2026

9.30am

# ORDER OF SERVICE

READING *read by a young person*

Acts 4: 31

After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.'

*Please remain seated as Ruth Massey sings a fourteenth-century hymn*

Come down, O Love divine,  
seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it,  
thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round,  
the while my path illuming.

And so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace,  
till they become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling

*Words: Bianco da Siena (d. 1434)  
trans. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-90)*

*Tune: DOWN AMPNEY NEH 137  
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

*We remain seated*

*Dean* Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people  
*All* **and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

*Dean* who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God  
and fellow-heirs with Christ  
*All* **come, Holy Spirit, and fill the hearts of your people.**

*Dean* Renew the face of your creation, Lord,  
pouring on us the gifts of your Spirit,  
*All* **and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

*Dean* For the creation waits with eager longing for the glorious liberty  
of the children of God.  
*All* **Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people  
and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

*The Very Revd Dr Stephen Evans, Dean of Southwell welcomes the congregation*

**WORDS FROM PSALM 103** *introduced and led by Michael Martin, Living Waters Fellowship*

*Please stand when invited*

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
**and all that is within me, bless his holy name.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits –  
**who forgives all your iniquity who heals all your diseases,**  
who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with love & mercy  
**who satisfies you with good as long as you live  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion.  
**Bless the Lord, O my soul.**

## SUNG WORSHIP

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,  
Worship his holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul  
I'll worship your holy name.*

**The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,  
It's time to sing your song again.  
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me...  
Let me be singing when the evening comes.  
*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul...***

**You're rich in love, and you're slow to anger,  
Your name is great, and your heart is kind.  
For all your goodness I will keep on singing...  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.  
*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul...***

**And on that day when my strength is failing,  
The end draws near and my time has come.  
Still my soul will sing your praise unending...  
Ten thousand years and then for evermore.  
*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul...***

*Words and music: Matt Redman*

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*Please sit*

## READING

*read by Helen King, Lead Pastor, Riverside Church*

Acts 2: 1-21

## SERMON AND STORIES FROM 'THE LIGHTHOUSE' PRAYER ROOM

*given by John Morley, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Southwell*

*Please stand*

## SUNG WORSHIP

**Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed**

*My chains are gone I've been set free  
My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy rains  
Unending love amazing grace*

**The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures**

*My chains are gone....*

**The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God who called me here below  
Will be forever mine  
Will be forever mine  
You are forever mine**

*Words and Music: Chris Tomlin, Louie Giglio, based on the hymn by John Newton  
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*Please sit*

## THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*led by Tim Lindell, Our Lady of Victories Roman Catholic Church  
and Arderne Gillies, Southwell Baptist Church*

*concluding with:*

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,  
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.**

*Please stand*

## THE PEACE

*Introduced by Peter Hibberts, Minister, Southwell Methodist Church*

God has made us one in Christ.  
He has set his seal upon us and,  
as a pledge of what is to come,  
has given the Spirit  
to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

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

*We share a sign of Christ's peace together.*

## THE NICENE CREED

We declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*All*

**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.**

## FINAL HYMN

1. Love Divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
All thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesu, thou art all compassion,  
Pure unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation,  
Enter every trembling heart.

2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit  
Into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in thee inherit;  
Let us find thy promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning,  
Set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come, almighty to deliver,  
Let us all thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
Glory in thy perfect love.

4. Finish then thy new creation,  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation,  
Perfectly restored in thee,  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88) HOAN 428

Tune: BLAENWERN NEH 408 (t. i)  
William Rowlands (1860-1937)

FINAL BLESSING led by Amanda Lees, Canon Missioner, Southwell Minster

ORGAN VOLUNTARY played by Alastair Clarke, Southwell Baptist Church

Prelude in B minor, BWV 869i

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

*Please do stay for refreshments after our service, served in  
the Bishop's Walled Garden of the Archbishop's Palace next to the Minster.*

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