

St Edmundsbury  
Cathedral



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# Holy Week

**The Order for Compline**  
(Night Prayer)  
with  
**Address**  
by  
the Right Reverend Dr Mike Harrison

Tuesday 7 April 2020

7.00 pm

# Welcome to St Edmundsbury Cathedral

## Holy Week

We are very fortunate indeed that during Holy Week the Addresses are to be given by the Right Reverend Dr Mike Harrison, Bishop of Dunwich. This year's Holy Week is very different for us, as we cannot be together, sharing in our cathedrals and churches. However, we can still do this 'virtually' through joining livestreamed services such as this one. The Services which we celebrate this week help us to enter into the mystery of the Passion of Christ.

## Maundy Thursday

The evening service of Maundy Thursday (from *mandatum*, 'commandment') will be led by Bishop Mike and his family. The service contains a powerful and rich mixture of themes: humble Christian service expressed through Christ's washing of his disciples' feet, the institution of the Eucharist, and the reassurance of Christ's loving obedience through the agony which begins in the Garden of Gethsemane. The Chrism Service, led by Bishop Martin and his family, will be streamed at 11.00 am, and the Mass of the Last Supper, led by Bishop Mike, will be streamed at 7.00 pm, both from the Cathedral Facebook page.

## Good Friday

Usually you would be invited to undertake a Vigil of Prayer in the Cathedral ('Could you not watch with me one hour?') until midnight. Sadly this isn't possible, but you may like to undertake a vigil of personal prayer after the Mass of the Last Supper for as long as you feel called to do so. Thursday night passes into Good Friday, and this year the Good Friday Liturgy will be streamed at 12 noon. The Cathedral remains stripped of all decoration, and continues bare throughout the day on Saturday as a reminder of the coldness of the tomb in which Christ was laid after his death.

## Easter

The celebration of the Resurrection begins with Bishop Martin leading a 5.00 am Vigil on Sunday morning – the lighted Paschal Candle a powerful reminder of the light of the risen Christ bursting from the tomb. If you have not been to this before, do join this service. We will also broadcast the usual 10.00 am Eucharist and Evening Prayer at 3.30 pm. We will do our best in the limited circumstances to ensure that music, flowers, bells and colours are all used to the full as we celebrate this most holy of days.

# **Order of Service**

## **¶ The Preparation**

### **The Welcome**

### **The Prayers of Penitence**

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night  
and a perfect end.

**All Amen.**

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil,  
as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:  
whom resist, steadfast in the faith.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

**All Thanks be to God.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord

**All who hath made heaven and earth.**

*A period of silence for reflection on the past day follows.*

God shows his love for us in that, while we were still  
sinners, Christ died for us.

Let us then show our love for him by together confessing  
our sins in penitence and faith as we say

**We confess to God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost,  
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,  
through our own grievous fault.**

**Wherefore we pray God to have mercy upon us.**

**Almighty God, have mercy upon us,  
forgive us all our sins and deliver us from all evil,  
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,  
and bring us to life everlasting;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

May the almighty and merciful Lord  
grant unto you pardon ✕ and remission of all your sins,  
time for amendment of life,  
and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

**All Amen.**

Cantor O God, make speed to save us.  
Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Cantor Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
Choir as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen.

Cantor Praise ye the Lord.  
Choir The Lord's name be praised.

### The Office Hymn



Choir O Christ, who art the Light and Day,  
All thou drivest darksome night away!  
we know thee as the Light of light,  
illuminating mortal sight.

**All-holy Lord, we pray to thee,  
keep us tonight from danger free;  
grant us, dear Lord, in thee to rest,  
so be our sleep in quiet blest.**

**Blest Three in One and One in Three,  
almighty God, we pray to thee  
that thou wouldest now vouchsafe to bless  
our fast with fruits of righteousness. Amen.**

## ¶ The Word of God

### The Psalmody

O Lord, thou hast searched me out and known me:  
thou knowest my down-sitting and mine up-rising, thou  
understandest my thoughts long before.

Thou art about my path, and about my bed:  
and spiest out all my ways.

For lo, there is not a word in my tongue:  
but thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether.

Thou hast fashioned me behind and before:  
and laid thine hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me:  
I cannot attain unto it.

Whither shall I go then from thy Spirit:  
or whither shall I go then from thy presence?

If I climb up into heaven, thou art there:  
if I go down to hell, thou art there also.

If I take the wings of the morning:  
and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea;

Even there also shall thy hand lead me:  
and thy right hand shall hold me.

If I say, Peradventure the darkness shall cover me:  
then shall my night be turned to day.

Yea, the darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night  
is as clear as the day:  
the darkness and light to thee are both alike.  
For my reins are thine:  
thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

I will give thanks unto thee, for I am fearfully and  
wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works, and that my  
soul knoweth right well.

My bones are not hid from thee: though I be made secretly, and fashioned beneath in the earth.

Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect: and in thy book were all my members written;

Which day by day were fashioned: when as yet there was none of them.

How dear are thy counsels unto me, O God: O how great is the sum of them!

If I tell them, they are more in number than the sand: when I wake up I am present with thee.

*All 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.

*Psalm 139.1-18*

## The Reading

A reading from the gospel of Matthew.

'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

*Matthew 25.1-13, NRSV*

Reader      For the word of the Lord,  
All            **thanks be to God.**

## The Address

'Obedience'  
given by the Right Reverend Dr Mike Harrison  
Bishop of Dunwich

*Followed by a period of silence for reflection.*

## The Responsory

- Choir      Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
- Choir      For thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.  
I commend my spirit.
- Choir      Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost.  
Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
- Cantor     Keep me as the apple of an eye.  
Choir      Hide me under the shadow of thy wings.

*The Choir sings*

## The Nunc Dimittis

*Antiphon for Passiontide*

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree,  
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

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.

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree,  
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

## ¶ The Prayers

*The Cantor and Choir sing*

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.

Blessed art thou, Lord God of our fathers:  
to be praised and glorified above all for ever.

Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost:  
let us praise him and magnify him for ever.

Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven:  
to be praised and glorified above all for ever.

The almighty and most merciful Lord guard us and give us his  
blessing. Amen.

Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us;  
that thy people may rejoice in thee?

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us; and grant us thy salvation.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin;  
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, hear our prayer; and let our cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

## The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who, of thy tender love towards us,  
hast sent thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
to take upon him our flesh,  
and to suffer death upon the cross:  
mercifully grant, that we may both follow  
the example of his patience,  
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## ¶ The Conclusion

- Choir      We will lay down in peace, and take our rest.  
              For it is thou, Lord, only that makest us dwell in safety.
- All          Abide with us, O Lord,  
**for it is toward evening and the day is far spent.**
- All          As the watchmen look for the morning,  
**so do we look for thee, O Christ.**
- All          Come with the dawning of the day  
**and make thyself known in the breaking of bread.**
- All          The Lord be with you  
**and with thy spirit.**
- All          Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**
- All          May God bless us, that in us may be found  
love and humility, obedience and thanksgiving,  
discipline, gentleness and peace.  
**Amen.**

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## Holy Week and Easter

Holy Week this year will be led by the Right Reverend Dr Mike Harrison, Bishop of Dunwich. All services except for Morning Prayer are streamed from the Cathedral's Facebook page. Morning Prayer is streamed from the Bishops' Facebook page.

### Monday 6 April to Wednesday 8 April daily

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| 8.30 am | Morning Prayer                            |
| 12 noon | Said Eucharist                            |
| 7.00 pm | Sung Compline (Night Prayer) with Address |

### Thursday 9 April - Maundy Thursday

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| 8.30 am  | Morning Prayer                        |
| 11.00 am | Chrism Service                        |
| 5.00 pm  | Evening Prayer                        |
| 7.00 pm  | Solemn Eucharist of the Lord's Supper |

### Friday 10 April - Good Friday

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| 8.30 am | Morning Prayer             |
| 12 noon | The Liturgy of Good Friday |
| 5.00 pm | Evening Prayer             |

### Saturday 15 April - Easter Eve

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| 8.30 am | Morning Prayer |
| 3.30 pm | Evening Prayer |

### Sunday 16 April - Easter Day

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| 5.00 am  | Vigil and Blessing of Candles |
| 10.00 am | Said Eucharist                |
| 3.30 pm  | Evening Prayer                |

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