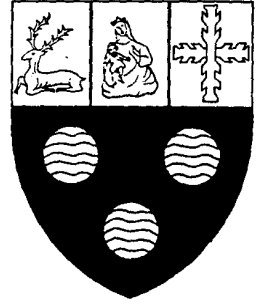


**Southwell  
Minster**

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF  
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



# CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST

**The Baptism of Christ  
(The First Sunday of Epiphany)**

**Sunday 12 January 2025  
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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This Order of Service is printed on sustainably produced paper.

The President of the Eucharist is the Revd Dr Richard Frith, *Canon Precentor*.

The Deacon and Preacher is the Revd Dr Stephen Hippisley-Cox, *Acting Canon Pastor*.

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 vergier before the service (if possible) to request one.

## Minster Kids

During the first hymn, children aged 5–11 in the congregation are warmly invited to leave the main service for separate children’s activities — please look out for our children’s leaders and follow them at this point of the service. They will return in time for the Offertory Hymn. (If this is the first time your child has gone out to the group please could an adult initially accompany them so as to complete a registration form. Children under 5 will be welcome if accompanied throughout the session by an adult.) We also have a Children’s Chapel next to the font, and young children and their carers are encouraged to explore it.

## Standing, Sitting and Kneeling

Throughout this booklet, you will find various references to posture. We stand to praise or sing together; sit to listen and to receive (for example, during Bible readings – except the Gospel – and the sermon), and we may kneel for personal prayer. 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 Jonathan Allsopp, *Assistant Director of Music*.

## Organ Music before the service

*Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam*, BUXWV 180

Dieterich Buxtehude (c. 1637-1707)

# 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 enters, and children leave for their own activities*



**1. When Jesus came to Jordan  
To be baptised by John,  
He did not come for pardon,  
But as his Father's Son.  
He came to share repentance  
With all who mourn their sins,  
To speak the vital sentence  
With which good news begins.**

**2. He came to share temptation,  
Our utmost woe and loss;  
For us and our salvation  
To die upon the cross.  
So when the Dove descended  
On him, the Son of Man,  
The hidden years had ended,  
The age of grace began.**

**3. Come, Holy Spirit, aid us  
To keep the vows we make,  
This very day invade us,  
And every bondage break.  
Come, give our lives direction,  
The gift we covet most:  
To share the resurrection  
That leads to Pentecost.**

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

## GREETING

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

*The President introduces the Eucharist.*

## PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

*Deacon* Because God was merciful,  
he saved us through the water of rebirth  
and the renewing power of the Holy Spirit.  
But through sin we have fallen away from our baptism.  
Let us return to the Lord and renew our faith in his promises  
by confessing our sins in penitence.

*Silence is kept.*

**Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.**

## ABSOLUTION

*President* Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal;  
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.*

Eternal Father,  
 who at the baptism of Jesus  
 revealed him to be your Son,  
 anointing him with the Holy Spirit:  
 grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,  
 that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;  
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
 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 Vicky Thorpe*

Acts 8: 14–17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand and turn to face the Gospel reader*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*President* Alleluia, alleluia.  
This is my Son, the beloved,  
with whom I am well pleased.

*All* **Alleluia.**



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



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

In the wilderness John proclaimed a baptism of repentance.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please turn back to face the altar.*

*Please sit when invited by the preacher.*

SERMON *given by the Canon Pastor*

*Please stand*

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

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

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.  
We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.  
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us with power from on high.  
We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

*Please sit or kneel when invited*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *led by Joss Howell*

*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* God has made us one in Christ.  
He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,  
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

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*



1. Crown him with many crowns,  
The Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns  
All music but its own:  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
Of him who died for thee,  
And hail him as thy matchless King  
Through all eternity.

2. Crown him the Virgin's Son,  
The God incarnate born,  
Whose arm those crimson trophies won  
Which now his brow adorn:  
Fruit of the mystic Rose,  
As of that Rose the Stem;  
The Root whence mercy ever flows,  
The Babe of Bethlehem.

3. Crown him the Lord of love!  
Behold his hands and side,  
Rich wounds yet visible above  
In beauty glorified:  
No angel in the sky  
Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends his burning eye  
At mysteries so bright.

4. Crown him the Lord of peace,  
Whose power a sceptre sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
Absorbed in prayer and praise:  
His reign shall know no end,  
And round his pierced feet  
Fair flowers of paradise extend  
Their fragrance ever sweet.

5. Crown him the Lord of years,  
The Potentate of time,  
Creator of the rolling spheres,  
Ineffably sublime.  
Glassed in a sea of light,  
Where everlasting waves  
Reflect his throne – the infinite!  
Who lives – and loves – and saves.

Words: Matthew Bridges (1800-94)

Tune: *DIADEMATA* NEH 352  
George Elvey (1816-93)

## PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

*President* Let us pray.

Open the heavens, Lord our God,  
and send your transforming Spirit  
on us and on these gifts.

May we who are baptized into Christ  
be ready to share his cup of suffering  
and strengthened to serve him for ever.

**Amen.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you  
**And also 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.**

It is truly right and just,  
our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.  
You celebrated your new gift of baptism  
in signs and wonders at the Jordan.  
Your voice was heard from heaven  
to awaken faith in the presence among us  
of your Word made flesh.  
Your Spirit was seen as a dove,  
revealing Jesus as your servant,  
and anointing him with the oil of gladness  
to preach the good news to the poor.  
Therefore, as we celebrate the union of earth and heaven,  
we rejoice to echo the song of the angels in heaven  
for ever praising you and singing:

## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Ho - ly, Ho - ly Ho - ly Lord, God of po-wer and  
might, Hea-ven 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* We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

*Deacon* Great is the mystery of faith:

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

*President* Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.  
Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.  
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.

*All*  **A - men.\_\_**

*Please sit or kneel*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*President* Believing the promises of God,  
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.**

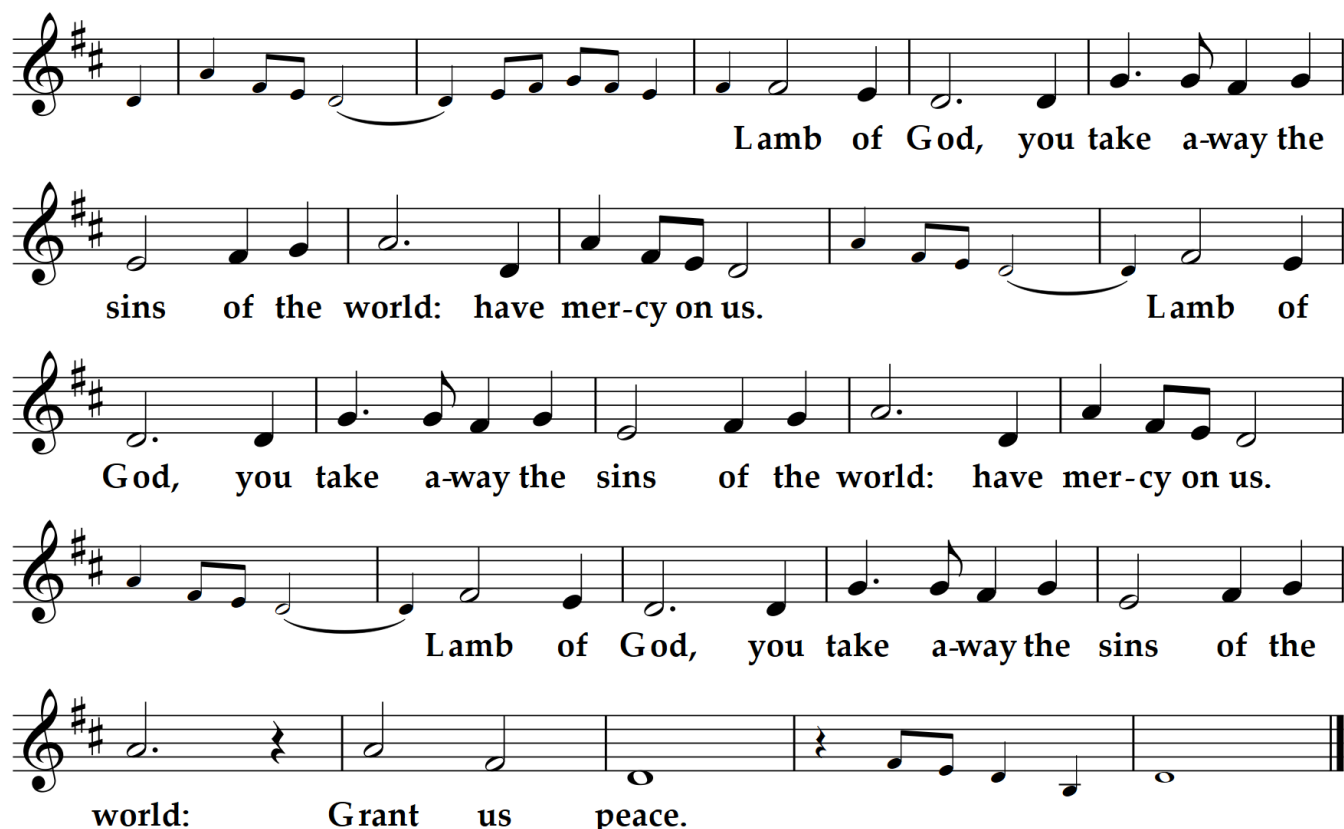
## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

## 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.*

*Holy Communion will be offered in both kinds (bread and wine). If you prefer to receive in one kind please feel free to leave after receiving the bread. 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. Thank you.*

*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.*



*Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by your name; you are mine.*

**When you walk through the waters, I'll be with you.  
You will never sink beneath the waves.  
*Do not be afraid...***

**When the fire is burning all around you,  
You will never be consumed by the flames.  
*Do not be afraid...***

**When the fear of loneliness is looming,  
Then remember I am at your side.  
*Do not be afraid...***

**When you dwell in the exile of the stranger,  
Remember you are precious in my eyes.  
*Do not be afraid...***

**You are mine, O my child, I am your Father,  
And I love you with a perfect love.  
*Do not be afraid...***

Words: after Isaiah 43: 1-4

Tune: DO NOT BE AFRAID HOAN 132  
Words and music: Gerard Markland (b. 1953)  
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arr. Andrew Moore (b. 1954)

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*President* Let us pray.

Lord of all time and eternity,  
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father  
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:  
by the power of your Spirit  
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth  
through the waters of the new creation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*Notices are given.*

*Minster Kids may make a short presentation.*

## THE DISMISSAL

*Please stand*

## BLESSING

*President* May God, who in Christ gives us a spring of water  
welling up to eternal life,  
perfect in you the image of his glory;  
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.*



To God be the glory, great things he hath done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
Who yielded his life our redemption to win,  
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!*

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!*

*O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,*

*And give him the glory! Great things he has done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!  
To every believer the promise of God!  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!...*

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer and higher and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!...*

Words: Fanny Crosby (1820-1915) altered

Tune: TO GOD BE THE GLORY CP 609  
William Howard Doane (1832-1916)

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Fugue in C*, BUXWV 174

Dieterich Buxtehude (c. 1637-1707)

This afternoon at **3.30pm**, 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 Howells.

This evening, starting at **6.30pm**, will be an Organ Meditation (postponed from last month) where our Assistant Director of Music, Jonathan Allsopp, will play *La Nativité du Seigneur* by Olivier Messiaen.

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

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