

# St Edmundsbury Cathedral



A thousand years of God's love in Suffolk

## An Order for **Evening Prayer**

*from Ascension Day to Pentecost*



## ¶ *The Preparation*

**All**            O God, make speed to save us.  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

**All**            Send your Holy Spirit upon us,  
**and clothe your people with power from on high.**  
**Alleluia.**

*The following or another prayer of thanksgiving may be said:*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
Raised to your right hand on high  
the ascended Christ shows the prints of love  
and bestows on us the gifts of grace.  
As your Spirit renews the face of the earth,  
may we bring forth the fruit of the Spirit  
and reveal your glory in all the world.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy spirit.  
**All**            **Blessed be God for ever.**

*This opening prayer may be said:*

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,  
so may your mercy come down upon us  
to cleanse our hearts  
and set us free to sing your praise  
now and for ever.  
**All**            **Amen.**

## ¶ The Word of God

### The Psalmody

*The appointed psalmody is said.*

*Each psalm or group of psalms may end with*

**All            Glory to the Father and to the son  
                  and to the Holy Spirit;  
                  as it was in the beginning is now  
                  and shall be for ever. Amen.**

*If there are two Scripture readings, the first may be read here, or both may be read after the canticle.*

### The Canticle

*The song of Christ's Glory, or another suitable canticle may be said.*

*Refrain:*

**All            The Spirit of the Father,  
                  who raised Christ Jesus from the dead  
                  gives life to the people of God. Alleluia.**

The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus  
has set us free from the law of sin and death.

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God;  
for we have received the Spirit that enables us to cry,  
‘Abba, Father’.

The Spirit himself bears witness that we are children of God  
and if God's children, then heirs of God;

If heirs of God, then fellow-heirs with Christ;  
since we suffer with him now,  
that we may be glorified with him.

These sufferings that we now endure  
are not worth comparing to the glory that shall be revealed.

For the creation waits with eager longing  
for the revealing of the children of God.

*Romans 8.2, 14, 15b-19*

**All**      **Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**All**      **The Spirit of the Father,  
who raised Christ Jesus from the dead,  
gives life to the people of God. Alleluia.**

## **The Scripture Reading**

*One or more readings appointed for the day are read.*

*A responsory, in this or another form, may follow*

When you send forth your Spirit, we are created;  
you renew the face of the earth.  
**All**      **When you send forth your Spirit, we are created;  
you renew the face of the earth.**

O Lord, how manifold are your works;  
in wisdom you have made them all.  
**All**      **You renew the face of the earth.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit.  
**All**      **When you send forth your Spirit, we are created;  
you renew the face of the earth.**

*from Psalm 104*

## The Gospel Canticle

*The Magnificat (The Song of Mary) is normally said.*

*Refrain:*

**All            How excellent is your name in all the world,  
                  you have set your glory above the heavens. Alleluia.**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
    my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;  
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed;  
the Almighty has done great things for me  
    and holy is his name.

He has mercy on those who fear him,  
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm  
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,

Casting down the mighty from their thrones  
and lifting up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things  
and sent the rich away empty.

He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,  
to remember his promise of mercy,

The promise made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

*Luke 1.46-55*

**All            Glory to the Father and to the Son  
                  and to the Holy Spirit;  
                  as it was in the beginning is now  
                  and shall be for ever. Amen.**

*Refrain:*

**All            How excellent is your name in all the world,  
                  you have set your glory above the heavens. Alleluia.**

## ¶ *The Prayers*

*Prayers of intercession are offered.*

### **The Collect**

*The Collect for the day is said.*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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 Conclusion*

**All**      May the Spirit kindle in us the fire of God's love.  
**Amen.**

**All**      Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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