

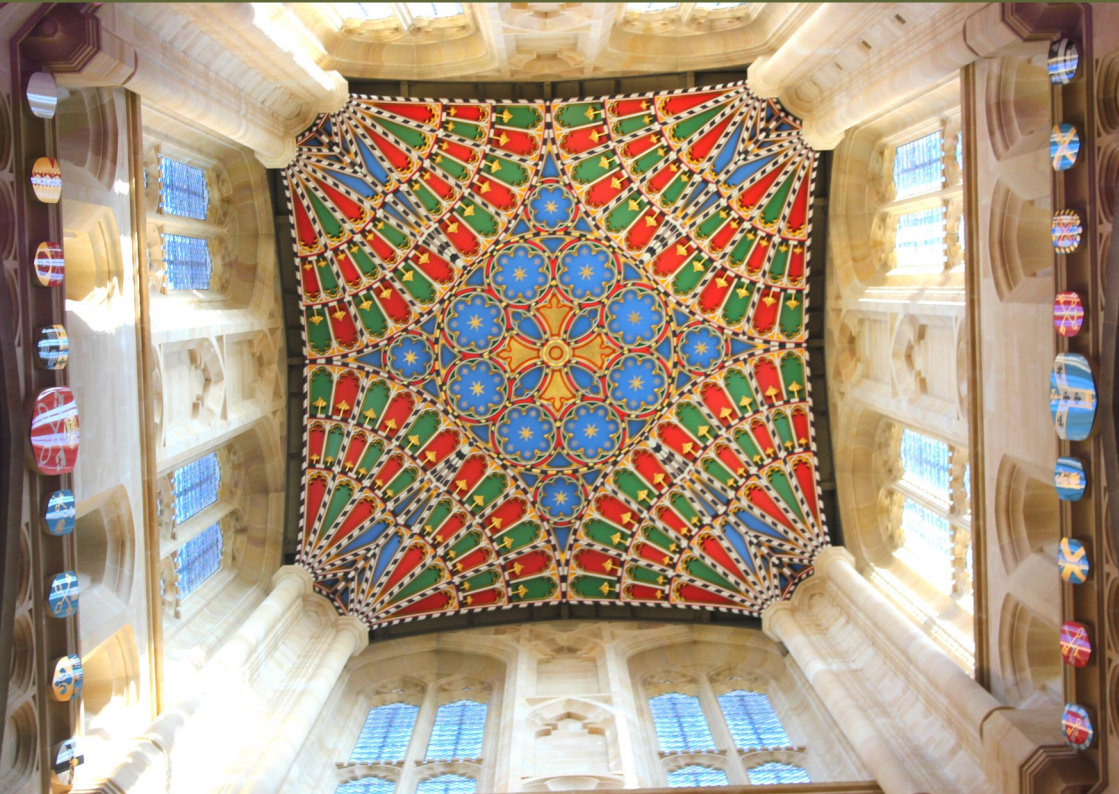
St Edmundsbury Cathedral



A thousand years of God's love in Suffolk

An Order for **Evening Prayer**

on Friday



¶ *The Preparation*

○ God, make speed to save us.

All **○ Lord, make haste to help us.**

The following or another prayer of thanksgiving may be said:

Blessed are you, Lord God, creator of day and night:
to you be praise and glory for ever.

As darkness falls you renew your promise
to reveal among us the light of your presence.

By the light of Christ, your living Word,
dispel the darkness of our hearts

that we may walk as children of light

and sing your praise throughout 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, ○ 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

Great and Wonderful, or another suitable canticle may be said.

**All Our hope is not in vain,
 because God's love has been poured into our hearts.**

God reckons as righteous those who believe,
who believe in him who raised Jesus from the dead;

For Christ was handed over to death for our sins,
and raised to life for our justification.

Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Through Christ we have gained access
to the grace in which we stand,
and rejoice in our hope of the glory of God.

We even exult in our sufferings,
for suffering produces endurance,

And endurance brings hope,
and our hope is not in vain,

Because God's love has been poured into our hearts,
through the Holy Spirit, given to us.

God proves his love for us:
while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.

Since we have been justified by his death,
how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath.

Therefore, we exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
in whom we have now received our reconciliation.

Romans 4.24, 25; 5.1-5, 8, 9, 11

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 **Our hope is not in vain,
because God's love has been poured into our hearts.**

The Scripture Reading

One or more readings appointed for the day are read.

A suitable song or chant, or a responsory in this or another form, may follow.

Forsake me not, O Lord;
be not far from me, O my God.
All **Forsake me not, O Lord;
be not far from me, O my God.**

Make haste to help me,
O Lord of my salvation.
All **Be not far from me, O my God.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.
All **Forsake me not, O Lord;
be not far from me, O my God.**

from Psalm 38

The Gospel Canticle

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

Refrain:

**All You have scattered the proud in their conceit,
and lifted up the lowly.**

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.**

**All You have scattered the proud in their conceit,
and lifted up the lowly.**

¶ *The Prayers*

Prayers of intercession are offered.

The Collect

The Collect for the day is said.

The Lord's Prayer

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 **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore.
Amen.**

All Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.