

The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 8 October 2023



**Southwell
Minster**
THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

11.15am Sung Eucharist

Organ Prelude: *Romance* (from *Symphony No 4*), Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Communion Setting: *Messe Solennelle*, Jean Langlais (1907-91)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O love, how deep, how broad, how high (NEH 425)

THE LORD'S PRAYER, PRAYER OF PREPARATION and KYRIE ELEISON

COLLECT FOR THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Lord, we beseech thee, grant thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

FIRST READING *read by Stephen Littlewood*

Philippians 3: 4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

GRADUAL *sung by the choir*

Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words: The Book of Common Prayer, 1549

Music: William Byrd (c. 1539-1623)

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21: 33–46

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people:

‘Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.” So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’

Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures:

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes”?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.’

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

THE NICENE CREED

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

OFFERTORY HYMN *during which the table is prepared for Communion and a collection for the mission and ministry of the Cathedral is taken*

Christ is made the sure foundation

(NEH 205)

INTERCESSION, CONFESSION

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS *and* PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

GIVING OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION MOTET *sung by the choir during the distribution of Communion*

Tantum ergo sacramentum
Veneremur cernui
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui,
Praestet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.

*Therefore we, before him bending,
This great sacrament revere:
Types and shadows have their ending,
For the newer rite is here;
Faith, our outward sense befriending,
Makes our inward vision clear.*

Genitori genitoque
Laus et jubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio;
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio.
Amen.

*Glory let us give and blessing
To the Father and the Son,
Honour, might, and praise addressing,
While eternal ages run;
Ever too his love confessing,
Who, from both, with both is one.
Amen.*

Words: Thomas Aquinas (1227-74)
trans. John Mason Neale (1818-66)

Music: Fernand Laloux (1901-70)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

FINAL HYMN

When I survey the wondrous cross

(NEH 95)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

THE BLESSING

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Moderato (from *Symphony No 7*)

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

*The next of our monthly Book of Common Prayer Sung Eucharists
will take place on **Sunday 5 November** at 11.15am.*

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