

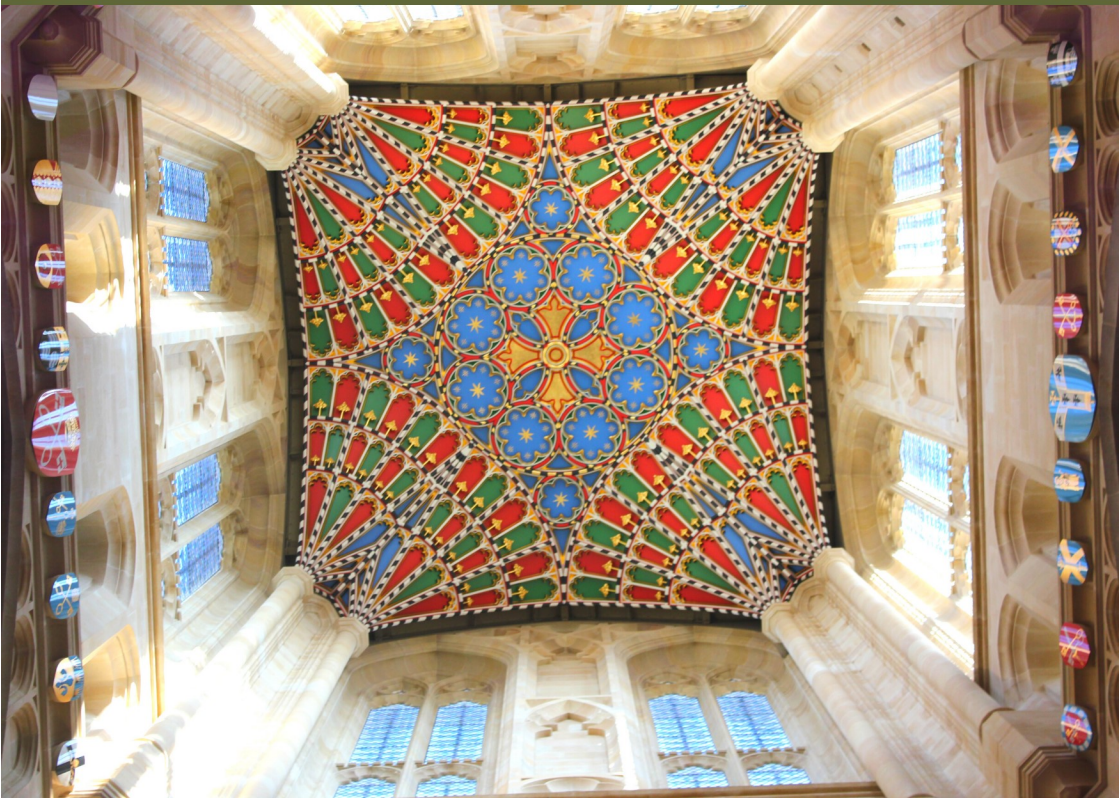
St Edmundsbury Cathedral



A thousand years of God's love in Suffolk

An Order for **Evening Prayer**

on Wednesday



¶ *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 Blessed, or another suitable canticle may be said.

**All Rejoice and be glad
 for you are the light of the world,
 and great is your reward in heaven.**

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger
and thirst after righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are those who suffer persecution
for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5.3-10

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.**

All **Rejoice and be glad
for you are the light of the world,
and great is your reward in heaven.**

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.

Lord, you will guide me with your counsel
and afterwards receive me with glory.
All **Lord, you will guide me with your counsel
and afterwards receive me with glory.**

For I am always with you;
you hold me by my right hand.
All **And afterwards receive me with glory.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.
All **Lord, you will guide me with your counsel
and afterwards receive me with glory.**

from Psalm 73

The Gospel Canticle

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

Refrain:

**All Remember your promise of mercy,
to Abraham and his children for ever.**

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 Remember your promise of mercy,
to Abraham and his children for ever.**

¶ *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.