

St Edmundsbury Cathedral



A thousand years of God's love in Suffolk

An Order for **Evening Prayer**

on Thursday



¶ *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 All nations shall come and worship you, O Christ,
 and share in the feast of your kingdom.**

Great and wonderful are your deeds,
Lord God the Almighty.

Just and true are your ways,
O ruler of the nations.

Who shall not revere and praise your name, O Lord?
for you alone are holy.

All nations shall come and worship in your presence:
for your just dealings have been revealed.

Revelation 15.3,4

**All To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
 be blessing and honour and glory and might,
 for ever and ever. Amen.**

**All All nations shall come and worship you, O Christ,
 and share in the feast of your kingdom.**

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.

Fear not, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name; you are mine.

All **Fear not, for I have redeemed you.**
I have called you by name; you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.
When you walk through fire, you shall not be burned.

All **I have called you by name; you are mine.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.

All **Fear not, for I have redeemed you.**
I have called you by name; you are mine.

from Isaiah 43

The Gospel Cantic

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

Refrain:

All **You have filled the hungry with good things,**
and sent the rich away empty.

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 filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.**

¶ *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.