

**The First Sunday after Epiphany
(The Baptism of Christ)
Sunday 7 January 2024**



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

3.30pm Evensong

sung by the Minster Chorale

Organ Prelude: *Marche des Rois Mages*, Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)

Preces and Responses: Richard Ayleward (1626-69)

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis: *Evening Service in D*, Herbert Brewer (1865-1928)

This leaflet provides the material specific to our Evensong service this afternoon. It should be used in conjunction with the pale blue Evensong booklet you will find available in the stalls.

INTROIT *sung by the choir from the North Transept*

If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may bide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth.

Words: John 14: 15-16

Music: Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-85)

PRECES (*see page 4 of Evensong booklet*)

The congregation is welcomed by the Canon in Residence.

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OFFICE HYMN

Why, impious Herod, shouldst thou fear

(page 23 of Office Hymn booklet)

PSALM 46

(page 403 in the Book of Common Prayer)

FIRST READING

Isaiah 42: 1–9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the Lord, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

MAGNIFICAT (*see page 5 of Evensong booklet*)

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2: 1–10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

NUNC DIMITTIS (*see page 6 of Evensong booklet*)

THE APOSTLES' CREED (*see page 6 of Evensong booklet*)

LESSER LITANY, LORD'S PRAYER AND RESPONSES (*see page 7 of Evensong booklet*)

including COLLECT FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people
which call upon thee;
and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought
to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

ANTHEM sung by the choir

O leave your sheep, your lambs that follow after,
O leave the brook, the pasture and the crook.
No longer weep, turn weeping into laughter,
O shepherds seek your goal,
your Lord who cometh to console.
You'll find him laid within a simple stable,
a babe new-born, in poverty forlorn.
In love array'd, a love so deep,
'tis able to search the night for you; 'tis he.
O kings so great, a light is streaming o'er you,
more radiant far than diadem or star.
Forego your state, a baby lies before you,
whose wonder shall be told,
bring myrrh, bring frankincense and gold.

*Words: French traditional
translated by Alice Raleigh*

*Music: French traditional melody
arranged by Kenneth Leighton (1929-88)*

HOMILY given by Canon Angela Ashwin, Reader

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION led by the Revd Dr Richard Frith, Canon Precentor

OFFERTORY HYMN during which a collection is taken for the mission and ministry of the Cathedral

Bethlehem, of noblest cities

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THE BLESSING AND THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Epilogue

Francis Jackson (1917-2022)

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