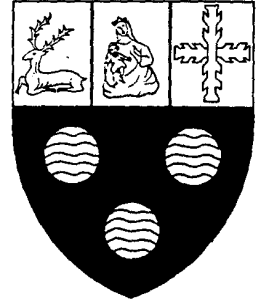


**Southwell
Minster**

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity
(Creation Sunday)

Sunday 13 September 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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Toilet facilities (including disabled access) are situated in the Archbishop's Palace, opposite the South Door of the Minster.



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This Order of Service is printed on sustainably produced paper.

The President of the Eucharist and Preacher is the Revd David McCoulough, *Priest Pastor*.
The 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 — please speak to a Churchwarden or vergier before the service (if possible) to request one.

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. 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 organ is played by Stephanie Gaunt, *Organ Scholar*.

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 enters, and children leave for their own activities*



**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
Come ye who hear,
Brothers and sisters draw near,
Praise him in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:
Hast thou not seen
All that is needful hath been
Granted in what he ordaineth?**

**Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work, and defend thee;
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew
All the Almighty can do,
He who with love doth befriend thee.**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen
Sound from his people again:
Gladly for ay we adore him.**

*Words: German, Joachim Neander (1650-80)
after Psalms 103, 150, trans. Catherine Winkworth (1827-78) et al.*

*Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN NEH 440
German traditional*

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.

The President introduces the Eucharist.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Deacon Human sin disfigures the whole creation,
which groans with eager longing for God's redemption.
We confess our sin in penitence and faith.

Silence is kept.

Your righteousness, Lord, is like the strong mountains,
and your judgements are like the great deep.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

With you is the well of life,
and in your light shall we see light.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Save us, Lord.
Continue your steadfast love to those who love you,
and your salvation to the upright of heart.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

ABSOLUTION

President Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus 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.

Almighty God,
 you have created the heavens and the earth
 and made us in your own image:
 teach us to discern your hand in all your works
 and your likeness in all your children;
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
 who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,
 now and for ever.
Amen.

Please sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *read by Alison Middleton*

Isaiah 55:12-end

A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah.

For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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.

You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honour and power,
for you created all things.

Alleluia.

Deacon The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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



Glo-ry to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

‘So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.’

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 Priest Pastor*

Silence is kept.

Please stand as the President returns to the altar 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

The intercessions today are a time of silence, accompanied by birdsong. Members of the congregation may wish to hold one or more of the following in their prayers:

The Minster's partnership with A Rocha working to address climate change

Sam Ward and the volunteers who care for our gardens and grounds

An awakening to the gravity and immediacy of the climate emergency

That this Season of Creation may rouse the will of all to care for the planet

The Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust, connecting people with nature

That our care for Creation will make us choose the food we eat more carefully, and thus respect the planet we inhabit

You will find some additional prayers you may wish to use on pages 19 and 20 of this Order of Service.

Following the time of silent intercession, we stand for the Peace.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

President You shall go out in joy and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

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. There's a wideness in God's mercy
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in his justice
Which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings
Have such kindly judgement given.**

**2. For the love of God is broader
Than the measure of man's mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.
But we make his love too narrow
By false limits of our own;
And we magnify his strictness
With a zeal he will not own.**

**3. There is plentiful redemption
In the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members
In the sorrows of the Head.
There is grace enough for thousands
Of new worlds as great as this;
There is room for fresh creations
In that upper home of bliss.**

**4. If our love were but more simple,
We should take him at his word;
And our lives would be all gladness
In the joy of Christ our Lord.**

Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-63)

*Tune: CORVEDALE CP 598
Maurice Bevan (1921-2006)*

PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

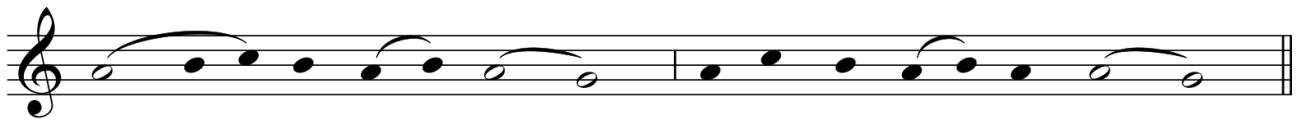
President Let us pray.

Blessed be God,
by whose grace creation is renewed,
by whose love heaven is opened.,
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.
Blessed be God for ever.

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 and good
to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.
Through him you have created us in your own image,
and made us stewards of your good creation.

Through him you teach us to exult in the birds of the air,
the lilies of the field, the precious and life-giving crops of the earth.
Through him you free us from the slavery of sin,
giving him to die upon the cross
and to rise again for our salvation.

Through him, you begin your work of new creation,
as we look for a new heaven and a new earth
in which your righteousness dwells.
Therefore, we join with angels and archangels,
and give voice to every creature under heaven,
for ever praising you and singing:

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 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

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

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.

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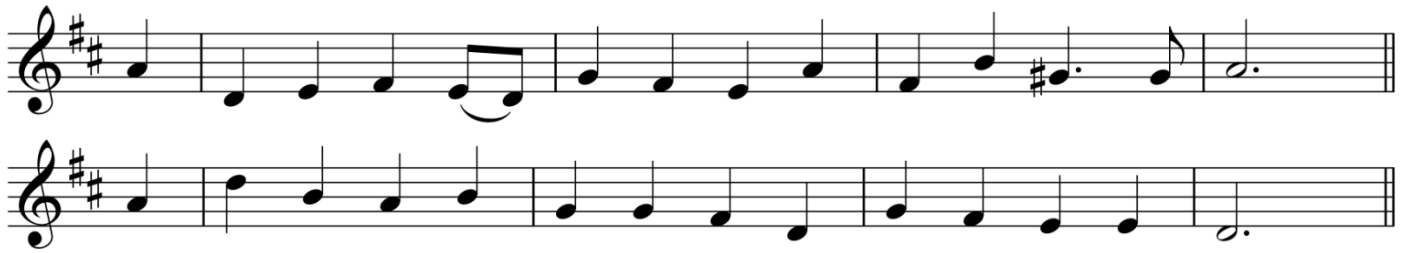
All baptised, communicant members of Christian churches are invited to receive Communion.

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

Gluten-free wafers are available on request. 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 the President will come to you.

COMMUNION HYMN *Please remain seated*



1. 'Forgive our sins as we forgive'
You taught us, Lord, to pray;
But you alone can grant us grace
To live the words we say.

**2. How can your pardon reach and bless
The unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs, and will not let
Old bitterness depart?**

**3. In blazing light your cross reveals
The truth we dimly knew,
How small the debts men owe to us,
How great our debts to you.**

**4. Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls,
And bid resentment cease;
Then, reconciled to God and man,
Our lives will spread your peace.**

Words: Rosamond Herklots (1905-87) NEH 66
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Tune: ST BERNARD NEH 63
adapted from a melody in Tochter Sion, Cologne 1741

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

President Let us pray.

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place
where hunger and thirst are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Notices are given.

Minster Kids may make a presentation.

THE DISMISSAL

Please stand

BLESSING

President May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is the source of all goodness and growth,
pour his blessings upon all things created,
and upon you his children,
that you may use his gifts to his glory
and the welfare of all peoples
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Deacon Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

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



1. Now thank we all our God,
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours to-day.

2. O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessèd peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The One eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore. Amen.

Words: German, Martin Rinkart (1586-1649)
trans. Catherine Winkworth (1827-78)

Tune: NUN DANKET NEH 413
Johann Crüger (1598-1662)
arr. Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Intrada (from *Miniature Suite for organ*)

John Ireland (1879-1962)

Please note that Mini Pew News (the abridged version of the Weekly notice sheet), is available as a separate document given out at Minster services each Sunday. The full version of Pew News can be found 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).

Similarly, the full service list for the next week, including the music, is available at <https://www.southwellminster.org/worship/services-calendar/> (direct link is included in the same e-mail mentioned above for Pew News).

CREATION SUNDAY PRAYERS

God said to Noah that ‘fear and dread of you shall rest on every animal of the earth, on every bird of the air, on everything that creeps on the ground, and on all the fish of the sea.’ Lord, we recognise the truth of your words, especially in our times of intensive farm management policy and practices. Awaken us all to our responsibility not to pass by on the other side and ignore the suffering and pain we inflict on creation.

‘God saw everything that he had made, and indeed it was very good.’ Eternal and life-giving God, we cannot say that everything in nature and your creation is now ‘very good.’ Forgive our neglect and indifference to the natural world. Help us to become aware of what we can change in our lifestyle to become advocates for change in our time.

You are a wise and loving God who speaks the truth. Please uncover lies and misinformation perpetuated in denying climate change and environmental breakdown. May the truth be boldly spoken about these matters by those in power and authority in our society and throughout the world.

Make your Church much more active and prayerful with regard to climate breakdown and the environmental crises we are facing. Raise up leaders who are unafraid to speak out. Help us, clergy and lay people alike, find ways to become more responsible as a cathedral church and make this our priority.

We pray for the farming community that they will find ways to tread more lightly upon your earth. Help all to be aware of the demands we place on farmers, of the impact of intensive farming practices and the effect these have on how animals are treated, rivers are polluted and the soil impoverished over the long term.

You are the God of past, present and future. As we repent of our past failures in caring for creation, help us act creatively now for the long-term future so that rising generations may be able to flourish.

Father God we pray for your love, compassion and protection to surround those people, creatures and habitats affected by climate change, especially those affected by after recent widespread wildfires.

Help us all to become aware of how our dietary choices can have positive or negative impacts on the environment. Enable us to make the necessary changes to our lifestyle adopting a more plant-based diet.

We pray for all those working in different organisations to protect the environment or educate us about it. May their efforts be recognised, their voices heard, and their advice heeded for the flourishing of all creation.

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