

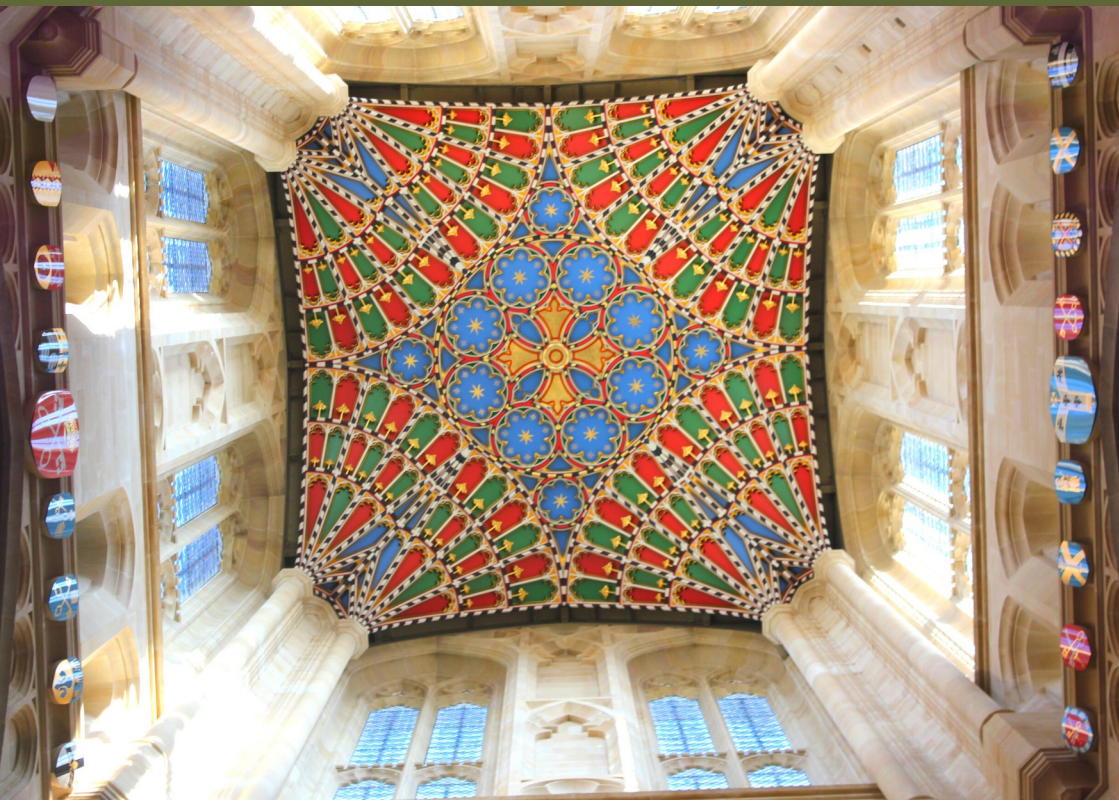
St Edmundsbury Cathedral



A thousand years of God's love in Suffolk

An Order for **Evening Prayer**

on Tuesday



¶ *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 the Holy City, or another suitable canticle may be said.

All **I saw the holy city
coming down out of heaven from God.**

I saw a new heaven and a new earth,
for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away
and the sea was no more.

And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice from the throne saying,
'Behold, the dwelling of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them and they shall be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them.

'He will wipe every tear from their eyes,
and death shall be no more.

'Neither shall there be mourning,
nor crying, nor pain any more,
for the former things have passed away.'

And the One who sat upon the throne said,
'Behold, I make all things new.'

Revelation 21.1-5a

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 **I saw the holy city
coming down out of heaven from God.**

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.

Open my eyes, O Lord
that I may see the wonders of your law.
All **Open my eyes, O Lord
that I may see the wonders of your law.**

Lead me in the path of your commandments
All **that I may see the wonders of your law.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.
All **Open my eyes, O Lord
that I may see the wonders of your law.**

from Psalm 119

The Gospel Canticle

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

Refrain:

**All You have mercy on those who fear you,
 from generation to generation.**

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 mercy on those who fear you,
 from generation to generation.**

¶ *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.