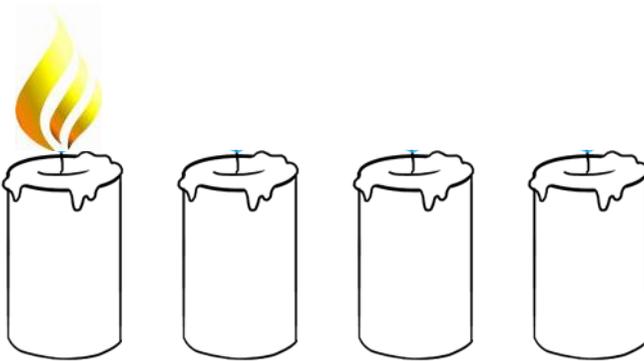


St Edmundsbury
Cathedral



All-Age Eucharist



‘The First Sunday of Advent’

Matthew 24.36-44
27 November 2022

Sundays at 9.00 am

Welcome to St Edmundsbury Cathedral

for today's weekly Sunday All-Age Eucharist Service

Please stay for refreshments and conversation in Pilgrims' Kitchen following the service.

Welcome and Introduction

Priest/All We meet in the name of the ✠ Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Priest/All The Lord be with you **and also with you.**

As we gather to worship, we prepare ourselves and the Advent Wreath before lighting the first candle and singing:

**We sing Advent candles tell their story
as we watch and pray,
longing for the Day of Glory,
'Come, Lord, soon,' we say.
Pain and sorry,
tears and sadness,
changed for gladness
on that Day.**

Words: Mark Earey

Tune: 'Angel Voices, Ever Singing' by Edwin Monk, 1861

We then share our news with one another.

Penitence – Saying Sorry

The priest then introduces the confession, and invites everyone to join in with:

Cantor/All Kyrie, Christe, **Kyrie, Christe.**

Cantor/All Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy.

Cantor/All Kyrie eleison. **Kyrie eleison.**



Words: and music Richard Hubbard

The priest prays words of God's forgiveness.

The Advent Story

The Advent Story begins as we hear the first of four weekly-instalments.

Prayers

We say prayers of thanks together, praying for the church, the world and all in need.

Then we share God's peace with one another.

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you
All **and also with you.**



The Offertory

As a community we bring the bread and wine to the altar table and we commit an offering of ourselves: our time, our money, our skills and resources.

We sing God it was who said to Abraham, ‘pack your bags and travel on!’
God it was who said to Sarah, ‘smile and soon you’ll bear a son.’
Trav’ling folk and aged mothers,
wand’ring when they thought they’d done -
This is how God calls his people, losing all because of One.

God it was who said to Joseph,
‘down your tools, you’ve found your wife.’
God it was who said to Mary, ‘in your womb will start new life.’
Carpenter and country maiden leaving town and trade and skills
This is how God calls his people, moving them through what he wills.

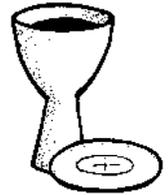
Everyone is then invited to gather around the altar table for

The Holy Communion – Jesus in Bread and Wine

Priest/All With this bread that we bring: **we remember Jesus.**
With this wine that we bring: **we remember Jesus.**
With all these gifts that we bring to God’s table: **we remember Jesus.**

At the beginning of the prayer over the bread and wine, we sing:

Priest/All The Lord be with you **and also with you.**
Priest/All Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**



During the prayer over the bread and wine, sometimes we echo the tune and sing:

Priest O Lord our God,
All **We give you thanks and praise.**

During the prayer we will sing the ‘Sanctus’

Holy, holy, holy Lord. Lord of power, Lord of might.
Heav’n and earth are filled with glory. Sing Hosanna evermore.

Blest and holy, blest and holy, he who comes from God on high.
Raise your voices, sing his glory, praise his name for evermore.

adapted by Anthony Harrison from and Israeli folk melody Millennium Mass

The Lord’s Prayer

Priest And now 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.**

Priest We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

If you have been confirmed in the Church of England, have been admitted to Holy Communion or receive Holy Communion in your usual church you are welcome to receive here today. We receive Holy Communion in two kinds: bread and wine: full communion may be experienced in one kind only—do let us know as we distribute communion to you if you prefer not to drink from the shared cup or require a gluten free wafer. If you do not yet receive Holy Communion, we will ask your name and offer a prayer of blessing. As you remain in your seat during the distribution do please reflect on the themes of today's service, pray for those around you and listen to the music that is played.

As our prayer of thanks we sing the last verse of the song sung during distribution

**And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
to respond and to remember
our call to follow in the steps of Christ
as his body here on earth.
As we share in his suffering
we proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
around the table of the King.
Around the table of the King.**

Words and Music: Keith & Kristen Getty & Stuart Townend

The Blessing and Dismissal

Following any thanks, notices and the Blessing, our service comes to a close and we sing.

**In this crowd of common people,
once unknown, whom we revere,
God calls us to share his purpose,
starting now and starting here.
So we celebrate God's calling,
so we prize and praise God's choice
as we pray that through this company
God will act and raise his voice.**



Tune: Trad. Words: John Bell (b. 1946)

Priest Are you ready to go out into the world to share God's love?

All We are!

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

We are always glad to hear from you! Please keep in touch with Revd sarahgeileskey@stedscathedral.org or on 01284 748720.