

St Edmundsbury
Cathedral



Solemn Eucharist

for the Feast of St Edmund,
king and martyr



President:

The Right Reverend Martin Seeley
Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich

Sunday 19 November 2023
10.30 am

Welcome to St Edmundsbury Cathedral

A warm welcome to St Edmundsbury Cathedral for today's Solemn Eucharist led by the Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich.

Today we mark our cathedral Patronal Festival for the feast of Saint Edmund, king and martyr. As we celebrate the life and witness of St Edmund, whose shrine in the Abbey became the focus of pilgrimage over many centuries, we give thanks for our Benedictine inheritance. We pray that the wisdom and light of ages past will influence us for good in our own generation, that we may hold out the lamp of faith and light of Christ to all.



Music at today's service is sung by the

Adults of the Cathedral Choir

Mass setting: Mass for five voices, *William Byrd, c.1540-1623*

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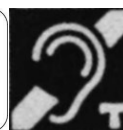
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The Order of Service

¶ The Gathering

The Dean gives

The Welcome

Everyone is then invited to stand, and the Dean says

Dean Blessed are you, God of heaven and earth,
All **you have given us a share in the inheritance
of the saints in light.**

Dean You show me the path of life, O God.
All **In your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

Everyone stands to sing

The Processional Hymn

**God, whose city's sure foundation
stands upon his holy hill,
by his mighty inspiration
chose of old and chooseth still
men and women from each nation
his good pleasure to fulfil.**

**Here in England through the ages,
while the Christian years went by,
saints, confessors, martyrs, sages,
strong to live and strong to die,
wrote their names upon the pages
of God's blessed company.**

**Some there were like lamps of learning
shining in a faithless night,
some on fire with love, and burning
with a flaming zeal for right,
some by simple goodness turning
souls from darkness unto light.**

**As we now with high thanksgiving
their triumphant names record,
grant that we, like them, believing
in the promise of thy word,
may, like them, in all good living,
praise and magnify the Lord!**

Words: C A Alington, 1872-1955

*Music: Westminster Abbey, adapted from the Alleluyas in Purcell's
'O God, Thou art my God' for Belville in The Psalmist, 1843*

Everyone remains standing for

The Greeting

The Bishop greets everyone informally and then says

Bishop We meet in the name of the ✠ Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Bishop With Saint Edmund and all the saints, let us worship God
All let us praise his name together.

Bishop Peace be with you
All and also with you.

The Prayers of Penitence

Deacon Saint Edmund and all the saints were faithful unto death
and now dwell in the heavenly kingdom for ever.
As we celebrate their lives and witness,
and remembering all in darkness and captivity,
we bring before God our sins
and all that separates us from him and each other.

Everyone kneels or sits. Silence is kept.

Deacon Surrounded by the love of the saints, we ask God's love,
healing and mercy on us and on his world, as we pray

Deacon Lord, you have shown us all that is loving,
good and life giving,
but we often show hardness of heart.
Lord have mercy.

All Lord have mercy.

Deacon We have not always learned from past mistakes,
and do not always take care of those
in need of wholeness and peace.
Christ have mercy.

All Christ have mercy.

Deacon By ourselves we can do nothing;
but with you all things are possible.
O Lord turn us, set us on the path that leads to life,
and make us new.
Lord have mercy.

All Lord have mercy.

Bishop May the God of love and power
forgive you ✠ and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life
in Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Everyone stands as the choir sings

Gloria in excelsis Deo,
et in terra pax hominibus
bonæ voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te,
gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam,
Domine Deus, Rex coelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite,
Jesu Christe;
Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus sanctus;
tu solus Dominus,
tu solus altissimus Jesu Christe,
Cum Sancto Spiritu
in gloria Dei Patris.
Amen.

Everyone remains standing as the Bishop prays

Sovereign God,
whose servant Edmund kept faith to the end,
both with you and with his people,
and glorified you by his death:
help us, following our Saviour Christ
in the path of humble service,
to bring in your kingdom
on earth as it is in heaven;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigning with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

*Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace,
good will towards 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,
Jesu 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 most high
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.*

The Collect

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

Everyone sits as Paul Elkin reads

The Old Testament Reading

A reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah.

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm.' Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Zephaniah 1.7, 12–end, NRSV

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

Everyone remains seated as Gray Elkin reads

The New Testament Reading

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security,' then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5.1–11, NRSV

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

Everyone stands for

The Gospel Reading

The gospel book is carried in procession by the Deacon to the centre of the Nave and everyone turns to face it.

Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All 
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Choir Whoever would become my followers,
let them deny themselves
and take up their cross and follow me.

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Deacon Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to Matthew.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples, ‘The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, “Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, “Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.”

Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.” But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

Matthew 25.14–30, NRSV

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

All



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

The musical notation is a single line of music on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staff, with a long horizontal line under the second 'ia' to indicate a sustained note.

Everyone sits for

The Sermon

The Right Reverend Martin Seeley
Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich

After a short time for reflection, everyone stands for the

The Affirmation of Faith

Bishop Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?
All I believe and trust in him.

Bishop Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?
All I believe and trust in him.

Bishop Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?
All I 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.**

Everyone sits or kneels for

The Prayers of Intercession

God, you are our light in darkness:
as we celebrate the witness of Saint Edmund,
king and martyr,
strengthen us and all Christians
to bring in the values of your kingdom
on earth as it is in heaven;
Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

God of justice and peace:
give to those in government and influence
wisdom, integrity and compassion,
and to the world and its peoples
the peace that comes from above,
Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

God of healing and love:
be with all who witness
to your love in the care of the poor and needy,
the sick and dying;
touch and heal all whose lives are scarred
by pain and loss today.
Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

God of our eternity:
enfold in your embrace all those gone before us
who have served your purposes of love in this life;
with Edmund and all the saints
may we too, at the end of our days, hear the angels' song,
and be caught up in the mystery of their eternal worship
of you who are Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

There follows a time of quiet for silent prayer and thanksgiving, after which the intercessor says

We give you thanks for Saint Edmund
and the whole company of your saints in glory;
by your grace may we, like them,
be made perfect in your love.

All **Blessing and glory and wisdom,
thanksgiving and honour and power,
be to our God for ever and ever. Amen.**

¶ *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

Everyone stands for

The Peace

The Bishop introduces the Peace saying

God is love
and those who live in love live in God
and God lives in them.

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

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Everyone may exchange a sign of peace.

Everyone remains standing to sing

The Offertory Hymn

During the hymn the altar table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

**And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be,
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?**

**'Tis mystery all: the Immortal dies!
Who can explore his strange design?
In vain the first-born seraph tries
to sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
Let angel minds inquire no more.**

**He left His Father's throne above –
so free, so infinite his grace –
emptied Himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For O my God, it found out me!**

**Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quickening ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.**

**No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.**

Words: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: Sagina, from Thomas Campbell, The Bouquet, 1825

Everyone remains standing as the Bishop prays

The Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

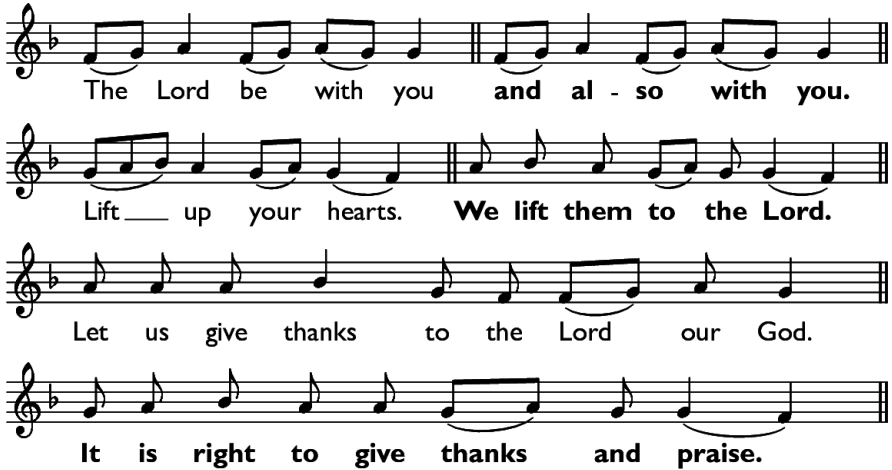
Be present, be present,
Lord Jesus Christ,
our high priest and King for ever;
make yourself known in the breaking of the bread.
Amen.

All

Everyone remains standing for

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Bishop and people sing the Sursum Corda:



The Lord be with you and al - so with you.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Bishop It is indeed right, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For following the example of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
your holy martyr St Edmund shed his blood
for the glory of your name.
His death reveals your power
made perfect in our human frailty.

You choose the weak and make them strong
in bearing witness to you
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

With joyful hearts we echo on earth
the song of the angels in heaven
as they praise your glory without end:

Choir	<p>Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus sabaoth. Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.</p> <p>Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.</p>	<p><i>Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.</i></p> <p><i>Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.</i></p>
Bishop	<p>Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood;</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
Deacon All	<p>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.</p>	
Bishop	<p>Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.</p>	

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise;

All  **Bles-sing and ho-nour and glo-ry and power
be yours for e-ver and e-ver. A - men.**

Everyone kneels or sits as the consecrated bread and wine are raised in the sight of the people and the Sanctus bell is rung.

The Lord's Prayer

After a period of stillness, the Bishop introduces the Lord's Prayer, saying

Bishop With saints and martyrs through the ages,
as Jesus taught us, so together 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 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.**

The Invitation to Communion

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.**

Everyone remains kneeling or sitting as the choir sings the

Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. *O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.*

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. *O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.*

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem. *O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.*

Spiritual Communion

The prayer for Spiritual Communion is offered here for those joining by livestream. Spiritual Communion is the historic practice in the church for anyone who cannot receive the bread and wine physically.

The Giving of Communion

Please follow the directions of the Cathedral wardens.

If you are used to receiving Communion in a church of your own, you are warmly invited to receive the sacrament today.

Gluten free bread: please indicate to the administering priest if you require a gluten free Communion bread.

Anyone wishing to receive a blessing is also welcome: please carry this order of service with you as an indication to the ministers.

During the distribution of Communion, the choir sings

The Motet

Honestum fecit illum Dominus,
ut custodivit illum ab inimicis,
et a seductoribus tutavit illum:
Et dedit illi claritatem aeternam.

*The Lord made him honourable,
so that he kept him safe from his enemies,
and defended him from seducers:
And he gave him everlasting glory.*

Music: Jacob Handl, 1550-1591

The Prayer after Communion

Everyone kneels or sits as silence is kept

Bishop Let us pray.

Bishop God, who gave us this holy meal
in which we have celebrated the glory of the cross
and the victory of your martyr Edmund:
by our communion with Christ
in his saving death and resurrection,
give us with all your saints
the courage to conquer evil
and so to share the fruit of the tree of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**



The Dismissal

Everyone stands for

The Sending Out

Before the final hymn, the service concludes with the following acclamation, as we give thanks for the witness of St Edmund, and acknowledge our Lord's call to follow the way of Christ today.

Deacon Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised:
All **there is no end of his greatness.**

Deacon In the darkness of this age
All **your faithful servants make known**
 the glory of your kingdom.

Deacon Your saints are patterns of holy living and holy dying
All **strengthen us to follow them**
 in faith, and hope, and love.

Deacon You kindle the fire of your love in the hearts of the saints
All **equip us to bring the Good News of Christ**
 to a waiting world.

The Blessing

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

Bishop May God who is freedom, light, life and joy
 set us free from fear and despair,
 and with Edmund and all the saints,
 bring light into the dark places in our hearts and minds,
 and give us his joy in living and in believing;
 and the blessing of God almighty,
 the ✠ Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
 be among you and remain with you always.
All **Amen.**

Everyone remains standing to sing

The Final Hymn

**Thanks be to God for his saints of each past generation,
one with us still in one body, one great congregation;
with them proclaim
Jesus for ever the same,
Author of life and salvation.**

**Thanks be to God for his blessings which daily surround us;
glory to Christ, the Redeemer who sought us and found us,
who from the grave
rose, the almighty to save,
breaking the fetters that bound us.**

**Thanks be to God for the years that are yet in his keeping,
trusting each day to the care of the Father unsleeping,
on to the end,
Christ our companion and friend,
joy at the last for our weeping.**

**Thanks be to God who has called us and daily defends us,
who with the Son and the Spirit unchanging befriends us;
now in that name,
Jesus for ever the same,
forth to his service he sends us.**

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b.1926

Music: Lobe Den Herren, German 17th century

Everyone remains standing for

The Dismissal

Deacon Following God's saints
 in the ways of holiness and truth,
 let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Everyone remains standing as the procession departs and Richard Cook, Assistant Director of Music, plays

The Voluntary

Variation from Sonata No. 6 in D minor, Op. 65
Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847

It is a great help to the Cathedral wardens if you can place your kneeler on the pew after the service before you leave. Thank you.

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