

St Edmundsbury  
Cathedral



# Holy Communion

*on*

## **Weekdays**

*in the week of national mourning  
and thanksgiving  
for the life of our late*

**Sovereign Lady  
Queen Elizabeth**

# The Order of Service

## The Gathering

President 'I am the resurrection and the life', says the Lord.  
'Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'

We meet in the name of Jesus Christ,  
who died and ☩ was raised  
to the glory of God the Father.

**Amen.**

## The Greeting

President Grace and mercy be with you.  
**All and also with you.**

*The president may briefly introduce the service, ending with this prayer:*

Almighty God,  
you judge us with infinite mercy and justice  
and love everything you have made.  
In your mercy  
turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life,  
and the sorrow of parting into the joy of heaven;  
through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**All Amen.**

## The Prayers of Penitence

President God has shone in our hearts  
to give the light of the knowledge of his glory  
in the face of Christ.  
But we have this treasure in earthen vessels  
to show that the transcendent power belongs to God  
and not to us.

As we acknowledge our human frailty,  
we call to mind our sins of word, deed and omission, and  
confess them before God our Father.

*Silence is kept. This or another authorized confession is used:*

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:  
Christ, have mercy.

**All Christ, have mercy.**

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

May God our Father forgive ✕ you your sins  
and bring you to the eternal joy of his kingdom,  
where dust and ashes have no dominion.

**All Amen.**

## The Collect

Merciful Father and Lord of all life, we praise you that we are made  
in your image and reflect your truth and light. We thank you for the life  
of our late Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth, for the love she received  
from you and showed among us. Above all, we rejoice at your gracious  
promise to all your servants, living and departed, that we shall rise again  
at the coming of Christ. And we ask that in due time we may share with  
your servant Elizabeth that clearer vision promised to us in the same  
Christ our Lord; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one  
God, world without end. **Amen.**

## ¶ *The Liturgy of the Word*

### **The Reading**

*At the end, the reader says*

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

### **The Gospel Reading**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to *Name*:

**All** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end*

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

### **The Prayers of Intercession**

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

*Prayers of intercession are offered, ending with:*

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

## ¶ *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

### **The Peace**

*The following or another suitable introduction may be used.*

Jesus says: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.  
Not as the world gives do I give you. Do not let your hearts  
be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## The Preparation of the Table

### The Taking of the Bread and Wine

President May all who are called to a place at your table  
follow in the way that leads to the unending feast of life.

**All Amen.**

### The Eucharistic Prayer

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

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

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

President It is indeed right,  
it is our duty and our joy,  
at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise,  
holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now we give you thanks  
because through him you have given us the hope of a  
glorious resurrection;  
so that, although death comes to us all,  
yet we rejoice in the promise of eternal life;  
for to your faithful people life is changed, not taken away;  
and when our mortal flesh is laid aside  
an everlasting dwelling place is made ready for us in heaven.

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:

**All**            **Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

President     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.

**All**            Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

President     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 [N 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. **Amen.**

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

## **The Lord's Prayer**

President 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

President 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

**All Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

President 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.**

*If the service is livestreamed, the following is used.*

## **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 us,  
for all the pains and insults you have borne for us.  
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.  
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,  
may we 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*

## The Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept.*

Father in Heaven,  
whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace,  
an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem:  
grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage that,  
fed with the living bread of heaven  
and united in the body of your Son,  
we may be the temple of your presence,  
the place of your glory on earth,  
and a sign of your peace in the world;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**All**

**Amen.**

**Father of all,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*or*

**We thank you, Lord  
that you have fed us in this sacrament,  
united us with Christ,  
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet  
prepared for all peoples. Amen.**

## The Dismissal

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

President    God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest;  
to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth,  
and all humankind,  
peace and concord;  
and to us and all his servants, life everlasting;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**All**            **Amen.**

*or*

President    May God give to you and to all those you love  
his comfort and his peace,  
his light and his joy,  
in this world and the next;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always.  
**All**            **Amen.**

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

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