

# St Edmundsbury Cathedral



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# Holy Week

## The Order for Compline (Night Prayer)

with

## Address

by

the Right Reverend Dr Mike Harrison

Wednesday 8 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        Before the ending of the day,  
**All**            **creator of the world we pray,**  
**that with thy wonted favour thou**  
**wouldst be our guard and keeper now.**

**From all ill dreams defend our eyes,**  
**from nightly fears and fantasies;**  
**tread underfoot our ghostly foe,**  
**that no pollution we may know.**

**O Father, that we ask be done,**  
**through Jesus Christ, thine only Son;**  
**who, with the Holy Ghost and thee,**  
**doth live and reign eternally. Amen.**

## **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.

*Psalms 139.1-18*

## **The Reading**

A reading from the gospel of Luke.

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, 'If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him - that she is a sinner.' Jesus spoke up and said to him, 'Simon, I have something to say to you.' 'Teacher,' he replied, 'speak.' 'A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he cancelled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will

love him more?’ Simon answered, ‘I suppose the one for whom he cancelled the greater debt.’ And Jesus said to him, ‘You have judged rightly.’ Then turning towards the woman, he said to Simon, ‘Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.’ Then he said to her, ‘Your sins are forgiven.’ But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, ‘Who is this who even forgives sins?’ And he said to the woman, ‘Your faith has saved you; go in peace.’

*Luke 7.36-50, NRSV*

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

## **The Address**

*‘Hospitality’*  
given by the Right Reverend Dr Mike Harrison  
Bishop of Dunwich

*Followed by a period of silence for reflection.*

## The Responory

- 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 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.

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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**

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

### **Thursday 9 April - Maundy Thursday**

- 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**

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

### **Saturday 15 April - Easter Eve**

- 8.30 am Morning Prayer
- 3.30 pm Evening Prayer

### **Sunday 16 April - Easter Day**

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

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