Southwell Minster
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THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham



CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST

with

DIOCESAN CONFIRMATIONS

by the Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham,
The Rt Revd Paul Williams

Christ the King

Sunday 22 November 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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Large print orders of service are available. Please ask a Churchwarden, Sidesperson or Verger for a copy.



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



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 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.

Collection

During this service a collection will be taken during the Offertory Hymn, the net proceeds of which will go to the Bishop's Confirmation Appeal, which this year is for Youth and Children's Ministry in the diocese. If you are a UK taxpayer, you are invited to fill in your details on the special Gift Aid envelopes provided so that we can reclaim your income tax and thus increase your donation by 25p for every £1 given. Alternatively, online donations can be made by using this QR code, and there will also be a contactless card reader available after the service to accept card donations. Please give generously.

If you wish to make a gift to support the ministry of the Cathedral, please do so at the collection box by the door, where the Minster's contactless electronic giving point is also available. Thank you.

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. Everyone is also welcome to remain in the main service throughout, to enable them to witness the Confirmations.

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 verger before the service (if possible) to request one.

Clergy at this Service

The President of the Eucharist and Preacher is the Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham, the Rt Revd Paul Williams. The Deacon is the Very Revd Dr Stephen Evans, *Dean of Southwell.* The Sub-Deacon is the Revd Amanda Lees, *Canon Missioner.*

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 *Missa brevis* by Jonathan Dove (b. 1959)

Organ Music before the Service

Sonata No 2 in C minor Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

i. *Grave*
ii. *Adagio*
iii. *Allegro maestoso e vivace*
iv. *Fuga – Allegro moderato*

The Rite of Confirmation

It is a deeply significant day in the life of all those who have decided to make a considerable and very public statement of their faith; for some they will be 'confirming' promises made by godparents and parents many years ago: a promise to try to live a trusting life following the call of Christ and being open to the grace of the Holy Spirit, 'quickening us' in the Christian faith. For increasing numbers of people it will be the beginning of a relationship with a believable God who has drawn them from right outside any structure of belief or belonging.

From whatever background or experience, through their decision to turn to Christ, they give us tremendous encouragement to celebrate our shared faith, and challenge us afresh to make effective our promises to God and to serve his world which he has loved from before the beginning as he continues to draw us into his own future.

If you come this day to support a member of the family or a friend, whether you are of any faith or none, we are delighted you are here and hope you can relax and find genuine welcome. If you have any questions regarding anything you experience here today, please do not hesitate to ask a member of the clergy after the service.

The Minster is bedecked in royal gold and white today as we are brought together by Christ himself in the great feast of Christ the King — the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

Live-streaming

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.

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We pray for those who are being confirmed today:

Southwell Minster The Revd Canon Prof. Alison Milbank	Maxwell Michael Izard, Samuel Hickling, Jane Reid John Hart, Andrea Parmentier
St Margaret's, Aspley Helen Ballinger, LLM	Lorren Nyambura Gitau, George Gakungu Kirubi Joy Michelle Wambui Gathoronjo Venus Joy Kabura Mwangi Vicky Nyokabi Mwangi, Joyce Ndungu
The Parish of Ollerton with Boughton The Revd Richard Hanford	Lyla Whittaker, Harriet Cumberlidge Colin Corbridge
St Helen's, Trowell The Revd Karen Hanford	Niamh Byrne James Brentnall
St Peter's, Awsworth The Revd Karen Hanford	Tyla Doody
Holy Rood, Edwalton The Revd Ade Perham	Stefan Beck
St Peter & St Paul's, West Hucknall The Revd Rachael Burn	Rose Newton, Sasi Warren Natalia Halton, Finn Wells Ruth Leivers, Diane Speight
St. Giles, Holme The Revd Canon David White	Sarah Nichola Mendelsohn
St Peter & St Paul, Mansfield The Revd Caroline Phillips	Reece Carver, Mark Plumb Shannon Plumb, Christopher Smith Neil Pearson, John Savidge
St Peter's & All Souls', Radford The Revd Naeem Bahadur	Oluwatobi Emmanuel Aro Rayan Samuel Hector Elijah Alvin Kashif, Uwana Lily Tom Jeremiah Bahadur, Angela Irfan

And for the following candidate to be received into the Church of England at this service:

St Peter's, Awsworth The Revd Karen Hanford	Darren Doody

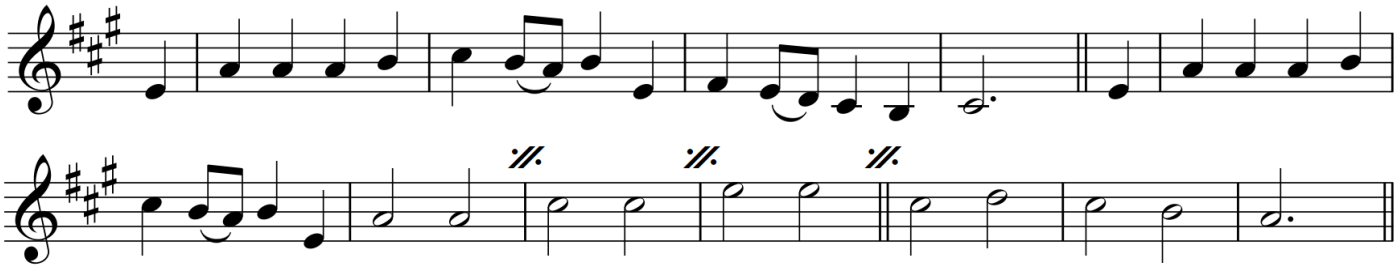
ORDER OF SERVICE

Before the service, The Very Revd Dr Stephen Evans, Dean of Southwell, 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.*



1. All hail the power of Jesu's name;
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem
To crown him Lord of all.

2. Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
Ye ransomed of the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
And crown him Lord of all.

3. Hail him, ye heirs of David's line,
Whom David Lord did call;
The God incarnate, Man divine,
And crown him Lord of all.

4. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall,
Go spread your trophies at his feet,
And crown him Lord of all.

5. Let every tribe and every tongue
To him their hearts enthral,
Lift high the universal song,
And crown him Lord of all.

Words: Edward Perronet (1726-92) et al.

Tune: MILES LANE NEH 332
William Shrubsole (1760-1806)

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

GREETING

Bishop Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.

There is one body and one spirit.
There is one hope to which we are called.

One Lord, one faith, one baptism.
One God and Father of all.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

The Bishop introduces the service.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Choir	Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.	*Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.*
	Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te, gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.	*Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.*
	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.	*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.*
	Quoniam tu solus Sanctus; tu solus Dominus; tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.	*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

Bishop Let us pray.

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
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 the the Revd Rachael Burn, Priest-in-Charge of St Peter & St Paul's, West Hucknall.* Ephesians 1: 15–end

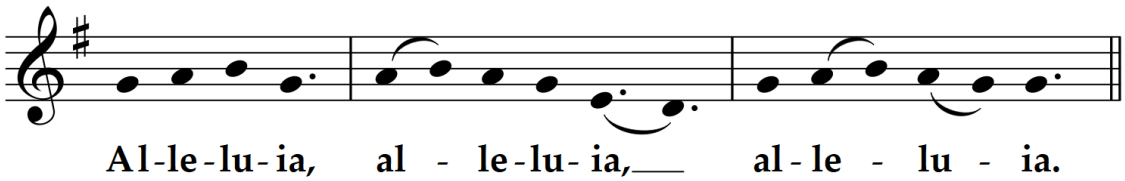
A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand and turn to face the Gospel reader as they move into the middle of the Nave

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Choir Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven.

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Mode vi and Paul Provost (b. 1985)

GOSPEL READING Matthew 25: 31–end

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

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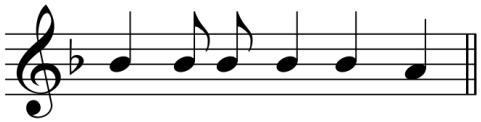
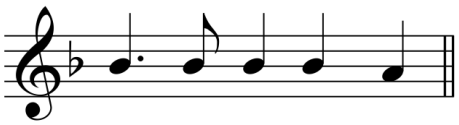


Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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

SERMON *given by the Bishop*

A period of silence is kept after the sermon.

THE LITURGY OF INITIATION

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The sponsoring ministers present their candidates for confirmation to the Bishop

Ministers Bishop, from the Parish of *X*, I present…

The Bishop asks the candidates for confirmation:

Have you been baptised in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit?

Candidates ***I have.***

Are you ready with your own mouth
and from your own heart
to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ?

Candidates ***I am.***

The candidates turn to face the congregation.

The Bishop addresses the congregation:

People of God, will you welcome these candidates
and uphold them in their life in Christ?

All **With the help of God, we will.**

The candidates turn back to face the Bishop.

THE DECISION

The Bishop addresses the candidates:

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness
into his marvellous light.
To follow Christ means dying to sin
and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?
Candidates ***I reject them.***

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?
Candidates ***I renounce them.***

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?
Candidates ***I repent of them.***

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?
Candidates ***I turn to Christ.***

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?
Candidates ***I submit to Christ.***

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?
Candidates ***I come to Christ.***

May God, who has given you the desire to follow Christ,
give you strength to continue in the Way.

Please stand

MOTET *sung by the choir, during which the Bishop leads the candidates to the Font*

O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit into our hearts,
and lighten our understanding,
that we may dwell in the fear of thy Name,
all the days of our life, that we may know thee,
the only true God,and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.

Words: Anonymous *Music: Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-85)*
from Lidley's Prayers

Please turn to face the Font

PRAYER OVER THE WATER

Bishop Praise God who made heaven and earth,
All **who keeps his promise for ever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, sovereign God of all,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
You are our light and our salvation.
From the deep waters of death
you have raised your Son to life in triumph.

Grant that all who have been born anew by water and the Spirit,
may daily be renewed in your image,
walk by the light of faith,
and serve you in newness of life;
through your anointed Son, Jesus Christ,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
we lift our voices of praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Bishop addresses the congregation:

Brothers and sisters,
I ask you to profess
together with these candidates
the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

The Bishop addresses the candidate to be received into the Church of England

You are here to be received into the communion of the Church of England. Do you acknowledge the Church of England as part of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church?
Candidate ***I do.***

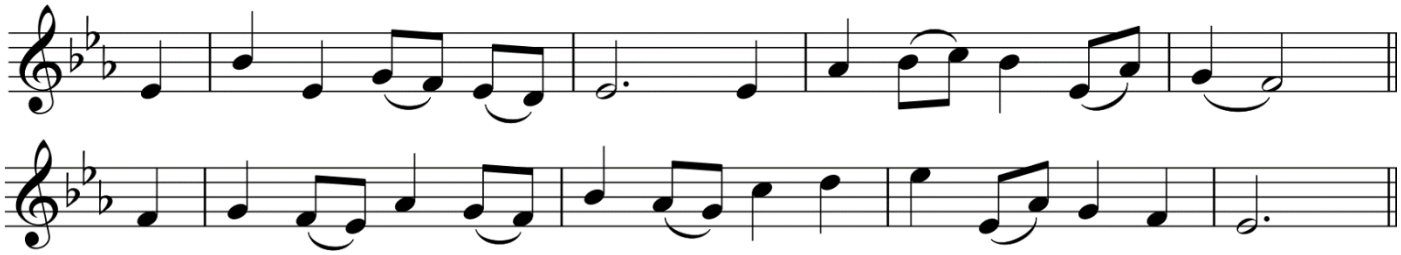
Do you accept the teaching, discipline and authority of the Church of England?
Candidate ***I do.***

Will you take part with us in worship and mission?
Candidate ***I will.***

The Bishop sprinkles the candidates with the water of baptism.

When the organist begins to play, please turn back to sing the following hymn.

HYMN *during which the candidates are led back to their seats, following the Paschal Candle*



1. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what thou dost love,
And do what thou wouldst do.

2. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with thee I will one will,
To do and to endure.

3. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Till I am wholly thine,
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with the fire divine.

4. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
So shall I never die,
But live with thee the perfect life
Of thine eternity.

Words: Edwin Hatch (1835-89) NEH 342

Tune: CARLISLE NEH 178
Charles Lockhart (1745-1815)

Please sit or kneel

CONFIRMATION

Bishop Our help is in the name of the Lord
who has made heaven and earth.

Blessed be the name of the Lord
now and for ever. Amen.

The Bishop extends his hands towards those to be confirmed and says:

Almighty and ever-living God,
you have given these your servants new birth
in baptism by water and the Spirit,
and have forgiven them all their sins.
Let your Holy Spirit rest upon them:
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding:
the Spirit of counsel and inward strength;
the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness;
and let their delight be in the fear of the Lord.
Amen.

The Bishop addresses each candidate by name:

N, God has called you by name and made you his own.

He then lays his hand on the head of each, saying:

Confirm, O Lord, your servant *N* with your Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Bishop anoints each candidate with oil, saying:

N, be sealed with the gift of the Spirit.

RECEPTION INTO THE COMMUNION OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

The Bishop extends his hands towards the candidate to be received and says

God of mercy and love,
by one Spirit we have all been baptized into one body
and made to drink of the one Spirit;
we thank you for the gifts you have given to your servant Darren
for the building up of the body of Christ.
Grant that he may continue in the life of the Spirit
and walk with us in the light and obedience of Christ.

By the same Spirit,
fill the whole Church with your overflowing love;
give us knowledge and discernment of your will,
and steadfastness in your service,
until we all come to the unity of the faith,
to the measure of the full stature of Christ,
through whom we make our prayer.

All **Amen.**

The Bishop says to the candidate to be received

Darren, we recognize you as a member of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church;
and we receive you into the communion of the Church of England
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Bishop invites the congregation to pray for all those newly confirmed or received:

Defend, O Lord, these your servants
with your heavenly grace,
that they may continue yours for ever,
and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more
until they come to your everlasting kingdom.
Amen.

Please stand

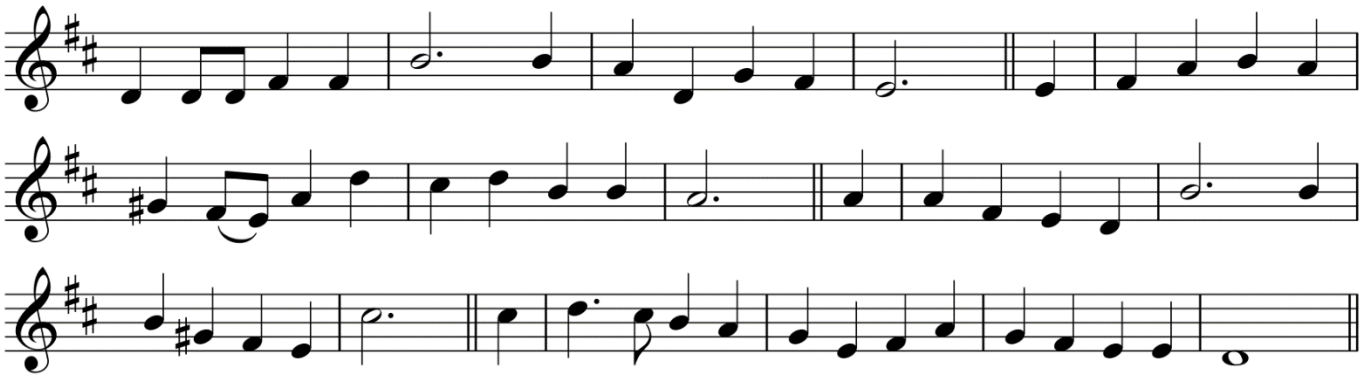
THE WELCOME AND PEACE

Bishop To crown all things there must be love,
to bind all together and complete the whole.
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

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, the net proceeds of which will be given to the Bishop's Confirmation Appeal.*



1. Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

2. Crown him the Virgin's Son,
The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won
Which now his brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic Rose,
As of that Rose the Stem;
The Root whence mercy ever flows,
The Babe of Bethlehem.

3. Crown him the Lord of love!
Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds yet visible above
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright.

4. Crown him the Lord of peace,
Whose power a sceptre sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
Absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end,
And round his piercèd feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.

5. Crown him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime.
Glassed in a sea of light,
Where everlasting waves
Reflect his throne – the infinite!
Who lives – and loves – and saves.

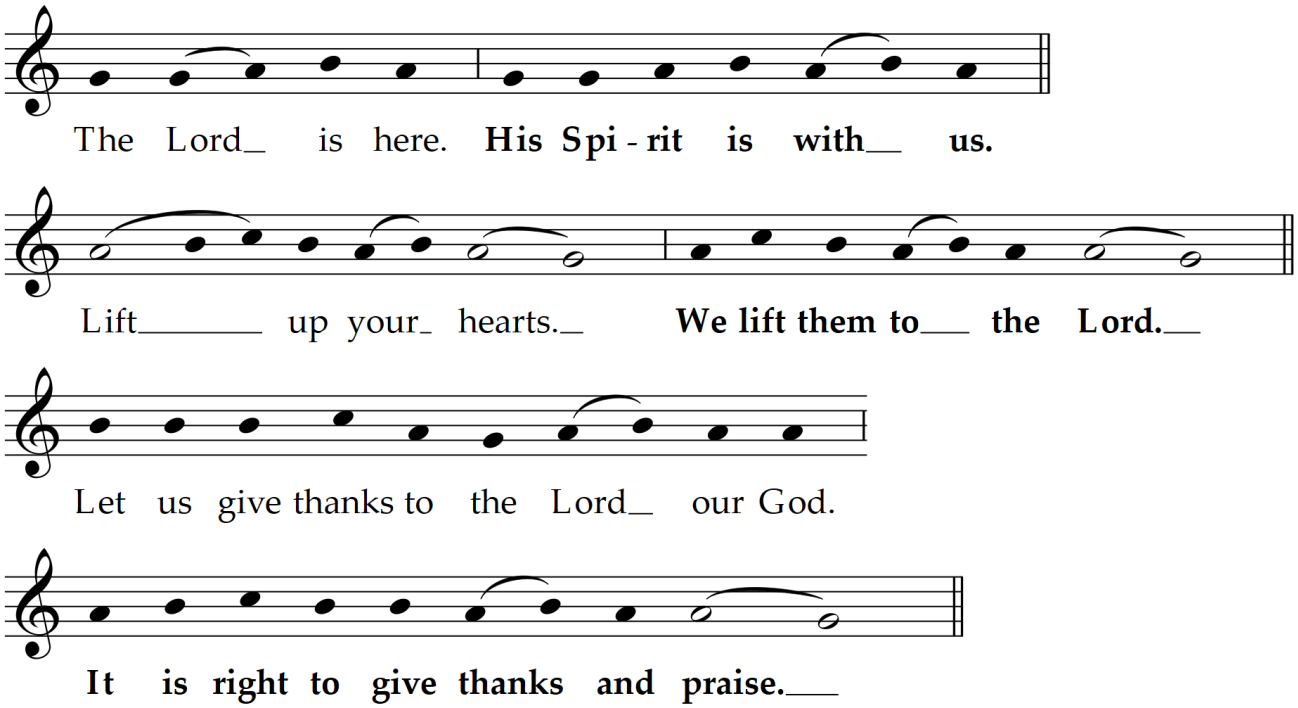
Words: Matthew Bridges (1800-94) *Tune: DIADEMATA NEH 352*
George Elvey (1816-93)

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Bishop Blessed be God,
who enthrones us with Christ in the heavenly realms.
May we feed upon the bread of God
and drink the royal wine of heaven.
Blessed be God for ever.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For with the oil of gladness
you have anointed Christ the Lord, your only Son,
to be our great high priest and king of all creation.

As priest, he offered himself once for all upon the altar of the cross
and redeemed the human race by this perfect sacrifice of peace.

As king he claims dominion over all your creatures,
that he may bring before your infinite majesty
a kingdom of truth and life,
a kingdom of holiness and grace,
a kingdom of justice, love and peace.
And so with angels and archangels
and all the heavenly host,
we proclaim your glory
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS *sung by the choir*

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus	*Holy, holy, holy Lord,*
Dominus Deus Sabaoth,	*God of power and might,*
pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.	*heaven and earth are full of your glory.*
Hosanna in excelsis.	*Hosanna in the highest.*
Benedictus qui venit	*Blessed is he who comes*
in nomine Domini.	*in the name of the Lord.*
Hosanna in excelsis.	*Hosanna in the highest.*

Bishop 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:

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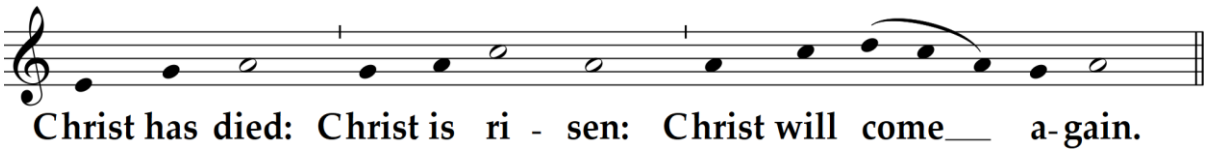

Bishop Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

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.

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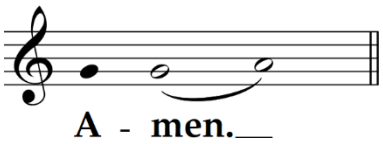

Please sit or kneel

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Bishop Uniting our prayer with the whole company of heaven,
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

The Bishop breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

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

Bishop Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

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

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

The newly confirmed receive Communion first from the Bishop. Once they have all received Communion, 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 administrant 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 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 MOTET *sung by the choir during the distribution of Communion*

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
And stand with fear and trembling,
And lift itself above all earthly thought.

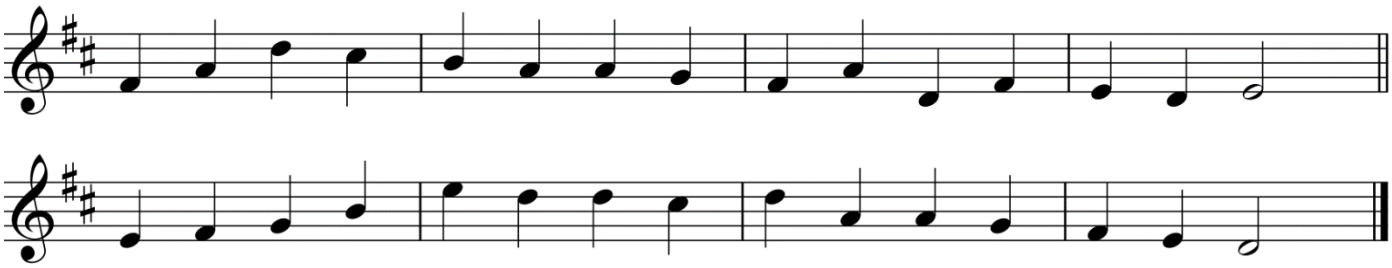
For the King of kings and Lord of lords, Christ our God,
Cometh forth to be our oblation,
And to be given for food to the faithful.

Before him come the choirs of angels,
With every principality and power,
The Cherubim with many eyes,
And winged Seraphim,
Who veil their faces as they shout exultingly the hymn:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Words: Greek hymn, 3rd century after Habakkuk 2: 20

Music: Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

COMMUNION HYMN. *Please remain seated.*



1. All for Jesus! all for Jesus!
This our song shall ever be;
For we have no hope nor Saviour
If we have not hope in thee.

2. All for Jesus! thou wilt give us
Strength to serve thee hour by hour:
None can move us from thy presence
While we trust thy love and power.

3. All for Jesus! at thine altar
Thou dost give us sweet content;
There, dear Saviour, we receive thee
In thy holy sacrament.

4. All for Jesus! thou hast loved us,
All for Jesus! thou hast died,
All for Jesus! thou art with us,
All for Jesus, glorified!

5. All for Jesus! All for Jesus!
This the Church's song shall be,
Till at last the flock is gathered
One in love and one in thee.

Words: W. J. Sparrow-Simpson (1859-1952)

Tune: ALL FOR JESUS NEH 272
John Stainer (1840-1901)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bishop Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

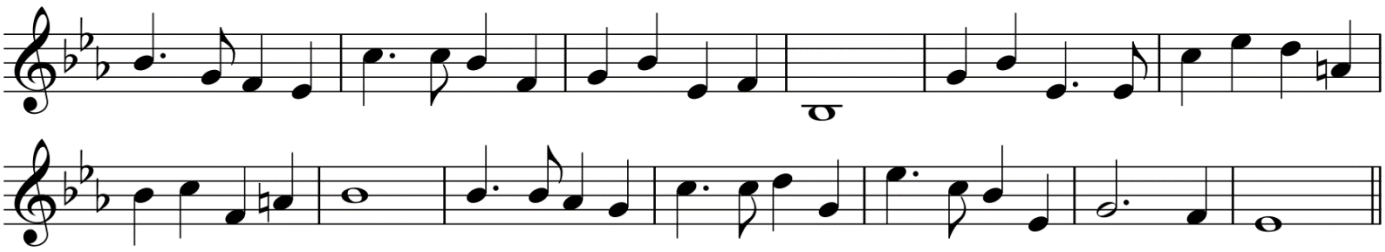
Notices are given.

Please stand

BLESSING

Bishop Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will,
that you may reign with him in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

HYMN *during which the newly confirmed stand before the congregation at the front of the Nave*



1. Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
Hear us as we sing:
Yours the glory and the crown,
The high renown, the eternal name!

2. Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
Power and majesty concealing
By your humble birth:
Yours the glory…

3. Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,
Victim crucified!
Death is through the cross defeated,
Sinners justified:
Yours the glory…

4. Priestly king, enthroned for ever
High in heaven above!
Sin and death and hell shall never
Stifle hymns of love:
Yours the glory…

5. So, our hearts and voices raising
Through the ages long,
Ceaselessly upon you gazing,
This shall be our song:
Yours the glory…

Words: Michael Saward (1932-2015) *Tune: GUITING POWER NEP 613*
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THE SENDING OUT

GIVING OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

The newly confirmed receive a candle lit from the Paschal Candle. Once all have received a candle, the Bishop says:

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.

You have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.
Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.

DISMISSAL

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

during which the Bishop leads out the newly confirmed, followed by the clergy

Fantaisie sur le Te Deum et Guirlandes Alleluiatiques Charles Tournemire (1870-1939)
(from *L'Orgue mystique LI*)

Following the service the Bishop has photographs with the newly confirmed at the High Altar.

Following the service, all are warmly invited to refreshments in the South Transept.

Please take this Order of Service away with you.

Next Sunday is Advent Sunday, and our **Advent Procession** service will take place here at 6.30pm (instead of our normal 3.30pm Evensong service). This atmospheric service begins in darkness, building up to a glorious light as the coming of Jesus is foretold. In word and music, themes of prophecy and expectation come together, pointing the way towards the salvation of the world. Beautiful music is sung by the Cathedral Choir, whose journey through the building reminds us of our own spiritual journey towards the light of Christ, in anticipation of the glories of Christmas. Entry is not ticketed; however early arrival is advised.

For full details of all of our Advent and Christmas services and events, please visit our website: **www.southwellminster.org/christmas2026**

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/.

We are always delighted to welcome newcomers and visitors. If you would like to keep in regular contact with the Minster, please either speak to one of the clergy or churchwardens, or email office@southwellminster.org.uk

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