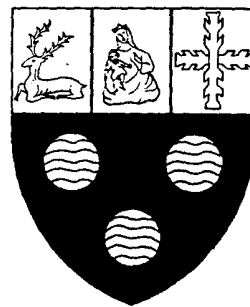


**Southwell
Minster**

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



NIGHT OFFICE (MEDIEVAL YORK USE)

RUBRICS

Eve of All Saints

Thursday 31 October 2024

8.00pm

READERS

- Readings 1, 4, 7 : leave stall at 'As it was in the beginning' in doxology of psalm (after versicle soloists, whilst verger is lighting candles)
- Readings 2,3, 5,6, 8, 9 : leave during the last responsory verse
- Route to lectern: Leave stall, move to quire step, bow to altar, bow to choir, move to lectern, wait for music to finish and then seek blessing
- Route back: Bow to senior priest, move to quire step, bow to altar, bow to choir, move to stall
- (no special dress)

CHOIR RULERS

- Copes. 2 on S, 1 on N.

SOLOISTS:

- On alternating sides (odd number = S, even = N).
- Intonations: Bow before and after duty
- Invitatory and venite at quire step (return for choir repeat of inv). Cue: doxology of preces
- Resp solos at quire step (stood further forward to allow readers to bow?): Bow before, and at end of each section. Cue: about 6-8 lines before end of reading.
- Versicle solos at quire step, except final one (Precentor). Cue: when all stand for doxology. Soloists should wait in place for the Lord's prayer, then return to stalls.
- Dismissal at quire step: Cue: as soon as versicle complete (i.e. during collect)

POLYPHONY

- Children to leave at end of Second Nocturn (after R6)
- Vest with amices over heads, lit candles in hands
- Enter quire crossing just before reading ends, face E and conceal lights; (make sure priest has finished censuring.)
- Turn W for 'Ecce' and then remain facing W
- Children to leave again after R8 & devest? Return for Te Deum?

VESTMENTS

- Precentor to wear cope
- Choir rulers to wear cope
- Choir to wear choir dress
- Amices for children

SERVER DUTIES

- Seated in sanctuary.
- Prepare thurible for precentor to cense altar at 4 points in service: Reading 2, Reading 5, Reading 8, Te Deum.

VERGER DUTIES

- Four candles prepared at lectern (or two if chandelier available). Electric light at minimum level for visibility. Please can rest of Minster be as dark as is legally permissible.
- Light candles before service *except lectern candles*; (if chandelier available, light only half of candles)
- Needed for service: 'lectionary' (1st nocturn); amices and handheld candles for children (3rd nocturn); bell (after 3rd nocturn)
- First nocturn, Psalm 103 around the verse 'Even upon such as keep': Bring 'lectionary' to lectern, light two lectern candles ready for Reading 1
- Second nocturn, Psalm 79 around the verse 'Wherefore do the heathen say': - relight two lectern candles ready for Reading 4
- Third nocturn, Psalm 34 around the verse 'The Lord is nigh unto them': light **all four** lectern candles (or if chandelier available, light remaining candles)
- Ring bell during Te deum at 'Per singulos dies'

PRECENTOR

- In seat at start. Knock and commence opening responses.
- Lead Lord's Prayer response after psalmody
- Move to lectern in advance of Reading 1. Request blessing from other priest.
- Give blessings for all other readings.
- Reading 2: having given blessing, move to sanctuary to cense altar and cense choir.
- Reading 5: ditto
- Reading 8: ditto
- Intone Te Deum from stall, then move to sanctuary to cense altar and cense choir. Return to stall.
- Immediately following Te Deum, sing solo versicle 'God is wonderful' from stall. Collect from stall.

31/10 DRAFT REHEARSAL ORDER

- 2pm Second nocturn (no readings). Choir do choir things; Precentor and server focus on incense rubrics; vergers on candle rubrics.
- 2.45pm Third nocturn (no readings, but nb turn to face gospel); children short break prior to R8 polyphony. No dress-up.
- 3.30 break - sort amices etc?
- 3.45 Intro(cues for soloists)+First nocturn (non-RF blessing), end (cues; bell?)
- 4.30 Readers, with choir cues.