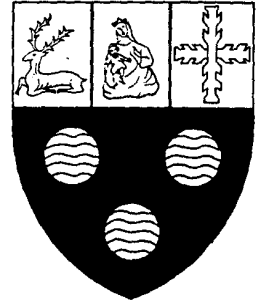


**Southwell  
Minster**

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF  
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



# CELEBRATION CHORAL EVENSONG

**The Twenty-Second Sunday after Trinity**

Sunday 5 November 2023

3.30pm

# Welcome to Southwell Minster



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The congregation is invited to join in all texts printed in **bold**.

The Cathedral Choir is directed by Paul Provost, *Rector Chori*.

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

## Today's Collection

The Milo Chorister Fund was established in 2023 to raise vital funds to support Southwell Minster's Chorister Programme. Please pick up a Milo leaflet to see how you can support the Choristers. A collection for the Fund will be taken during the Offertory Hymn.

- UK taxpayers: please complete a Gift Aid envelope provided so that we can increase your donation by 25%
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Please give generously.

**Welcome to Southwell Minster’s Celebration Choral Evensong.** At this service we celebrate the music and musicians of the Minster, and thank all of you who support the Music Foundation, whether by giving your time, donating, or making music here yourself.

Amongst the congregation this afternoon are members of our treasured amateur choir, the Minster Chorale; former Choristers; Paul Hale (Rector Chori Emeritus); international baritone Marcus Farnsworth (Milo Chorister Fund Ambassador); members of the Council of both The Friends of Southwell Cathedral and Southwell Minster Choir Association, which provide ongoing support of music at the Minster; and dozens of people without whom the Music Foundation would not be what it is today. An enormous thank you to you all.

We are honoured to welcome Sir John Peace (Lord Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire) and Professor Veronica Pickering (High Sheriff of Nottinghamshire), along with representatives of Nottinghamshire County Council, Newark & Sherwood District Council, and Southwell Town Council. The support of our local councils is valued hugely by the Minster community.

We are delighted to welcome representatives of three Trusts that have made significant donations to the Minster in 2023. Charlie Leggatt is Chairman of The Friends of Southwell Cathedral, which has donated over £63,000 to music this year, through the legacy of a much missed friend of the Cathedral, Barbara Barker. Sue Hind Woodard represents the Cathedral Music Trust, which made a grant of £18,500 towards our Lay Clerks. Geoffrey Bond OBE DL LLD FSA is Chairman of the Chizel Educational Trust, a Nottinghamshire charity which support students. Chizel has made a grant of £1,600 to fully support a Chorister for an entire year. Other significant benefactors are listed below. We are most grateful to these bodies for their support of the Minster.



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# ORDER OF SERVICE

## ORGAN PRELUDE

*Variations on a Hymn Tune*

William Mathias (1834-92)

INTROIT *sung by the choir from the North Transept*

Many who sleep, in the dust of the earth,  
shall awake: to everlasting life.  
The righteous shall shine, like the sun,  
and those who lead many to righteousness,  
like the stars, for ever and ever.

*Words: Daniel 12:2-3*

*Music: Nicholas Coxon*

*Please stand at the entry of the choir and ministers*

PRECES *sung by the Canon Precentor and choir*

O Lord, open thou our lips:  
And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us:  
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.

*Music: Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656)*

*The Very Revd Nicola Sullivan, Dean of Southwell, welcomes the congregation to the service.*

## OFFICE HYMN



O blest Creator of the light,  
Who makest day with radiance bright,  
And o'er the forming world didst call  
The light from chaos first of all;

**Whose wisdom joined in meet array  
The morn and eve, and named them Day:  
Night comes with all its darkling fears;  
Regard thy people's prayers and tears:**

Lest, sunk in sin and whelm'd with strife,  
They lose the gift of endless life;  
While, thinking but the thoughts of time,  
They weave new chains of guilt and crime.

**But grant them grace that they may strain  
The heavenly gate and prize to gain:  
Each harmful lure aside to cast,  
And purge away each error past.**

**O Father, that we ask be done,  
Through Jesus Christ, thine only Son,  
Who with the Spirit and with thee  
Doth live and reign eternally.  
Amen.**

*Words: Latin, 8th century or earlier  
trans. Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)*

*Tune: LUCIS CREATOR NEH 150 (t. i)  
Mode viii*

*Please sit*

I will give thanks unto the Lord with my whole heart:  
secretly among the faithful, and in the congregation.  
The works of the Lord are great:  
sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.  
His work is worthy to be praised, and had in honour:  
and his righteousness endureth for ever.  
The merciful and gracious Lord hath so done his marvellous works:  
that they ought to be had in remembrance.  
He hath given meat unto them that fear him:  
he shall ever be mindful of his covenant.  
He hath shewed his people the power of his works:  
that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.  
The works of his hands are verity and judgement:  
all his commandments are true.  
They stand fast for ever and ever:  
and are done in truth and equity.  
He sent redemption unto his people:  
he hath commanded his covenant for ever; holy and reverend is  
his Name.  
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom:  
a good understanding have all they that do thereafter; the praise of it  
endureth for ever.

O praise the Lord, all ye heathen:  
praise him, all ye nations.  
For his merciful kindness is ever more and more towards us:  
and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise the Lord.

*Please stand*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen.

*Please sit*

*Chants: James Turle (1802-82)  
and David Willcocks (1919-2015)*

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. The first was like a lion and had eagles' wings. Then, as I watched, its wings were plucked off, and it was lifted up from the ground and made to stand on two feet like a human being; and a human mind was given to it. Another beast appeared, a second one, that looked like a bear. It was raised up on one side, had three tusks in its mouth among its teeth and was told, 'Arise, devour many bodies!' After this, as I watched, another appeared, like a leopard. The beast had four wings of a bird on its back and four heads; and dominion was given to it. After this I saw in the visions by night a fourth beast, terrifying and dreadful and exceedingly strong. It had great iron teeth and was devouring, breaking in pieces, and stamping what was left with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that preceded it, and it had ten horns. I was considering the horns, when another horn appeared, a little one coming up among them; to make room for it, three of the earlier horns were plucked up by the roots. There were eyes like human eyes in this horn, and a mouth speaking arrogantly.

As I watched,  
thrones were set in place,  
and an Ancient One took his throne;  
his clothing was white as snow,  
and the hair of his head like pure wool;  
his throne was fiery flames,  
and its wheels were burning fire.  
A stream of fire issued  
and flowed out from his presence.  
A thousand thousand served him,  
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.  
The court sat in judgement,  
and the books were opened.

I watched then because of the noise of the arrogant words that the horn was speaking. And as I watched, the beast was put to death, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.

As I watched in the night visions,  
I saw one like a human being  
coming with the clouds of heaven.  
And he came to the Ancient One  
and was presented before him.  
To him was given dominion  
and glory and kingship,  
that all peoples, nations, and languages  
should serve him.  
His dominion is an everlasting dominion  
that shall not pass away,  
and his kingship is one  
that shall never be destroyed.

As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: 'As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever — for ever and ever.'

*Please stand*



MAGNIFICAT *sung by the choir*

My soul doth magnify the Lord:  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.  
For he hath regarded:  
the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
For behold, from henceforth:  
all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me:  
and holy is his name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him:  
throughout all generations.  
He hath shewed strength with his arm:  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat:  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things:  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:  
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:  
and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen.

*Words: Luke 1: 46-55*

*Music: from EVENING SERVICE IN C  
Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)*

*Please sit*

Jesus came down with the Twelve Apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

'Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

'Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

'Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

'But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

'Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

'Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

*Please stand*

NUNC DIMITTIS *sung by the choir*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:  
according to thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen:  
thy salvation.  
Which thou hast prepared:  
before the face of all people;  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:  
and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen.

*Words: Luke 2: 29-32*

*Music: from EVENING SERVICE IN C  
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*Please turn east to face the High Altar*

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth:  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead and buried.  
He descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic Church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

*Please turn back*

LESSER LITANY, LORD'S PRAYER AND RESPONSES

*sung by the Canon Precentor and choir*

The Lord be with you:

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

*Please sit or kneel*

Lord, have mercy upon us:

Christ, have mercy upon us:

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which in heaven art,

Lord, hallowed be thy Name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth,

even as the same in heaven is.

Give us O Lord our daily bread this day.

As we forgive our debtors, so forgive our debts we pray.

Into temptation lead us not, from evil make us free.

For kingdom, power and glory thine,

both now and ever be.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us:

And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the King:

And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness:

And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people:

And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord:

Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us:

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

## COLLECT FOR THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Lord, we beseech thee to keep thy household the Church in continual  
godliness;  
that through thy protection it may be free from all adversities,  
and devoutly given to serve thee in good works,  
to the glory of thy Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels,  
and all just works do proceed;  
give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give;  
that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments,  
and also that, by thee,  
we being defended from the fear of our enemies  
may pass our time in rest and quietness;  
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
Amen.

## COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord;  
and by thy great mercy defend us  
from all perils and dangers of this night;  
for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

*Music: Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656)  
and John Farmer (c. 1570-1605)*

*Please sit*

## ANTHEM *sung by the choir*

Beati quorum via integra est:      *Blessed are those that are undefiled in the way:*  
qui ambulant in lege Domini.      *and walk in the law of the Lord.*

*Words: Psalm 119: 1*

*Music: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)*

## GRANT PRESENTATION

*by Sue Hind Woodward, representative of the Cathedral Music Trust*

## MILO CHORISTER FUND BURSARY CERTIFICATE PRESENTATIONS

*by Geoffrey Bond, Chairman of The Chizel Educational Trust,  
and Charlie Leggatt, Chairman of The Friends of Southwell Cathedral,  
on behalf of The Chizel Educational Trust, The Friends of Southwell Cathedral,  
The Ouseley Church Music Trust and The Williams Church Music Trust.*

HOMILY *given by the Dean*

*Please remain seated or kneel when invited.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *led by Canon Angela Ashwin, Reader*

*One of the following responses, or another, may be used:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

## THE GRACE

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all evermore.  
Amen.**

*Please stand*

OFFERTORY HYMN *during which a collection is taken for the Milo Chorister Fund.*



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. 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.

3. 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)

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

BLESSING

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord:  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,  
be amongst you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

DISMISSAL *sung by the Canon Precentor and choir*

The Lord be with you:  
And with thy Spirit.

Let us bless the Lord:  
Thanks be to God.

*Music: after Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656)*

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *during which the ministers and choir depart*

*Paeon*

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

*Once the ministers and choir have departed, you are invited to sit to listen quietly to the organ voluntary. If you wish to leave at this point, please do so without disturbing those who may still wish to listen or pray. The clergy will stand in the Crossing to greet you on your way out.*

*All members of the congregation are invited to stay after the service for refreshments, which are kindly sponsored by Southwell Minster Choir Association.*

*Available today is **Minster News**, our monthly printed noticesheet for November, which attempts to provide a summary of this month's events and other information – please take a copy.*

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