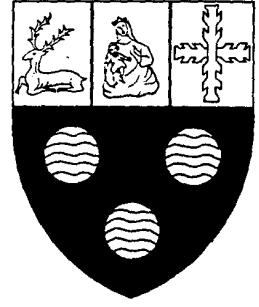


**Southwell  
Minster**  
THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF  
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



# FESTIVAL EVENSONG

**The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Sunday 25 August 2024

3.30pm

# 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, Sidesman or Verger for a copy.



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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**.

The choir at our service today is the Southwell Festival Voices, together with the Cathedral Choir, directed by Paul Provost, *Rector Chori*.

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

This service will be live-streamed to the internet, and will be available at [www.southwellminster.org/worship-online](http://www.southwellminster.org/worship-online) and on the Minster's YouTube channel for one day. Live-streaming allows those joining from home to participate in the same act of worship as those in the Cathedral.

A collection for the mission and ministry of the Cathedral will be taken during the Offertory Hymn at this service. If you are a UK taxpayer, you are invited to fill in your



details on the Gift Aid envelopes provided so that we can reclaim your income tax and thus increase your donation by 25p for every £1 given. Cash donations can also be placed in the donation box near each entrance or card donations made using the contactless card station. Alternatively, to make a donation online, please scan this QR code or visit [www.southwellminster.org/donate](http://www.southwellminster.org/donate). Please give generously.

## The Service of Evensong

The experience of the service of Evensong is unique. It takes place at the end of the working day, and the choir leads worship through their singing. The service is centred around the singing of psalms, ancient texts that speak powerfully and accessibly to our very human hopes, fears and dreams. Every service of Evensong also includes two canticles, or songs, recorded in St Luke's Gospel: the *Magnificat* and *Nunc dimittis*. Both canticles focus on hope and the fulfilment of what God promised to his people, and so have acted as a foundation for prayer and reflection towards the end of the day for many hundreds of years. The beauty of daily sung services in cathedrals is that no two composers' interpretation of these texts is the same, so in the repetition of familiar texts we find fresh meaning every single day.

The gift of the service of Evensong is that it requires little active participation from the congregation; it is a service of respite from the stresses of the day. Our hope is that those of you for whom this is your first taste of Evensong will let yourselves be immersed in the experience: you need simply to be receptive, and to allow yourself to be carried by the choir in song and prayer. In letting others take on the responsibility for prayer on your behalf, you are left with greater freedom to be open to the presence and grace of God.

### Standing, Sitting and Kneeling

Throughout the booklet, you will find various references to posture:

- **Standing** is used for parts of the service where the emphasis is on praising or praying to God together; so we usually stand to sing hymns, and for certain important prayers.
- **Sitting** indicates listening and receiving; so we sit for the first and second readings from the Bible, and for the sermon.
- **Kneeling** is the traditional position for personal prayer. Please speak to one of the Vergers or Sidesmen if you would like a cushion for kneeling.

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, especially if standing or kneeling is uncomfortable.

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](mailto:office@southwellminster.org.uk)

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## ORGAN PRELUDE

*Adagio (from Symphony No 3)*

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

INTROIT *sung by the choir from the North Transept*

Gracious God, Creator Spirit,  
in the making of music,  
you have given us a delight for the mind  
and a solace for the heart:  
by the harmonies of your grace,  
resolve the discord of our own lives,  
that we may show forth your praise  
in all we do and all we are,  
for the glory of your great and wonderful name.  
Amen.

*Words: Peter Baelz (1923-2000)*

*Music: THE HARMONIES OF YOUR GRACE  
Guy Turner (b. 1955)*

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

PRECES *sung by the Canon Precentor and the 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:  
The Lord's name be praised.

*Music: Philip Moore (b. 1943)*

*The Revd Dr Richard Frith, Canon Precentor, 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 am well pleased:  
that the Lord hath heard the voice of my prayer;  
That he hath inclined his ear unto me:  
therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.  
The snares of death compassed me round about:  
and the pains of hell gat hold upon me.  
I shall find trouble and heaviness, and I will call upon the Name of  
the Lord:  
O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.  
Gracious is the Lord, and righteous:  
yea, our God is merciful.  
The Lord preserveth the simple:  
I was in misery, and he helped me.  
Turn again then unto thy rest, O my soul:  
for the Lord hath rewarded thee.  
And why? thou hast delivered my soul from death:  
mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.  
I will walk before the Lord:  
in the land of the living.  
I believed, and therefore will I speak; but I was sore troubled:  
I said in my haste, All men are liars.  
What reward shall I give unto the Lord:  
for all the benefits that he hath done unto me?  
I will receive the cup of salvation:  
and call upon the Name of the Lord.  
I will pay my vows now in the presence of all His people:  
right dear in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.  
Behold, O Lord, how that I am thy servant:  
I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid; thou hast broken my  
bonds in sunder.  
I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving:  
and will call upon the Name of the Lord.  
I will pay my vows unto the Lord, in the sight of all his people:  
in the courts of the Lord's house, even in the midst of thee, O  
Jerusalem. 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.

*Chant: Henry Ley (1887-1962)*

*Please sit*

## FIRST LESSON

Exodus 4: 27 – 5: 1

The Lord said to Aaron, 'Go into the wilderness to meet Moses.' So he went; and he met him at the mountain of God and kissed him. Moses told Aaron all the words of the Lord with which he had sent him, and all the signs with which he had charged him. Then Moses and Aaron went and assembled all the elders of the Israelites. Aaron spoke all the words that the Lord had spoken to Moses, and performed the signs in the sight of the people. The people believed; and when they heard that the Lord had given heed to the Israelites and that he had seen their misery, they bowed down and worshipped.

Afterwards Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said, 'Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, "Let my people go, so that they may celebrate a festival to me in the wilderness." '

*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 B FLAT  
Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)*

*Please sit*



Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls and will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with sighing—for that would be harmful to you.

Pray for us; we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honourably in all things. I urge you all the more to do this, so that I may be restored to you very soon.

Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

*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 B FLAT  
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*Please turn East towards the High Altar*

## 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 the 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 art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive them that trespass against us;  
and let us not be led into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
Amen.

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 DAY

Almighty and merciful God,  
of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true  
and laudable service;  
Grant, we beseech thee,  
that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life,  
that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises;  
through the merits of 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: Philip Moore (b. 1943)*

*Please sit*

*ANTHEM sung by the Choir*

All wisdom cometh from the Lord,  
and is with him for ever.  
Who can number the sand of the sea and the drops of the rain  
and the days of eternity?  
Who can find out the height of heaven and the breadth of the earth  
and the deep and wisdom?  
Wisdom hath been created before all things  
and the understanding of prudence from everlasting.  
The word of God most high is the foundation of wisdom,  
and her ways are everlasting commandments.

To whom hath the root of wisdom been revealed,  
or who hath known her wise counsels?  
There is one wise and greatly to be feared,  
the Lord sitting upon his throne.  
He created her,  
and saw her and numbered her,  
and poured her out upon all his works.  
She is with all flesh according to his gifts,  
and he hath given her to them that love him.

The fear of the Lord is honour and glory  
and gladness, and a crown of rejoicing.  
The fear of the Lord maketh a merry, merry heart  
and bringeth joy and gladness and a long life.

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes:  
and I shall keep it unto the end.  
Give me understanding and I shall keep thy law;  
yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.  
Make me to go in the way of thy commandments:  
for therein is my desire.  
O stablish thy word in thy servant:  
that I may fear thee.  
Behold my delight is in thy commandments:  
O quicken me in thy righteousness.

HOMILY *given by the Dean*

*Please remain seated or kneel when invited.*

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

*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 mission and ministry of the Cathedral*



1. King of glory, King of peace,  
I will love thee;  
And that love may never cease,  
I will move thee.  
Thou hast granted my request,  
Thou hast heard me;  
Thou didst note my working breast,  
Thou hast spared me.

2. Wherefore with my utmost art  
I will sing thee,  
And the cream of all my heart  
I will bring thee.  
Though my sins against me cried,  
Thou didst clear me;  
And alone, when they replied,  
Thou didst hear me.

3. Seven whole days, not one in seven,  
I will praise thee;  
In my heart, though not in heaven,  
I can raise thee.  
Small it is, in this poor sort  
To enrol thee:  
E'en eternity's too short  
To extol thee.

Words: George Herbert (1593-1633)

Tune: GWALCHMAI NEH 391  
Music: John David Jones (1827-70)

BLESSING *given by the Dean*

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: Philip Moore (b. 1943)*

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *during which the ministers depart*

*Toccata giocosa*

William Mathias (1934-92)

*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.*

***Please take this order of service away with you***

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