

St Edmundsbury
Cathedral



Sung Eucharist

to celebrate

Mothering Sunday

Booklet to accompany live-streamed service



Sunday 22 March 2020
10.00 am

Welcome to St Edmundsbury Cathedral

Today is mid-Lent Sunday, known as Mothering Sunday because of the ancient custom on that day for everyone to return to their mother church, the minster or cathedral church of the area. For some, this would be the only time that the whole family could gather together. Nowadays a number of themes run through our Mothering Sunday service, which include: thanksgiving for all who undertake a mothering role and all who care for the young; recognising the pain that some carry through childlessness or bereavement at the loss of a child or parent; thanksgiving for the part that the Virgin Mary played in our redemption; and prayers for the Mothers' Union and worldwide church, who is 'mother to us all'.

The gospel set for today, recognises also that we are in the season of Lent, with its journey encouraging us to enter into the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus.

COVID-19

In line with the advice issued following the suspension of public worship in the Church of England, worship and prayer continues to be offered in our Churches, with livestreaming allowing people to participate from the safety of their own homes.

A copy of Dean Joe's pastoral letter is available on the Cathedral website and through the Cathedral's social media platforms including Twitter, Facebook and Instagram. Those requiring pastoral or spiritual care at this time are invited to email pastoral@stedscathedral.org

At the time of publishing, the Cathedral remains open for personal prayer and reflection and to light candles, from 10 am - 4 pm each day. A list of the services that will be livestreamed and the times they will be available can be found at the back of this booklet and on the 'worship' section of our website.

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¶ Order of Service

The Gathering

After everyone has been welcomed and any notices given, the following words are used:

In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Processional Hymn

Our Father God in heaven
on whom our world depends,
to you let praise be given
for families and friends;
for parents, sisters, brothers,
a home where love belongs,
but on this day for mothers
we bring our thankful songs.

What wealth of God's bestowing
for all the world to share!
What strength of heart outgoing
to children everywhere!
Our deepest joys and sorrows
a mother's path must trace,
and earth's unknown tomorrows
are held in her embrace.

How well we know the story
that tells of Jesus' birth,
the Lord of heaven's glory
become a child of earth;
a helpless infant sleeping,
yet King of realms above,
to find in Mary's keeping
the warmth of human love.

**Our Father God in heaven,
to you we lift our prayer,
that every child be given
such tenderness and care,
where life is all for others,
where love your love displays:
for God's good gift of mothers
let earth unite in praise!**

*Words: Timothy Dudley Smith, b.1926
Music: Ellacombe, German 18th century melody,
adapted in Gesangbuch, Mainz, 1833*

The President gives

The Greeting

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

All and also with you.

The Opening Responses

On this day, we praise you, our God, for all mothers
who have loved and laughed and laboured
as they cared for their children.

All Blessed be God for ever.

We praise you, our God, for all mothers
who have wept in sorrow and joy for their children.

All Blessed be God for ever.

We praise you, our God, for as a mother tends her young,
you hold us in your embrace when we walk the road
of pain or grief.

All Blessed be God for ever.

We praise you, our God, for Jesus, born of a woman
and nurtured in her love,
and for Mary, a reminder of your patient, waiting love.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

On this day, this candle is lit
to remember mothers not with us,
to bring into the light of Christ
any shadows of imperfect mothering
and to draw into Christ's love
all who mother others today.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

We kneel for our confession.

Deacon Let us call to mind all that separates us from God,
our failure to value the love of others
and our failure to love as Christ loves us.

All **Lord have mercy upon us.**
Christ have mercy upon us.
Lord have mercy upon us.

President May the God of love and power
forgive you ✠ and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life
in Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Collect

President Let us pray.

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Psalm 23

**The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green;
He leadeth me the quiet waters by.**

**My soul he doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for his own name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear none ill;
for thou art with me;
and Thy rod and staff me comfort still.**

**My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.**

**Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me;
and in God's house forevermore
my dwelling place shall be. Amen.**

Music: Crimond, Jessie Seymour Irvine, 1836-1887

The Gospel

All Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

John 19.25b-27, NRSV

All This is the gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The Talk

given by
The Rev'd Sarah Geileskey, Cathedral Curate

The Profession of Faith

The President says

Let us declare our faith in God.

All **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.**

The Prayers of Intercession

Deacon Let us pray to God who alone makes us dwell in safety.

For all who are affected by coronavirus,
through illness or isolation or anxiety,
that they may find relief and recovery,

All Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who are guiding the nations at this time,
shaping national and international policies
that wise decisions will be made:

Lord, hear us,

All Lord, graciously hear us.

For doctors, nurses, medical researchers
and all key workers
that by their skill, insight and service many
will be restored to health:

Lord, hear us,

All Lord, graciously hear us.

For our homes and families,
our schools and young people,
and all in any kind of need or distress:

Lord, hear us,

All Lord, graciously hear us.

For a blessing on our local community,
that our neighbourhoods may be places
of trust and friendship,
where all are known and cared for:

Lord, hear us,

All Lord, graciously hear us.

For the vulnerable and the fearful,
for the gravely ill, the dying and the bereaved,
that they may know your comfort and peace:
Lord, hear us,

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

In a moment of silence we give thanks for the many small
kindnesses that transform lives as we offer our own
prayers to God.

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,
to the mercy and protection of God.

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

¶ *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

The President leads

The Peace

President Praise God who loves us.
All **Praise God who cares.**

Through the prophet Isaiah, God says,
'As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you.'
The peace of the Lord be always with you
All **and also with you.**

Deacon As we turn to one another may we encounter the peace of
Christ in the face of our neighbour.

You may like to share the peace with others in your household.

The Offertory Hymn

During which the altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

**For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,**

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

**For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light,**

**For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and brain's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight,**

**For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,**

**For each perfect gift of thine
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven,**

**For thy Church that evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
this pure sacrifice of love.**

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

Words: Folliot Sandford Pierpoint, 1835-1917

Music: England's Lane,

adapted by Geoffrey Turton Shaw, 1879-1943

The Preparation of the Table

The Taking of the Bread and Wine

President With this bread that we bring
All we remember Jesus.

All With this wine that we bring
we remember Jesus.

All Bread for his body, wine for his blood,
gifts from God to his table we bring.
We remember Jesus.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The President and people sing the Sursum Corda.



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.

President All praise and honour be yours, holy God,
for you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.
You give us this great and beautiful earth,
to discover and to cherish.

Today we thank you
because, like a mother,
your Son Jesus Christ, born of Mary,
gathers your people to you,
and you are gentle with us
as a mother with her children.

Jesus comforts us in sorrow and binds up our wounds,
through his gentleness we find comfort in fear.
In sickness he nurses us, with pure milk feeds us,
and his touch makes sinners whole again.

By his dying we are born to new life;
the warmth of his risen life gives life to the dead.

Now we join with the angels and all in heaven
as we sing your praise: *[cf Anselm of Canterbury]*

All

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We thank you, loving God,
because your Son, Jesus Christ,
gave his life for us on the cross
and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died,
when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread.
He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.'

So, gracious God, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.

As you feed us with these gifts,
send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another,
as we look forward to that day
when suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

Now with Mary, James, Edmund and all your saints
we give you glory,
through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit,
for ever and ever.

All Amen.

*The consecrated bread and wine are raised in the sight of the people and the
Sanctus bell is rung.*

The Lord's Prayer

Deacon As Jesus teaches us, so we pray

All **Our Father,**
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

President We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,**
because we all share in one bread.

The Giving of Communion

President Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,**
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

We say the

Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.**

The Communion

The President receives both the body and blood of Christ.

The Anthem

Ave verum Corpus, natum
De Maria Virgine,
Vere passum, immolatum
In cruce pro homine:
Cuius latus perforatum
Unda fluxit et sanguine,
Esto nobis praegustatum
In mortis examine.

*Hail true body
born of the Virgin Mary.
Having truly suffered and been offered
as a sacrifice on the cross for humanity
from your side flowed
a stream of water and blood
be for us a foretaste (of final victory)
in our own struggle with death.*

Music: William Byrd, 1539-1623

The Prayer after Communion

Everyone kneels as silence is kept

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

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament
with the food and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Prayer for Mothers

The President says

The task of mothering falls to many different people in our world today, including to both you and to me. You will recall that in our prayers at the beginning of this service, we lit a candle. A candle to reflect the light of remembrance, to bring the light of hope, and to remind us of the promised light of Christ that dispels the darkness.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has joined with other Churches, calling us today to a day of action and prayer. This candle will burn all day here at Suffolk's Cathedral Church. At 7 pm this evening, I invite you to place a light in your window at home and to join your personal prayers with many others as together we pray in solidarity with the anxious, our healthcare workers and all making difficult decisions in the coming days.

All For the care of all who mother;
thanks be to God.

All For their patience when tested;
thanks be to God.

All For their love when tired;
thanks be to God.

All For their hope when despairing;
thanks be to God.

All For their service without limit;
thanks be to God.

All **Thank you God for the love of our mothers
and all who mother us:
thank you God for their care and concern;
thank you God for the joys they have shared with us;
thank you God for the pains they have borne for us;
thank you God for all that they give us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The President leads

The Blessing

President The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

May God, who gave birth
to all creation, bless you:
All Amen.

May God, who became incarnate
by an earthly mother, bless you:
All Amen.

May God, who broods as a mother
over her children, bless you.
All Amen.

May almighty God, Creator, ✕ Redeemer and Sustainer
of the world bless you today and evermore.
All Amen.

The Final Hymn

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name, the Lord, the mighty one.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!**

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith b.1926

based on Luke 1.46-55

Music: Walter Greatorex 1877-1949

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

The Voluntary

Livestreamed Services

Monday to Friday:

Morning Prayer (led by the Bishop) at 8.30 am
Organ Voluntary with reflection from the Canon Precentor at 10 am
Said Eucharist at 12 noon
Evening Prayer at 5 pm
Thursdays - 30 minutes meditation following the 12 noon Eucharist
Fridays - Lent Address at 1 pm

Saturday:

Morning Prayer at 8.45 am
Eucharist at 3.30 pm

Sunday:

Eucharist at 10.00 am
Evening Prayer at 3.30 pm

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