



CHORAL EVENSONG

**WITH THE INSTALLATION OF
THE REV'D CANON DR MARK OAKLEY
AS DEAN OF SOUTHWARK**

**SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER 2023
3.00PM**



WELCOME TO SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL

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The instructions in this booklet are not prescriptive. Please do sit if that is more appropriate for you.

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CHOIR

The Cathedral Great Choir with The Gents of St John's

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RESPONSES

Philip Moore (b. 1943)

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SETTING

Southwark Service • Nico Muhly (b. 1981)

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MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

Church bells beyond the stars • Cecilia McDowall (b. 1951)

Installation March, Op. 108 • Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

THE REV'D CANON DR MARK OAKLEY

Mark Oakley was born in Shrewsbury, Shropshire. He read Theology at London and Oxford before being ordained in St Paul's Cathedral in 1993. He served his title at St John's Wood Church and then served as Chaplain to the Bishop of London, Rector of St Paul's, Covent Garden (known as the Actors' Church), Archdeacon of Germany and Northern Europe and, from 2010 to 2018, Chancellor and Residentiary Canon of St Paul's Cathedral. He is a Fellow of King's College London and Visiting Lecturer in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies, and a Visiting Scholar at Sarum College. He is also Canon Theologian of Wakefield Cathedral and Canon Emeritus of Holy Trinity Cathedral, Brussels. He was appointed Dean and Fellow of St John's College, Cambridge in 2018. Earlier this year Mark was given the Lanfranc Award for Education and Scholarship by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Dr Oakley is the author of several books, including *The Collage of God*, *The Splash of Words: Believing in Poetry* and *My Sour-Sweet Days*. He is an Ambassador for StopHate UK, Patron of Tell MAMA, Vice President of Radius, and was for many years a Trustee of the Civil Liberties Trust. His interests include poetry, theatre and human rights.



MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP OF SOUTHWARK

Southwark Cathedral is a foundation with an ancient history and the mother church of this Diocese. It functions both as a parish church to serve the communities in its immediate vicinity, and as a Cathedral with a comparable cycle of special services to St Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey. It is a highly relational community, rightly proud of its charism as a place where intellectual and spiritual openness is valued, and it makes a distinctive contribution to the national life of the Church of England.

A Dean of a Cathedral is the senior priest of the Diocese and contributes in many ways to its culture and tone through hospitality, mission, and partnerships with civil society. The Dean of Southwark additionally is Rector of the Parish and as such extends pastoral care and priestly ministry to a vibrant local community encompassing Southwark and Bankside with the colourful street-life and trading of Borough Market. I am very pleased that Dr Oakley has accepted my invitation to take on this role and I am confident he will continue to build the life of the Cathedral in a distinctive way.

T. S. Eliot concludes 'Four Quartets' powerfully and tellingly, saying,

With the drawing of this Love and the voice of this Calling
We shall not cease from exploration
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time.

Advent is the beginning of a new Church year, a season of promise and fulfilment as we focus on the birth of our Saviour and the coming completion of all things in Christ. May this new beginning in the life and witness of our Cathedral Church keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God.

Please continue to pray for Mark and the whole Cathedral community in the coming months and years.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher Southwark". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

The Rt Rev'd Christopher Chessun
Bishop of Southwark

A HUMAN HAUNT

St Mary Overie, St Saviour, Southwark,
over the river, a human haunt in stone,
thousand years here, the sweet Thames well recalls.
Who came? Nuns, brothers, in good faith, saints,
poets – John Gower, whose blind head, look, rests
on the pillow of his books; Chaucer, imagining
the pilgrims' first steps on the endless written road
we follow now, good readers; Shakespeare,
with twenty cold shillings for a funeral bell –
players, publicans, paupers, politicians, princes,
all to this same, persistent, changing space,
between fire and water, theatre and marketplace;
us, lighting our candles in the calm cathedral,
future ghosts, eating our picnic on a bench.

Dame Carol Ann Duffy (b. 1955)

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Before the service, the Deputy Lord-Lieutenant and the Mayor of Southwark are verged to their seats and the Choir and Greater Chapter process to their places. Canon Michael Rawson, Interim Dean of Southwark, welcomes the congregation.

At 3.00pm, please stand as the Dean-designate is verged in from the Churchyard through the South west door by the Chapel Clerk of St John's College Cambridge, supported by the Master and Chaplain of the College.

The Dean-designate kneels at the prie-dieu while the Gents of St John's sing an anthem in thanksgiving for his ministry in Cambridge.

THE INTROIT

Ave Maria • Franz Biebl (1906-2001)

Angelus Domini nuntiavit
Mariae
et concepit de Spiritu
Sancto.

Ave Maria,
gratia plena
Dominus tecum.
Benedicta tu in mulieribus
et benedictus fructus
ventris tui.
Amen.

The Angel of the Lord announced
to Mary
and she conceived of the Holy
Spirit.

Hail Mary,
full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.
Blessèd art thou amongst women,
and blessèd is the fruit
of thy womb.
Amen.

The Dean-designate stands and his St John's cope is removed by The Rev'd Andrew Hammond, Chaplain of St John's College, Cambridge, and handed to his supporters from the College.

Please remain standing to sing:

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

During the Hymn, the Procession moves to the Tower Space.

NEH 7



Hills of the North, rejoice,
river and mountain-spring,
hark to the advent voice;
valley and lowland, sing.
Christ comes in righteousness and love,
he brings salvation from above.

Isles of the Southern seas,
sing to the listening earth,
carry on every breeze
hope of a world's new birth:
In Christ shall all be made anew,
his word is sure, his promise true.

Lands of the East, arise,
he is your brightest morn,
greet him with joyous eyes.
praise shall his path adorn:
your seers have longed to know their Lord;
to you he comes, the final word.

Shores of the utmost West,
lands of the setting sun,
welcome the heavenly guest
in whom the dawn has come:
he brings a never-ending light
who triumphed o'er our darkest night.

Shout, as you journey on,
songs be in every mouth,
lo, from the North they come,
from East and West and South:
in Jesus all shall find their rest,
in him the universe be blest.

TUNE: LITTLE CORNARD

Martin Shaw
(1875-1958)

TEXT:

Editors of *English Praise* 1975
based on Charles Oakley (1832-1865)

Please remain standing for:

THE WELCOME

The Rt Rev'd Christopher Chessun, Bishop of Southwark

Please remain standing for:

THE PRECES

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.

PSALMODY

Please be seated as the Psalm appointed for the service is sung.

Psalm 150 • Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

O praise God in his holiness : praise him in the firmament of his power.
Praise him in his noble acts : praise him according to his excellent
greatness.

Praise him in the sound of the trumpet : praise him upon the lute and
harp.

Praise him in the cymbals and dances : praise him upon the strings and
pipe.

Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals : praise him upon the loud
cymbals.

Let every thing that hath breath : 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.

Please be seated for:

THE FIRST LESSON

Micah 6.6-8

Read by **Michael Butscher, member of Cathedral congregation**

The First Lesson is written in the sixth chapter of the Book of the Prophet Micah, beginning at the sixth verse.

‘With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?’
He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Here ends the First Lesson.

Please remain seated for:

THE DECLARATIONS

The Area Dean of Southwark and Newington and the Archdeacon of Southwark conduct the Dean-designate to stand before the Bishop.

The Bishop says:

Mark, I ask you, in the presence of God and before this congregation, to make the Declaration of Assent.

The Preface to the Declaration of Assent is read by the Bishop.

The Church of England is part of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, worshipping the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It professes the faith uniquely revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds, which faith the Church is called upon to proclaim afresh in each generation. Led by the Holy Spirit, it has borne witness to Christian truth in its historic formularies, the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion, the Book of Common Prayer and the Ordering of Bishops, Priests and Deacons. In the declaration you are about to make, will you affirm your loyalty to this inheritance of faith as your inspiration and guidance under God in bringing the grace and truth of Christ to this generation and making him known to those in your care?

The Dean-designate responds:

I, Mark David Oakley, do so affirm, and accordingly declare my belief in the faith which is revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds, and to which the historic formularies of the Church of England bear witness; and in public prayer and the administration of the sacraments, I will use only the forms of service which are authorised or allowed by Canon.

The Archdeacon of Southwark gives the Lancelot Andrewes Bible to the Dean-designate. The Dean-designate holds the Bible in his right hand.

The Diocesan Registrar administers the Oaths of Allegiance and Canonical Obedience:

Mark, on this copy of the Scriptures, and before us as your witnesses, I ask you to make your Oath of Allegiance to His Majesty the King and your Oath of Canonical Obedience to the Bishop of Southwark.

The Dean-designate responds:

I, Mark David Oakley, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King Charles III, his heirs and successors, according to law: So help me God.

I, Mark David Oakley, do swear by Almighty God that I will give true and canonical obedience to the Lord Bishop of Southwark and his successors, in all things lawful and honest: So help me God.

Please remain seated for:

THE PRESENTATION & WARDENS' ASSENT

The Area Dean says:

Right Reverend Father in God, I present to you Mark David Oakley, having duly in your presence made the Declaration of Assent and taken the Oath of Allegiance to his Majesty the King and the Oath of Canonical Obedience to the Bishop of the Diocese, to be instituted and inducted as Rector of the Benefice of St Saviour and All Hallows and to be installed as Dean of the Cathedral and Collegiate Church of St Saviour and St Mary Overie.

The Bishop replies:

Thank you for your presentation.

The Cathedral Wardens and the Churchwardens of St Hugh's, Bermondsey, together with the Senior Non-Executive Member of Chapter, say:

On behalf of the Chapter and Cathedral community, we confirm that we have willingly shared in this choice.

The Bishop says:

Mark, are you willing to commit yourself to these new responsibilities?

The Dean-designate responds:

With the help of God, I am.

The Dean-designate turns to face the congregation and the Bishop addresses the people.

People of this parish and congregation, after due consultation Mark David Oakley has been chosen to be your new Rector and Dean. Will you support and uphold him in his ministry?

All We will.

The Dean-designate turns to face the Bishop, who stands with the Cathedral Wardens and the Churchwardens of St Hugh's at his side.

The congregation remains seated as Canon Wendy Robins, Chancellor, reads:

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptised into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3.23-28

Please remain seated as the Choir sings:

THE ANTIPHON

During the Antiphon, holy water from Lourdes, a gift from our ecumenical partners in Rouen, is brought to the Dean-designate. With it he makes the sign of the cross to remind himself of his baptism.

Then, the Dean-designate kneels before the Bishop of Southwark, who anoints his hands for service, during which the Bishop of Kingston sprinkles the people with the holy water as a reminder of baptism.

Vidi aquam • Matthew Martin (b. 1976)

Vidi aquam egredientem de
templo, a latere dextro.
Alleluia!
Et omnes, ad quos pervenit
aqua ista, salvi facti sunt
et dicent,
Alleluia!

I saw water flowing from the temple,
on the right side,
Alleluia!
And all to whom that water came
have been saved,
and they will say,
Alleluia!

Please remain seated for:

THE INSTITUTION

The Diocesan Registrar hands the Deed of Institution to the Bishop. The Bishop reads it and hands it to the Dean-designate, saying:

Mark, receive this cure of souls, which is both mine and yours, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The Dean-designate kneels and the Bishop blesses him:

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit come down upon you and remain with you always.

The Dean-designate responds:

Amen.

The Bishop delivers the Mandate of Induction to the Archdeacon of Southwark, saying:

Archdeacon Jonathan, now that we have duly and canonically instituted our well-belovèd in Christ, Mark, into the cure of souls of this living, we hereby empower and require you to induct him into the real, actual and corporal possession of this benefice and parish church.

The Archdeacon, holding the Mandate, leads the Dean-designate to the South west door of the Cathedral. The Archdeacon places the Dean-designate's hand upon the handle of the South west door, saying:

By virtue of this Mandate, I do induct you into the real, actual and corporal possession of this church and benefice, with all the rights and responsibilities thereto belonging. The Lord preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth for ever more.

The Procession returns to the Tower Space.

Please remain seated for:

THE INSTALLATION

The Cathedral Wardens, the Churchwardens of St Hugh's, Bermondsey and the Residentiary Canons stand with the Bishop of Southwark. The Dean-designate stands before them. The Bishop says to Canon Michael Rawson:

Mr Interim Dean, I give you this mandate and ask that you install Mark David Oakley as Dean of our Cathedral Church.

Canon Jeremy Clark-King, Treasurer, clothes the Dean-designate in his Chapter cope, and the Residentiary Canons conduct him to his stall.

The Interim Dean takes the Dean-designate by the hand and places him in his stall, saying:

Mark, on behalf of the whole Cathedral body, by virtue of this mandate, we receive, admit and invest you as Dean of this Cathedral and Collegiate Church, together with all that belongs to the office and dignity to which you have been instituted; and do place you in the stall assigned to the Dean of this Cathedral. God keep you in his care; Christ win you and save you; the Holy Spirit lead you in the paths of truth and of peace.

The Rector's stave is brought by the Dean's Verger and placed in the Dean's stall.

The Bishop says:

Mark, I ask you to make the Oath of Fidelity to the Constitution and Statutes of this Cathedral Church.

The Dean is given the Lancelot Andrewes Bible and a copy of the Constitution and Statutes of the Cathedral.

The Dean says:

I, Mark David Oakley, inducted and installed Dean of the Cathedral and Collegiate Church of St Saviour and St Mary Overie, Southwark, do promise and swear upon this Bible that I will be a faithful pastor to the people of this parish, read and preach the Word of God, administer the sacraments in due order, and that I will here live and work according to the Constitution and Statutes of the said Church; that the Laws, Privileges and laudable Customs of the said Church I will uphold and cause to be observed; and that the goods and possessions of the said Church I will keep safe, according to my powers: So help me God.

The keys of the Cathedral, together with the Great Seal and the Mace are brought to the Dean, who touches them before they are placed on the Nave Altar.

The Dean kneels in his stall and Canon Michael Rawson, Sub Dean & Pastor, says:

Bless, O Lord, your servant Mark, now installed as Dean of this Cathedral Church. May the boldness of your Spirit empower him, may the gentleness of your Spirit lead him, and may the gift of your Spirit equip him to worship you and to serve your people, to the glory of your name.

All Amen.

The Dean stands and says:

Accept our rests
Hallow us by thy commandments
Give us our portion in the law
Satisfy us with thy goodness
Gladden our hearts with thy salvation
And purify our hearts to serve thee in truth
That we may inherit in love and favour.

Give glory to thy people
Praise to them that fear thee
Thanksgiving to them that seek thee
Boldness to them that wait for thee
Joy in the land
Gladness in the city and
Flourishing for thy servant

All Amen.

A prayer of Lancelot Andrewes (1555-1626)

The congregation welcomes the new Dean of Southwark with applause.

Please remain standing as the Choir sings:

THE MAGNIFICAT

The canticles at this service were commissioned by the Choir of Southwark Cathedral by generous donation of the Friends of Southwark Cathedral. Nico Muhly's 'Southwark Service' was first performed in July 2023.

My soul doth magnify the Lord:
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded:
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

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 has 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.

Please be seated for:

THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 5.1-14

Read by **Nicola Thomas, Diocesan Secretary**

The Second Lesson is written in the fifth chapter of the Gospel of St Matthew, beginning at the first verse.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden.'

Here ends the Second Lesson.

Please stand as the Choir sings:

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

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.

Please remain standing for:

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**All 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 Catholick Church,
the Communion of Saints,
the Forgiveness of sins,
the Resurrection of the body
and the Life everlasting.
Amen.**

The Minister and Choir sing:

THE LESSER LITANY, LORD'S PRAYER & RESPONSES

The Lord be with you;
And with thy spirit.

Please sit or kneel.

Let us pray.

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 lead us not 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.

Followed by:

THE COLLECTS

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

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.

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.

Please be seated as the Choir sings:

THE ANTHEM

I was glad • Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)

I was glad when they said unto me :

We will go into the house of the Lord.

Our feet shall stand in thy gates : O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city : that is at unity in itself.

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem : they shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls : and plenteousness within thy palaces.

Psalms 122.1-3, 6-7

Please remain seated for:

THE SERMON

The Very Rev'd Dr Mark Oakley, Dean of Southwark

Please remain seated or kneel for:

THE PRAYERS

The response to the prayers is:

Lord in your mercy

All hear our prayer.

concluding with:

**All 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 be seated for:

THE WELCOMES

Members of the community offer a brief welcome to the new Dean.

Please stand to sing:

THE FINAL HYMN

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O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;
rejoice in his word, ye angels of light;
ye heavens adore him by whom ye were made,
and worship before him, in brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord! Praise him upon earth,
in tuneful accord, all ye of new birth;
praise him who hath brought you his grace from above,
Praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.

O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound;
each jubilant chord re-echo around;
loud organs, his glory forth tell in deep tone,
and, sweet harp, the story of what he has done.

O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song
to him be out-poured all ages along;
For love in creation, for heaven restored,
For grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!
Amen! Amen!

TUNE: LAUDATE DOMINUM

C. H. H. Parry
(1848-1918)

TEXT:

H. W. Baker
(1821-1877)

Please remain standing as the Bishop, the Succentor and the Choir sing:

THE SOLEMN BLESSING

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Succentor Let us bless the Lord.

Choir Thanks be to God. Amen.

Please remain standing as the Procession departs.

THE VOLUNTARY

Prelude and Fugue in B, Op.7, No.1 • Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

*Thank you for joining us. Please do join us for refreshments in the Transepts.
We look forward to welcoming you back.*

Our thanks to The Gents of St John's and Chris Gray, Director of Music.

DONATIONS



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THE DEAN'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

It is a real joy that one of the first things I do as the new Dean of Southwark is to welcome you to the Cathedral as we celebrate Christmas together. We really are delighted you are here at such a special time of the year.

This Cathedral wants to be a supportive friend to our locality, to our many neighbours and partners, and to the people of wider London too. We seek to build on shared values and always support, in whatever way we can, those who are finding life hard or who are somehow being made to feel inferior or unwanted. I feel incredibly privileged to be the Dean of a place that unapologetically upholds human dignity in all its wonderful diversity. I'm looking forward to meeting as many of you as I can over the coming weeks and months, and hope that some of you will join us in our worship and work, or might feel able to support us in some way. Please do come up and say 'hello' if you see me around. I'll probably be looking cheerful but also a bit dazed for a while!

What we see at Christmas takes us to the heartland of Christian belief. God gives us all a great gift – our being – and we can offer back a gift in return for it – our 'becoming', who we become in the time given to us. Because of this, our faith is not so much about information as about human formation, living lives that respond to, and shape themselves around, truth, honesty, beauty, and justice. In Christ, God takes off the mask of invisibility to show an authentic human face, as well as the courage and cost of a life lived with deep love for creation and humanity. Jesus Christ is, at it were, God's body-language. Although difficult, and sometimes done badly, Christians seek to be formed in his likeness for the good of our world. It is my prayer that this Cathedral will always be a resource for those who are making this adventurous journey, as well as an encourager to those exploring faith in the face of honest doubts.

I wish you, and those you love, a peaceful Christmas, hopefully with some time to rest and discern the people and things that matter most to you. I hope you will find yourself here again before too long and if you'd like to hear about all that is happening here over the coming year, please sign up to receive our e-newsletter at: www.southwarkcathedral.org.uk

Wishing you a very happy and blessed Christmas,

Mark Oakley
Dean of Southwark

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

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SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER

6.00pm **Cathedral Carol Service (I)***
A traditional service of readings and carols

TUESDAY 19 DECEMBER

6.00pm **Cathedral Carol Service (II)**
A traditional service of readings and carols

WEDNESDAY 20 DECEMBER

12.45pm **Cathedral Sing-In**
A light-hearted service of readings and carols with music by The Tudor Rose Brass Quintet and The Cathedral Consort

6.30pm **Eucharist for the Longest Night**
A reflective service with celebration of the Eucharist for those who find Christmas a difficult season

SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS EVE (THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT)

8.30am **Morning Prayer**

9.00am **Eucharist**

11.00am **Choral Eucharist***

4.30pm **Crib Service**

A retelling of the Christmas story for children – costumes encouraged!

5.30pm **Evening Prayer**

8.30pm **First Eucharist of Christmas***

A traditional service with celebration of the Eucharist to welcome the birth of Christ

MONDAY 25 DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS DAY

8.30am **Morning Prayer**

9.00am **Christmas Eucharist with Carols**

Eucharist for Christmas Day with congregational carols

11.00am **Christmas Choral Eucharist***

A celebration of the Eucharist with choral music

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SOUTHWARK

◆ CATHEDRAL ◆

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 20th 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.

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