

SOUTHWARK  
◆ CATHEDRAL ◆

# Prayer during the day

# Welcome to Southwark Cathedral

Set on the south bank of the River Thames in one of the most vibrant and diverse communities in London, this building has been a constant witness in a place of change.

The first church was built on this site around the year 606. First a convent, then a monastery, it became in 1106 the Augustinian Priory of St Mary Overie. With Westminster Abbey and St Bartholomew the Great in Smithfield it is one of the three remaining great monastic churches of London. At the Reformation the Priory became a parish church and it remains so for the people of Bankside. In 1905, as south London was rapidly expanding, the church was consecrated as the cathedral for the new Diocese of Southwark.

As well as a place of constant witness to our faith in Jesus Christ, this church has a momentous and proud history and has had links with many famous and influential characters including St Thomas Becket, Geoffrey Chaucer, William Shakespeare and Charles Dickens.

In the 20<sup>th</sup> century this cathedral was at the heart of the new movement in theology termed 'South Bank Religion'. This movement asked challenging questions of people about faith in the modern age which continue to be explored at Southwark Cathedral which describes itself as 'inclusive: faithful: radical'.

Whatever has brought you here today, you are most welcome. Become part of the life here if you can; it will change your life as you encounter with us our living God.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Nunn', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Andrew Nunn  
Dean of Southwark

*Whilst we are unable to offer you printed material at our services we hope that this will help you to join us in worship.*

## **Preparation**

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

*The Minister reads a psalm at the end of which we say together*

**All**            **Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now,  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

*The Minister reads a short reading. This is followed by silence and then one of the responses below*

Monday

**All**            *Jesus said, I am the true vine.*  
**My Father is glorified by this,  
that you bear much fruit.**

John 15. 1a, 8

Tuesday

**All** Jesus said, I am the light of the world.  
**Whoever follows me will have the light of life.**

John 8. 12

Wednesday

**All** Jesus said, I am the way, and the truth, and the life.  
**No one comes to the Father except through me.**

John 14. 6

Thursday

**All** Jesus said, I am the gate for the sheep.  
**I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.**

John 10. 7, 10b

Friday

**All** Jesus said, I am the good shepherd.  
**The good shepherd lays down his life  
for the sheep.**

John 10. 11

Saturday

**All** Jesus said, I am the resurrection and the life.  
**Those who believe in me will never die.**

cf John 11. 25, 26

## **Prayers**

*The Minister leads prayers which conclude  
with a Collect.*

*The Minister then says*

**All**

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.**

## **The Conclusion**

*The Minister seeks God's blessing on us  
to which we respond*

**All**

**Amen.**

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