

St Edmundsbury
Cathedral



Requiem Eucharist

*for the Commemoration of the
Faithful Departed*

All Souls' Day

Sunday 2 November 2025
3.30 pm

Welcome to St Edmundsbury Cathedral

In this afternoon's All Souls' Service we remember with thanksgiving the people we love who have died. The Commemoration of the Departed on All Souls' Day celebrates the saints in a more intimate way than All Saints' Day. It allows us to remember with thanksgiving before God those whom we have known directly: those who gave us life, or who supported and encouraged us on life's journey or who nurtured us in faith.

In our worship, we sense that it is a fearful thing to come before the unutterable goodness and holiness of God, even for those who are redeemed in Christ; that it is searing as well as life-giving to experience God's mercy. This instinct is expressed in the liturgy of All Souls' Day.

During this service, everyone is invited to bring the names of loved ones departed, written on the small white card crosses, to the cross before the altar, and to light a prayer candle there. Names will not be read aloud so that the total focus of this part of the liturgy may be on silent prayer and our individual commendation to God of those whom we remember but see no more.

Music at today's service

St Edmundsbury Singers and the Adults of the Cathedral Choir

Requiem in D minor, K. 626, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, 1756-1791

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The order of service indicates whether to sit or stand, however please feel free to adopt the posture that you feel most comfortable with.

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The Order of Service

¶ The Gathering

Everyone remains seated as the choir enters. The Dean gives

The Welcome

After the welcome everyone is invited to stand and the following is said.

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

All **Amen.**

The ministers enter and the altar is censed as the choir sings the

Introit and Kyrie

Requiem æternam
dona eis, Domine:
et lux perpetua luceat eis.

*Rest eternal grant unto them,
O Lord:
and let light perpetual shine
upon them.*

Te decet hymnus Deus in Sion:
et tibi reddetur votum
in Jerusalem.
Exaudi orationem meam,
ad te omnis caro veniet.

*Thou, O God, art praised in Sion:
and unto thee shall the vow be
performed in Jerusalem.
Thou that hearest the prayer,
unto thee shall all flesh come.*

Kyrie eleison,
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

*Lord, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.*

Everyone remains standing for

The Greeting

President Grace, mercy and peace
 from God our Father
 and the Lord Jesus Christ
 be with you

All **and also with you.**

The Prayers of Penitence

Deacon 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.

Everyone sits or kneels. Silence is kept.

 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.

Everyone remains sitting or kneeling as the choir sings the

Dies Irae

Dies irae, dies illa
solvat saeculum in favilla:
teste David cum Sibylla.

*Day of wrath, day of anger
will dissolve the world in ashes,
as foretold by David and the Sybil.*

Quantus tremor est futurus,
quando iudex est venturus,
cuncta stricte discussurus!

*Great trembling there will be
when the Judge descends from heaven
to examine all things closely!*

The Absolution

President May God our Father forgive you your sin
 and bring you to the eternal joy of the heavenly kingdom,
 where dust and ashes have no dominion.

All Amen.

The Collect

President Let us pray for the peace and well-being of the whole Church in heaven and on earth.

Silence is kept.

President Eternal God, our maker and redeemer,
grant us, with all the faithful departed,
the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion
and glorious resurrection,
that, in the last day,
when you gather up all things in Christ,
we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

Everyone sits for

The Bible Reading

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

1 Peter 1.3-9, NRSV

For the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn

**The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine for ever.**

**Where streams of living water flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow
with food celestial feedeth.**

**Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home rejoicing brought me.**

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.**

**Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!**

**And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:
good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.**

*Words: H. W. Baker, 1821-1877
Music: Melody in Petrie Collection of the
Ancient Music of Ireland, 1855*

The Gospel Acclamation

Everyone remains standing as the Gospel Book is carried to the centre of the nave, and everyone turns to face it.

Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

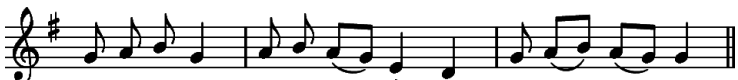
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Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Choir 'It is the will of him who sent me,' says the Lord,
'that I should lose none of all that he has given me,
but raise them up on the last day.' *cf John 6.39*

All



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

The Gospel Reading



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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, 'Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.'

John 6.37–40, NRSV



Deacon This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Everyone sits for

The Address

The Venerable Samantha Brazier-Gibbs
Archdeacon of Ipswich

The sermon is followed by a short period of quiet for reflection.

Everyone remains seated or kneeling as the Canon Precentor leads

The Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray to the Lord who has conquered death.

Jesus, bread from heaven,
you satisfy the hungry with good things:
grant us a share with all the departed
in the banquet of your kingdom.
Hear us, risen Lord,

All our resurrection and our life.

Jesus, the light of the world,
you gave the man born blind the gift of sight.
Open the eyes of faith and bring us from darkness
to your eternal light and glory.
Hear us, risen Lord,

All our resurrection and our life.

Jesus, Son of the living God,
you summoned your friend Lazarus from death to life:
raise us at the last to eternal life with you.
Hear us, risen Lord,

All our resurrection and our life.

Jesus, crucified Saviour,
in your dying you entrusted each to the other,
Mary your mother and John your beloved disciple:
sustain and comfort all who mourn.
Hear us, risen Lord,

All our resurrection and our life

Jesus, our life and our hope,
We remember in your presence
those who have died.

Everyone is invited to come forward and place the small card cross, with the name of the person(s) they are remembering, on the large cross of remembrance. You are invited to light a candle there, as a symbol of prayer and thanksgiving, at the same time.

During this time the Lacrimosa is sung.

Lacrimosa dies illa, qua resurget ex favilla judicandus homo reus:	<i>Full of tears will be that day on which once more will rise from the ash a guilty man to face the judgement.</i>
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Huic ergo parce Deus. Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis requiem.	<i>Therefore, God, spare this man. merciful Lord Jesus, grant them rest.</i>
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When everyone has returned to their places and the music is ended,

Grant them your peace;
let perpetual light shine upon them;
and in your loving wisdom and power
work in them the good purpose of your perfect will.
Hear us, risen Lord,

All **our resurrection and our life.**

May God in his infinite love and mercy
bring the whole Church,
living and departed in the Lord Jesus,
to a joyful resurrection and the fulfilment
of his eternal kingdom.

All **Amen.**

¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Everyone stands for

The Peace

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

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

Everyone sits or kneels as the altar is prepared, bread and wine are taken and offered, and the choir sings the

Offertorium

Domine, Jesu Christe,
Rex gloriæ,
libera animas
omnium fidelium defunctorum
de pœnis inferni et de
profundo lacu,
libera eas de ore leonis,
ne absorbeat tartarus,
ne cadant in obscurum.

*Lord Jesus Christ,
the King of glory,
free the souls
of all thy faithful departed
from eternal punishment and from
fathomless waters,
free them from the mouth of the lion,
do not let Hades swallow them,
neither let them fall into darkness.*

Sed significet sanctus Michael
repraesentet eas in lucem sanctam.

*But let the standard-bearer St Michael
lead them into holy light.*

Hostias et preces tibi
Domine laudis offerimus:
tu suscipe pro animabus
illis, quarum hodie
memoriam facimus.

*Lord, in praise we offer you
sacrifices and prayers:
accept them on behalf of those
whom we remember today.*

Fac eas Domine de morte
transire ad vitam.
Quam olim Abraham
promisisti et semini ejus.

*Let them, Lord, pass over from
death to life.
As once you promised to Abraham
and to his seed.*

Everyone stands for

The Taking of the Bread and Wine

President Look upon us in mercy not in judgement;
draw us from hatred to love;
make the frailty of our praise
a dwelling for your glory.

All Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The President and people sing the Sursum Corda.



President Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth,
giver of life and conqueror of death.
By his death on the cross,
your Son Jesus Christ
offered the one true sacrifice for sin,
breaking the power of evil
and putting death to flight.
Through his resurrection from the dead
you have given us new birth into a living hope,
into an inheritance which is imperishable,
undefiled and unfading.
The joy of resurrection fills the universe,
and so we join with angels and archangels,
with all your faithful people,
evermore praising you and singing:

Choir	Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus sabaoth. Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis. Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.	<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> <i>Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.</i>
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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.

Deacon Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
**All Dying you destroyed our death,
 rising you restored our life:
 Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

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 our blessed Lady St Mary,
James the Apostle, Edmund the Martyr 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



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

Silence is kept.

The Lord's Prayer

Deacon Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven,
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 Breaking of the Bread

President Jesus is the living bread which came down from heaven;
if anyone eats of this bread, they will live for ever.

All Lord, give us this bread always.

The Invitation to Communion

President 'I am the bread of life', says the Lord;
'whoever comes to me will never hunger;
whoever believes in me will never thirst.'
'I am the vine: you are the branches.'

All May we dwell in him as he lives in us.

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 Communion

Please follow the directions of the Cathedral wardens.

If you are used to receiving communion in your own church, whatever your Christian tradition, you are warmly invited to receive the sacrament today.

If you require gluten-free communion bread, which is available at the north altar rail, please indicate to the minister.

If kneeling at the altar rail is difficult for you, a standing station is available.

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

During Communion the choir sings the

Agnus Dei and Communio

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi:
dona eis requiem sempiternam.

*O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world:
grant them rest eternal.*

Lux æterna
luceat eis, Domine:
cum sanctis tuis in æternum,
quia pius es.
Requiem æternam
dona eis Domine:
et lux perpetua luceat eis.

*Let light perpetual
shine upon them, O Lord:
with all thy saints for ever,
for you are kind.
Rest eternal grant unto them,
O Lord: and let
light perpetual shine upon them.*

Everyone sits or kneels for

The Prayer after Communion

President Let us pray.

Silence is kept

God of love,
may the death and resurrection of Christ
which we have celebrated in this eucharist
bring us, with all the faithful departed,
into the peace of your eternal home.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,
our rock and our salvation
to whom be glory
for time and for eternity.

All Amen.

Everyone stands and the President prays

The Blessing

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

God give you
comfort and peace,
light and joy,
in this world and the next;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

The Final Hymn

**Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.**

**Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above;
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish then thy new creation:
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

Words: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: Blaenwern, William Rowlands, 1860-1937

The Dismissal

Deacon Neither death nor life
 can separate us from the love of God
 in Jesus Christ, our Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

Everyone remains standing as the choir and clergy depart and the organist plays

The Organ Voluntary

Angel's Farewell from *The Dream of Gerontius*, Op. 38
Sir Edward Elgar, 1857–1934 (arr. Herbert Brewer, 1865–1928)

*Please feel free to stay in the Cathedral for your own reflection and prayer
for as long or short a period as you wish. Please depart quietly.*

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