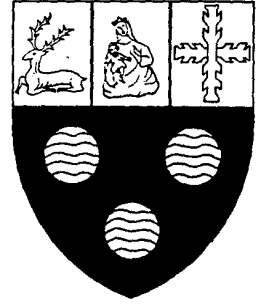


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THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF  
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# CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST

**The First Sunday of Christmas**

Sunday 29 December 2024

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.



A loop system is in operation throughout the Minster. Hearing aids that are equipped to do so should be switched to the 'T' position or the loop setting appropriate to your equipment.



**Large print** orders of service are available. Please ask a Churchwarden, Sidesperson 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 President of the Eucharist is the Revd Dr Richard Frith, *Canon Precentor*.

The Preacher is the Revd Sarah Patten, *Diocesan Principal of Wellbeing and Ministerial Development*.

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

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 week. Live-streaming allows those joining from home to participate in the same act of worship as those in the Cathedral.

**Support the Mission and Ministry of the Cathedral.** A collection for the Cathedral's mission and ministry will be taken during the Offertory Hymn. If you are a UK taxpayer, please consider using the Gift Aid envelopes provided – this allows us to increase your donation by 25p for every £1 you give at no extra cost to you. Card donations can be made at the contactless stations located near the main exits. You can also donate online by scanning the QR code or visiting [www.southwellminster.org/donate](http://www.southwellminster.org/donate). Thank you for your generous support of the Cathedral and its ongoing work.



## 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 ministrant 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.

## Children's activities

This week, our regular children's activity, Minster Kids, will not be meeting. Instead, there are children's activity bags available in our Children's Chapel (near the font) and at the door; please ask if you would like one. Children of all ages are very welcome at all our services.

## 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 Sidespersons 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 if you need to. For example, if standing for long periods is difficult, you may wish to sit during the Gospel and the Eucharistic Prayer.

## Music at this service

The organ is played by Peter Siepmann.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

*The President welcomes the congregation.*

## THE GATHERING

*Please stand at the start of the opening hymn.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *during which the altar party enter.*



**1. A great and mighty wonder,  
A full and holy cure!  
The virgin bears the infant  
With virgin-honour pure.  
*Repeat the hymn again!*  
*'To God on high be glory,  
And peace on earth to men!'***

**2. The Word becomes incarnate  
And yet remains on high!  
And Cherubim sing anthems  
To shepherds from the sky.  
*Repeat the hymn again!...***

**3. While thus they sing your Monarch,  
Those bright angelic bands,  
Rejoice, ye vales and mountains,  
Ye oceans clap your hands.  
*Repeat the hymn again!...***

**4. Since all he comes to ransom,  
By all be he adored,  
The infant born in Bethl'em,  
The Saviour and the Lord.  
*Repeat the hymn again!...***

**5. And idol forms shall perish,  
And error shall decay,  
And Christ shall wield his sceptre,  
Our Lord and God for ay.  
*Repeat the hymn again!...***

*Words: Greek, St Germanus (634-734)  
trans. John Mason Neale (1818-66) et al.*

*Tune: ES IST EIN ROS ENTSPRUNGEN NEH 21  
German carol melody  
harm. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)*

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

## GREETING

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

*The President introduces the Eucharist.*

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

*Deacon* Hear the words of the angel to Joseph:  
'You shall call his name Jesus,  
for he will save his people from their sins.'  
Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of God  
through Jesus the Saviour of the world.

*Silence is kept.*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name.  
Amen.**

## ABSOLUTION

*President* May God who loved the world so much  
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour  
forgive us our sins  
and make us holy to serve him in the world,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

# GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*Organ* *All*



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high- est.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al-migh-ty God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



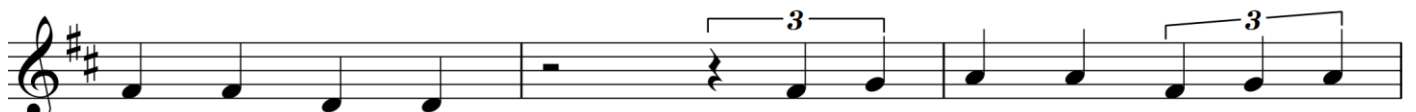
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est.



Lord, Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have



mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right



hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est.  
 For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 You a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly  
 Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.  
 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est.

*Music: from MASS OF ST THOMAS  
 David Thorne (b. 1950)*

*Please remain standing*

## COLLECT

*President* Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty God,  
 who wonderfully created us in your own image  
 and yet more wonderfully restored us  
 through your Son Jesus Christ:  
 grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,  
 so we may share the life of his divinity;  
 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 Margaret Gale*

Colossians 3: 12–17

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL HYMN



**Ding dong! merrily on high in heaven the bells are ringing:  
Ding dong! verily the sky is riv'n with angels singing.  
*Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis!***

**E'en so here below, below, let steeple bells be swungen,  
And 'io io io' by priest and people sungen.  
*Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis!***

**Pray you, dutifully prime your matin chime, ye ringers;  
May you beautifully rhyme your evetime song, ye singers.  
*Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis!***

*Words: George Ratcliffe Woodward (1838-1934)*

*Music: French traditional HOAN 130  
arr. Charles Wood (1866-1926)*

*Please stand and turn to face the Gospel reader*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*President* Alleluia, alleluia.  
The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,  
and we have seen his glory.

*All* **Alleluia.**

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



**Glo-ry to you, O Lord.**

Every year the parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please turn back to face the altar, and sit when invited by the preacher.*

SERMON *given by the Revd Sarah Patten*

*Please stand*

## NICENE CREED

*President* Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

*Please sit or kneel when invited*

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

*One of the following responses may be used:*

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

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

*and at the end:*

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

*Please stand*

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

### THE PEACE

*President* Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,  
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

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 for the mission and ministry of the Cathedral*

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major and 4/4 time. The first two staves contain the main melody. The third staff begins with a double bar line and the word 'Refrain' above it. The fourth staff continues the melody and includes the lyrics 'well, No - well, No - well, Born is the King of Is - ra - el!' below it. The lyrics are aligned with the notes: 'well' under the first note, 'No - well, No - well,' under the next two phrases, and 'Born is the King of Is - ra - el!' under the final phrase.

**The first Nowell the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep:  
    *Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,*  
    *Born is the King of Israel!***

**They lookèd up and saw a star,  
Shining in the east, beyond them far;  
And to the earth it gave great light,  
And so it continued both day and night:  
    *Nowell, Nowell...***

**And by the light of that same star,  
Three wise men came from country far;  
To seek for a king was their intent,  
And to follow the star wherever it went:  
    *Nowell, Nowell...***

**This star drew nigh to the north-west;  
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,  
And there it did both stop and stay  
Right over the place where Jesus lay:  
    *Nowell, Nowell...***

Then entered in those wise men three,  
 Full rev'rently upon their knee,  
 And offered there in his presence  
 Their gold and myrrh and frankincense:  
*Nowell, Nowell...*

Then let us all with one accord  
 Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,  
 That hath made heaven and earth of naught,  
 And with his blood mankind hath bought:  
*Nowell, Nowell...*

Words: Traditional

Tune: THE FIRST NOWELL NEH 36  
 English, mode iii  
 Harmony by John Stainer (1840-1901)

## PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

*President* Let us pray.

Word made flesh, life of the world,  
 in your incarnation you embraced our poverty:  
 by your Spirit may we share in your riches.  
**Amen.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER



The\_ Lord be\_\_ with\_ you and\_ al - so\_\_ with\_ you.



Lift\_\_\_\_\_ up your\_ hearts.\_ We lift them to\_\_ the Lord.\_



Let us give thanks to the Lord\_ our God.



It is right to give thanks and praise.\_\_\_\_

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty creator, ever-living God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who for love of our fallen race humbled himself,  
and was born of the Virgin Mary  
by the power of your Spirit,  
and lived as one of us.

In this mystery of the Word made flesh  
you have caused his light to shine in our hearts,  
to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.  
In him we see our God made visible  
and so are caught up in the love of the God we cannot see.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven  
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name  
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Ho - ly, Ho - ly Ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, Heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Music: from MASS OF ST THOMAS  
David Thorne (b. 1950)*



*President* Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
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.

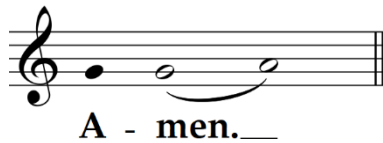
*Deacon* Great is the mystery of faith:

*All*   
Christ has died: Christ is ri - sen: Christ will come\_\_ a-gain.

*President* And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.  
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.  
Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

*All*



*Please sit or kneel*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*President* Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,  
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

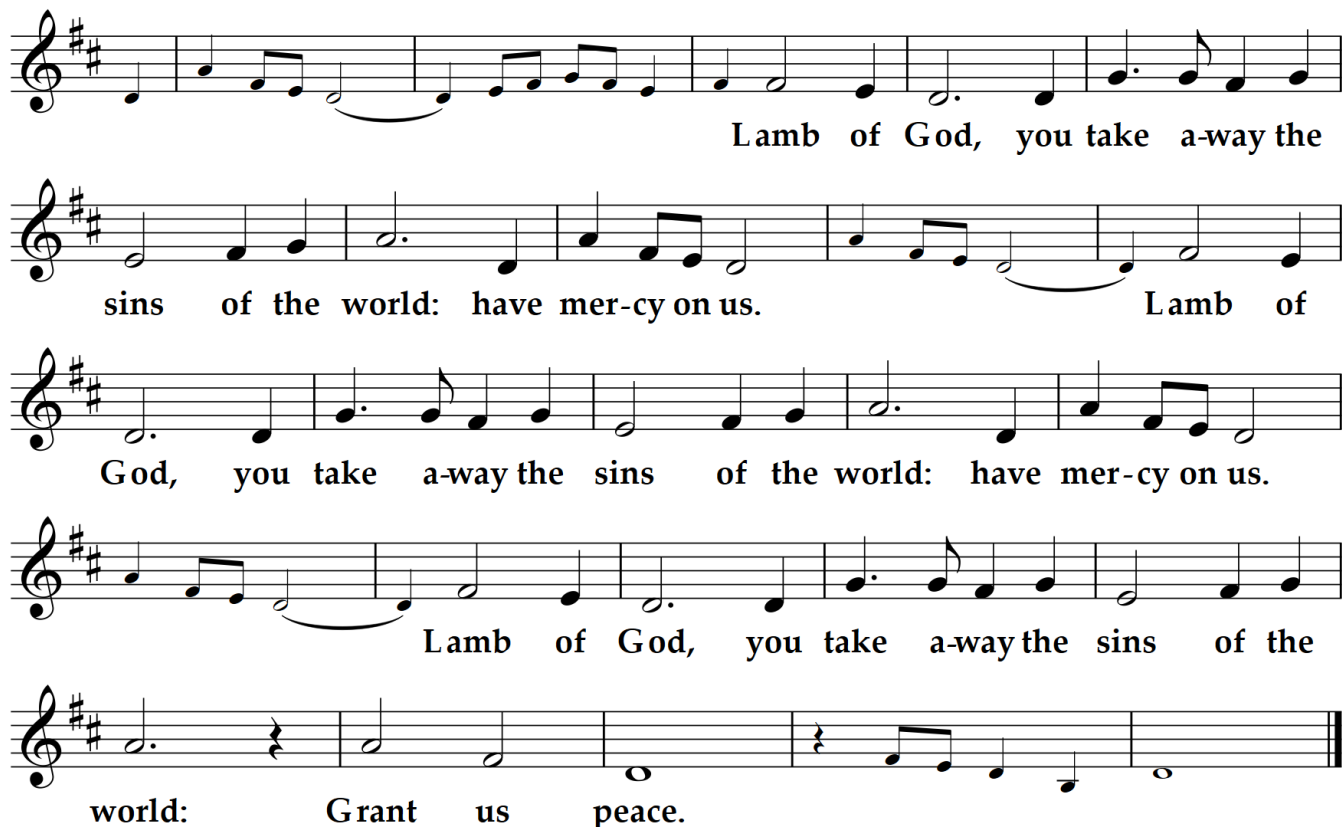
We break the bread of life,  
and that life is the light of the world.

**God here among us,  
light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.**

## GIVING OF COMMUNION

Christ is the true bread  
which has come down from heaven.  
**Lord, give us this bread always.**

## AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sins of the world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of  
God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the  
world: Grant us peace.

*Music: from MASS OF ST THOMAS  
David Thorne (b. 1950)*

*All baptised, communicant members of Christian churches are invited to receive Communion.*

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*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.*

*Please sit or kneel on your return from Communion.*

COMMUNION HYMN *Please remain seated*



Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.  
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,  
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay  
Close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
And fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

*Words: American, anonymous*

*Tune: CRADLE SONG NEH 22  
William James Kirkpatrick (1838-1921)*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*President* Let us pray.

Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home:  
help your Church to live as one family,  
united in love and obedience,  
and bring us all at last to our home in heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

*Notices are given.*

## THE DISMISSAL

*Please stand*

## BLESSING

*President* Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly,  
fill you with peace and goodwill  
and make you partakers of the divine nature;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

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

FINAL HYMN *during which the altar party leave in procession.*



Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns!  
Let all their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders, wonders of his love.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Tune: ANTIOCH CP 57  
George Frederick Handel (1685-1759)  
arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Toccata on the Huron Carol*

Brenda Portman

There is no printed noticesheet this week. The Christmas edition of Pew News is available online at <https://www.southwellminster.org/worship/pew-news/>.

## Sunday 5 January

## The Second Sunday of Christmas

7.40am	Litany	Quire
8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Quire
10.00am	Cathedral Eucharist CW.	Nave (and live-streamed)
3.30pm	Evensong BCP	Quire (and live-streamed)
4.45pm	Westgate/Friends in Faith Epiphany Service	Nave

Our next choral services will be Evensong at **5.30pm on Saturday 4 January** (sung by the choir of St Peter's, Nottingham) and Evensong at 3.30pm on **Sunday 5 January** (sung by the choir of St Mary's, Newark).

Following their Christmas break, our Cathedral Choir will resume singing services on **Monday 6 January** on the feast of the Epiphany with Evensong at 5.30pm. Also that evening, our Epiphany Sung Eucharist at 7.30pm (sung by the Minster Chorale) will include the Installations of our two new Acting Residentiary Canons.

At **3.30pm on Sunday 12 January**, in place of Evensong, we will be holding a special service *The Three Miracles : The Cathedral Epiphany Procession*, a service which will include music by Palestrina, Poulenc, Allain, Holst and Bingham.

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