

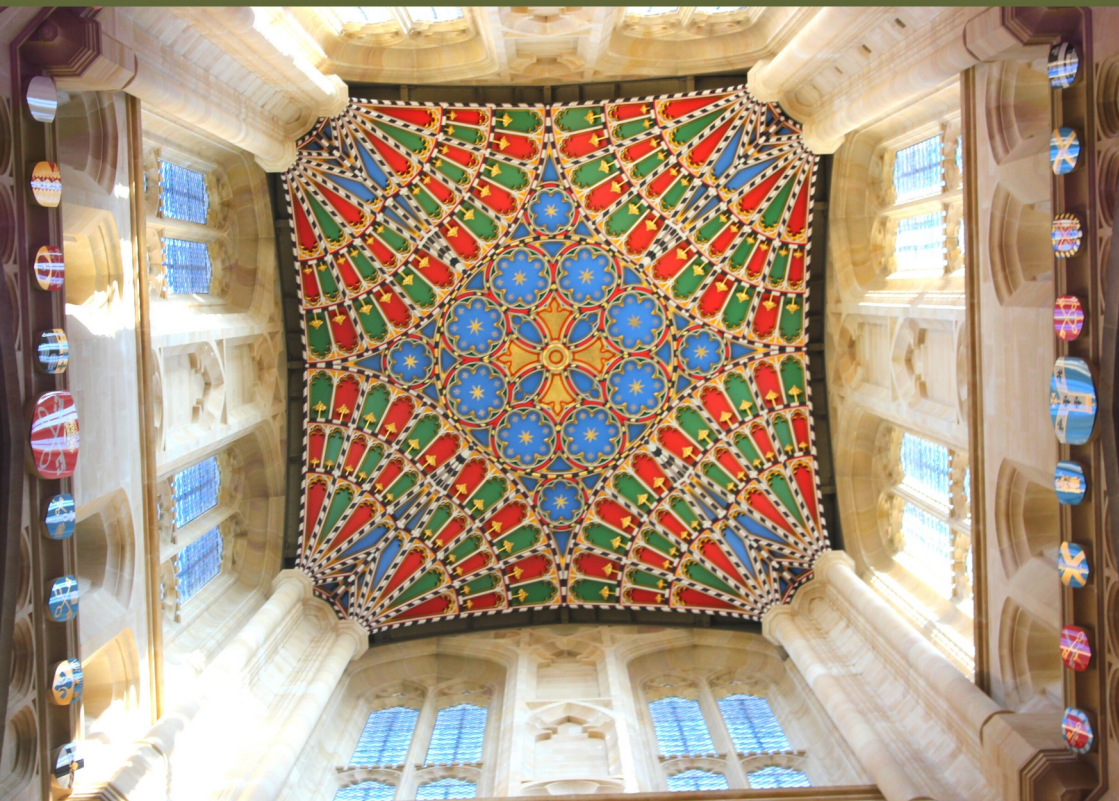
# St Edmundsbury Cathedral



A thousand years of God's love in Suffolk

## An Order for **Evening Prayer**

*on Monday*



## ¶ *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

*A Song of God's Grace, or another suitable canticle may be said.*

**All            The glorious grace of God  
                  is freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.**

Blessed are you,  
    the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
for you have blest us in Christ Jesus  
    with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

You chose us to be yours in Christ  
    before the foundation of the world,  
that we should be holy and blameless before you.

In love you destined us for adoption as your children,  
    through Jesus Christ,  
according to the purpose of your will,

To the praise of your glorious grace,  
    which you freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

In you, we have redemption through the blood of Christ,  
the forgiveness of our sins,

According to the riches of your grace,  
which you have lavished upon us.

You have made known to us, in all wisdom and insight,  
the mystery of your will,

According to your purpose  
which you set forth in Christ,  
as a plan for the fullness of time,

To unite all things in Christ,  
things in heaven and things on earth.

*Ephesians 1.3-10*

**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.**

**The glorious grace of God  
is freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.**

## **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.*

Trust in the Lord with all your heart;  
and be not wise in your own sight.  
**All**      **Trust in the Lord with all your heart;  
and be not wise in your own sight.**

In all your ways acknowledge him  
and he will make straight your paths.  
**All**      **Trust in the Lord with all your heart.**

**All** Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit.  
**Trust in the Lord with all your heart;  
and be not wise in your own sight.**

*from Proverbs 3*

## **The Gospel Canticle**

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

*Refrain:*

**All** **My spirit rejoices in you, O God,  
my soul proclaims your greatness.**

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**            **My spirit rejoices in you, O God,  
my soul proclaims your greatness.**

## ¶    *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.**