

St Edmundsbury Cathedral



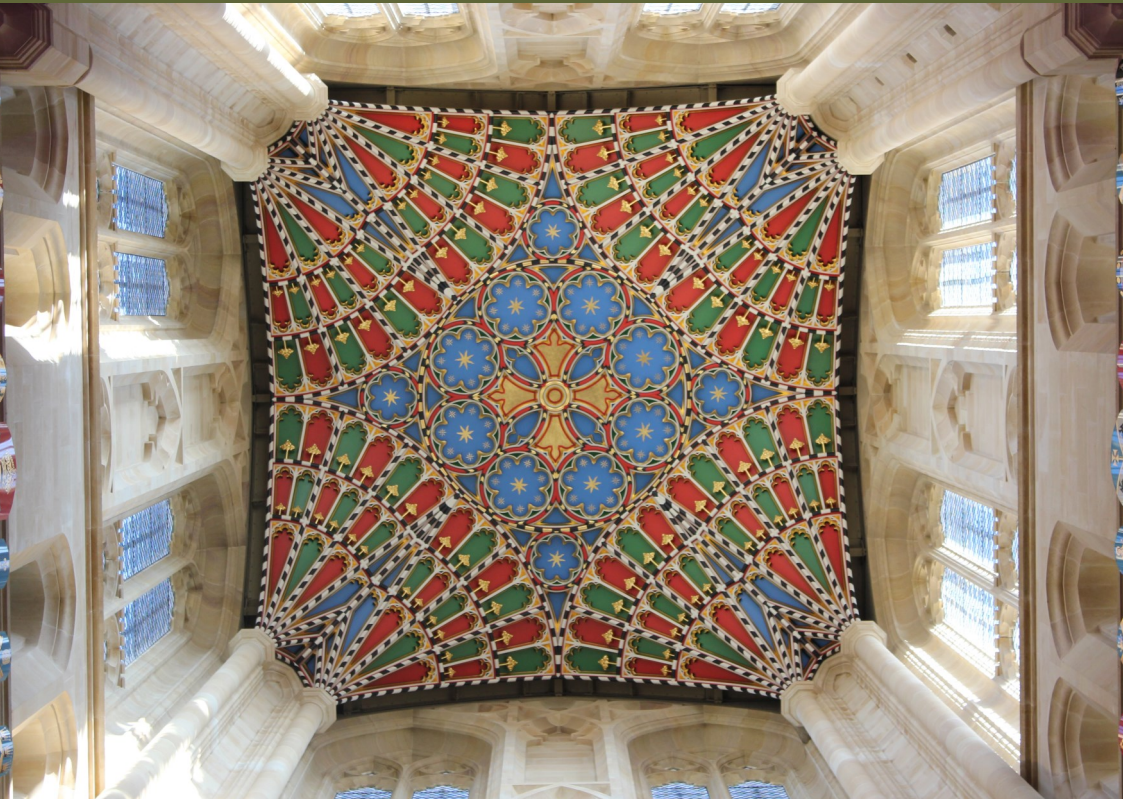
A thousand years of God's love in Suffolk

Holy Communion

St Luke the Evangelist

18 October 2020 11.00 am

President: The Bishop



The Holy Eucharist

The Eucharist is the service which Jesus Christ instituted on the night before he was crucified, when he said “do this in remembrance of me”. Since then, the church all over the world has celebrated using bread and wine; and the altar where the table is laid for communion is the heart of any church.

So it is that we participate in Christ’s life, joining with all other Christians, by sharing in God’s Word through the bible, sermon and prayers and by sharing symbolically in his body and blood through the bread and wine.

The text of this service booklet is from the Church of England’s Common Worship, and covers all ordinary Sundays throughout the year, when the liturgical colour is green. Special seasons of the Church calendar, such as Easter and Christmas, have their own special service booklet.

Some people find it helpful to make the ‘sign of the cross’ at various points in the service, as a reminder of God’s presence as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and his great love for us shown in Jesus Christ who opened wide his arms for all peoples on the cross. Those suggested points in the service are marked with a ✠ sign. The sign of the cross is traditionally made using your right hand: touch your forehead at ‘Father’; the lower middle of your chest at ‘Son’; the left shoulder at ‘Holy’, and the right shoulder at ‘Spirit’.

The Holy Eucharist has four main sections:

The Gathering, when we come together in worship. This concludes with the Collect (the prayer for the week) which ‘collects’ or gathers together the prayers of the congregation.

The Liturgy of the Word, when we listen to readings from the Bible and hear the sermon, say together our Creed or Affirmation of Faith and offer our prayers of intercession.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament, when we follow the example and command of Jesus at the Last Supper. The President (a priest or bishop) takes the bread and the wine to be consecrated, offers thanks in the words of the Eucharistic (thanksgiving) Prayer, breaks the bread to be shared, and then distributes these gifts to the congregation.

The Dismissal, in which the President blesses the congregation and we are sent out to love and serve the Lord.

Welcome to this morning's livestreamed service. Thank you for continuing to join our services virtually. As we are now permitted to come together, albeit in a limited manner, for public worship, the service will look slightly different to allow us to comply with government guidelines. There will be music from the organ and choir, but there will be no hymns as congregational singing in church is still not permitted due to the risk of infection. Thank you for your understanding.

Before the notices, members of Junior Church will be invited by Junior Church leaders to leave their pew and follow them up to the Edmund Room for Junior Church. They will then return to their seats in time to receive Communion.

¶ The Gathering

The Greeting

Cathedrals nationwide are offering today as a day of prayer for the NHS, social care and all affected by Covid-19.

The candle being blessed here and in cathedrals elsewhere today will be lit daily for services until the pandemic is declared to be over.

Lord God, you are the springing source of everlasting light and love.

As we light this candle to pray for and honour all affected by the pandemic,

sustain and support the anxious,

be with those who care for the sick,

lift up all who are brought low,

and pour into the hearts of your people

the brilliance of your eternal splendour and strength,

knowing that nothing can separate us from your love.

Blessed are you Lord God,

you who are Father, ✠ Son and Holy Spirit,

now and for ever.

Amen.

In the name of the ✠ Father,

and of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

An organ voluntary is played during the procession after which the Bishop says

Bishop Peace be with you
All **and also with you.**

The Bishop says

As our world and nation remain in the grip of a pandemic, we gather to pray for healing; for the healing of our world and nation and for the healing of all those who are in any need this day.

On this anti-slavery day, we commemorate all those who in generations past have been taken from their homes and families as slaves and we hold in our prayers most especially those whose life today is held captive by the power of others. We pray for all who are abused; for those who are trafficked around the world and treated as commodities to be traded rather than people to be loved. And we pray for those who, as we meet in safety, are travelling across land and sea, seeking to escape danger longing for a new life. Today, as the Church gives thanks for the life and ministry of St Luke the Evangelist, physician and teacher, we pray for all those who dedicate their lives to the healing, welfare and wellbeing of others.

In a moment of silence, let us hold in our minds those who we know are in need of Christ's healing and all those who this day are in great danger.

The Prayers of Penitence

Deacon Jesus said 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none;
and whoever has food must do likewise.'
In sorrow for our selfishness and greed, let us call to mind our sins.

Deacon Lord Jesus, you call us to be your friends.
On our unfriendliness;
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Deacon Lord Jesus, you are holy and gentle in heart.
On our unholiness and aggression;
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Deacon Lord Jesus, you came to humble the mighty
and to lift up the lowly.
On our desire for status;
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Bishop Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver ✠ you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

All stand as the Choir sings

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace, good will toward men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ:
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art the Most High,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Music: Communion service in G, Francis Jackson, b.1917

The Collect

God of compassion and love,
your beloved Son came to preach good news,
to bring release to the captives,
to liberate the oppressed,
and to bring sight to the blind;
by your grace,
open our eyes to the needs of the world,
give us the strength to join the fight
 against prejudice and oppression
and release us from the bonds of selfishness and greed,
that all those whose life is diminished
 by the selfishness of others
may know the power of your love to heal and to save;
through Jesus Christ, our healer and redeemer.
Amen.

Based on Luke 4.18-19

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit as the Reverend Rufin Emmanuel, Lead Chaplain at West Suffolk Hospital, reads

The First Reading

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert.

Isaiah 35.3–6

For the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Anita Rooney reads

The Second Reading

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

Friends in Christ, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm;

the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message. At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

2 Timothy 4.5–17

All For the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Everyone stands as the cantor and choir sing

The Gospel Acclamations

Cantor Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Cantor You are the light of the world: no one after lighting a lamp puts it under a basket but on the lampstand and it gives light to all.

Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Dean reads

The Gospel Reading

Deacon The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

Deacon Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to Luke.
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

Luke 10.1–9

All This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Everyone sits for

The Sermon

The Right Reverend Martin Seeley
Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich

Music for Reflection

The sermon is followed by a time for reflection during which time the organist will play:

Komm Gott Schöpfer, heiliger Geist
Johann Pachelbel, 1653-1706

Everyone stands for

The Creed

Bishop Let us now proclaim the Christian faith into which we were baptized and in which we live and grow.

Bishop Do you believe and trust in God the Father, who made all things?

All We believe and trust in him.

Bishop Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ, who redeemed the world?

All We believe and trust in him.

Bishop Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God?

All We believe and trust in him.

Bishop This is the faith of the Church.

**All This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The Prayers of Intercession

Deacon Let us pray for the Church and for the world and let us thank God for his goodness.

Everyone sits or kneels as the Rev'd Linda Peall, Head of Chaplaincy at Ipswich Hospital, leads the prayers.

The prayers conclude with:

**All Merciful Father,
accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Reception into the Church of England

Karen Smith is an Ordinand in our diocese and known to some of the Cathedral congregation. She is to be received into the Communion of the Church of England by the Bishop today. Karen's Baptism and Confirmation in a different Christian denomination are fully recognised by the Anglican Church, and the following Office of Reception is used as everyone supports and prays for Karen in her continuing journey of discernment and faith.

The Bishop asks

Bishop Have you been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit?

Candidate **I have.**

Bishop Are you ready with your own mouth and from your own heart to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ?

Candidate **I am.**

The Declaration

The Bishop says

Bishop You are here to be received into the communion of the Church of England. Do you acknowledge the Church of England as part of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church?

Candidate **I do.**

Bishop Do you accept the teaching, discipline and authority of the Church of England?

Candidate **I do.**

Bishop Will you take part with us in worship and mission?

Candidate **I will.**

The Reception

The bishop takes the candidate's hand, saying

Bishop Karen, we recognize you as a member of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church; and we receive you into the communion of the Church of England; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Everyone stands for

¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God,
through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

If you have other members of your household with you, you may wish to share the peace with them now. If are alone, know Christ's Peace to be with you now.

The choir may sing a hymn or canticle as the altar is prepared.

The Preparation of the Table

The Taking of the Bread and Wine

Bishop Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread
to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Bishop Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine
to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

All Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Bishop It is indeed right and good
that we should give you thanks, praise and glory,
almighty and everlasting God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
For after his resurrection
he sent out his apostles and evangelists
to preach the gospel to all nations
and lead us in the way of truth.

And now we give you thanks
because, following with them
we are your new creation in Christ:
you fill us with your Spirit,
to bring good news to the poor,
to heal the broken,
to announce release to captives
and freedom to prisoners,
to proclaim the death of Christ until he comes again.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

Choir Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Music: Communion service in G, Francis Jackson, b.1917

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Deacon
All

Christ is the bread of life:
**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once
for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection
and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
James, Edmund and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The consecrated bread and wine are raised in the sight of the people.

Everyone sits or kneels for

The Lord's Prayer

Deacon As Jesus taught us, so we pray,
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 Breaking of the Bread

Bishop Jesus said, 'I am the bread of life.
Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,
And whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

Music: Communion service in G, Francis Jackson, b.1917

Bishop Jesus is the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Spiritual Communion

‘Spiritual Communion’ is a historic practice in the church for anyone who cannot receive the bread and wine physically. It is possible because Communion is always a spiritual practice and not simply physical. Through God’s grace, whilst we cannot receive the bread and wine, we can still receive the sacrament in our hearts, and share in communion with Jesus. In making our communion spiritually, we are joining with Christians everywhere who cannot receive the bread and wine at this time. The following prayer is one form of words to use for Spiritual Communion.

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits you have given me,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly,
day by day. Amen.

after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

Remain seated or kneeling as the choir sings the

Anthem

I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste.

He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love.

Music: Edward Bairstow, 1874-1946

Prayer after Communion

Bishop Let us pray.
Compassionate God,
In this Eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing.
Grant that we who have been made whole, may,
with Saint Luke and all the saints,
bring your healing to our broken world;
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Silence is kept.

All **Almighty God,**
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.

Please stand for

¶ *The Dismissal*

The Blessing

Bishop The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

All May God,
 who kindled the fire of his love in the hearts of the Apostles,
 pour upon you the riches of his grace.
Amen.

All May he give you joy in their fellowship,
 And a share in their praises.
Amen.

 May he give you strength and courage to bring to birth the
 values of his kingdom to the world and its peoples,
All Amen.

All And the blessing of God almighty,
 the Father, ✠ the Son, and the Holy Spirit
 by among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Please remain standing as the procession moves to the Cathedral west end and
the organist plays*

The Organ Voluntary

Toccata
Georgi Mushel, 1909-1989

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