

St Edmundsbury
Cathedral



Festal Eucharist

for the feast of the

Epiphany



Sunday
10.30 am

Welcome to St Edmundsbury Cathedral

St Edmundsbury Cathedral is Suffolk's Cathedral. It is a place of worship and mission; a place of welcome and hospitality, serving the Diocese, County and beyond. At St Edmundsbury Cathedral, we hold our Benedictine principles close. Principles such as love, care, hospitality and community. They are reflected in how we work with each other, how we talk about the Cathedral, and how we reach out to the whole of Suffolk and beyond. Our values are faith, welcome, compassion and confidence and they are demonstrated across our areas of work in worship, mission, hospitality and sustainability. The Cathedral is committed to the safeguarding, care and nurture of everyone within our community. Everyone is welcome, always.

The Feast of the Epiphany

The season of joyful celebration that began at Christmas continues today with the Feast of the Epiphany. Epiphany means 'manifestation' and so, as we recall the visit of the far-travelled magi to Jesus, we celebrate his birth and his love being made known to the Gentiles. Although the account of their visit in Matthew's Gospel simply speaks of 'wise men from the east', later tradition fixed their number at three, made them kings, and recalled their resonant names—Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar.

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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

All remain seated for

The Welcome

After the welcome, all 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.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.
**From the rising of the sun to its setting
your name is proclaimed in all the world.**

All

All remain standing to sing

The Processional Hymn

*During which the choir and clergy enter and the ministers gather at the crib.
Gifts are carried in the procession, symbolising the gifts of the magi.*

All remain standing for

The Greeting

The Lord of glory be with you
and also with you.

All

The President introduces the service.

The Presentation of the Gifts

The traditional gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh are offered at the crib.

At the offering of gold

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As gold in the furnace is tried
and purified seven times in the fire,
so purify our hearts and minds
that we may be a royal priesthood
acceptable in the service of your kingdom.

All Blessed be God for ever.

At the offering of incense

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As our prayer rises up in your presence as incense,
so may we be presented before you
with penitent hearts and uplifted hands
to offer ourselves in your service.

All Blessed be God for ever.

At the offering of myrrh

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As you give medicine to heal our sickness
and the leaves of the tree of life
for the healing of the nations,
so anoint us with your healing power
that we may be the first-fruits of your new creation.

All Blessed be God for ever.

The Prayers of Penitence

Deacon The grace of God has dawned upon the world
 through our Saviour Jesus Christ
 who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.
 Let us confess our sin.

All sit or kneel. Silence is kept.

 God you are gracious to us and you bless us
 and make your face shine upon us:
 Lord, have mercy.
All Lord, have mercy.

 May your ways be known on the earth,
 your saving power among the nations:
 Christ, have mercy.
All Christ, have mercy.

 You, Lord, have made known your salvation
 and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:
 Lord, have mercy.
All Lord, have mercy.

The Absolution

President Almighty God,
 who forgives all who truly repent,
 have mercy upon you,
 pardon and deliver you from all your sin,
 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

The Gloria in Excelsis

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.

*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.*

All remain standing for

The Collect

President Grateful for the glory revealed today through God made flesh, let us pray.

A short time of silent prayer follows. Then,

O God,
who by the leading of a star
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
mercifully grant that we,
who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory face to face;
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

All sit for

The Readings

*Either one or two readings from Scripture precede the Gospel reading.
At the end of each, the reader says*

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

All stand for

The Gospel Acclamation

The Gospel Book is carried in procession to the centre of the Nave and the people turn towards it.

Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All



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

Choir Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations,
and believed in throughout the world.

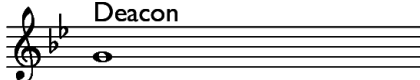
All



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

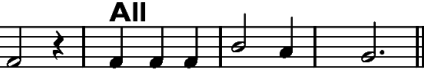
The Gospel Reading

Deacon



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

All



Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

Deacon



This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All



Praise to you, O Christ.

All sit for

The Sermon

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

The Creed

All

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Deacon Today the magi knelt before our Saviour.
Let us also kneel to worship him with great joy,
and to make our prayer to his heavenly Father.

All sit or kneel for

The Prayers of Intercession

Father, the magi came from the east
to worship your Son:
grant to Christians everywhere a true spirit of adoration.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

All

Father, your Son is the King of kings and Lord of lords:
grant an abundance of peace to your world.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

All

Father, the Holy Family shared the life
of the people of Nazareth:
protect in your mercy our neighbours and families,
together with the whole community of which we are part.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

All

Father, your Son was rich,
yet for our sakes he became poor:
show your love for the poor and powerless,
and strengthen [...and all] those who suffer.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

All

Father, the magi presented to your Son
gold, incense and myrrh:
accept the gifts we bring,
and the offering of our hearts
at the beginning of this new year.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

All

Father, you are the King of heaven,
the hope of all who trust in you:
give to [...and all] the faithful departed
the wonders of your salvation.

All Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of magi,
shepherds and angels,
and of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph,
we commend ourselves and all Christian people
to your unfailing love.

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

¶ *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

All stand for

The Peace

President Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of peace
there shall be no end.

cf Isaiah 9.6,7

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

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

All remain standing for

The Offertory Hymn

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

The Taking of the Bread and Wine

President Gracious God,
 accept the offering of your Church,
 the hearts of your people
 joined in praise and thanksgiving,
 in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All Amen.

All remain standing for

The Eucharistic Prayer

The President 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.

President All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere,
 mighty creator, ever-living God,
 through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord:
 for at this time we celebrate your glory
 made present in our midst.
 In the coming of the magi
 the King of all the world was revealed to the nations.
 In the waters of baptism
 Jesus was revealed as the Christ,
 the Saviour sent to redeem us.
 In the water made wine
 the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.
 Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.
 Therefore with all the angels of heaven
 we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name
 and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

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 We praise and bless you, loving Father,
 through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
 and as we obey his command,
 send your Holy Spirit,
 that broken bread and wine outpoured
 may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died
he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for
all upon the cross.

Bringing before you
the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

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

President Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with Blessed Mary,
St James, St Edmund and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours,
O loving Father, for ever and ever.

All



All sit or kneel 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 Believing the promises of God,
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 We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

**All God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

The Invitation to Communion

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.**

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 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.*

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.

If you wish you receive prayers for healing, and anointing, please go to the Lady Chapel after receiving Communion.

During the distribution of communion, the choir may sing a motet.

The Prayer after Communion

President Let us pray.

All kneel as silence is kept.

Lord God,
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
may we who with the magi
have been drawn by your light
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

**All 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*

Everyone stands for

The Blessing

President The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

May God the Father,
who led the magi by the shining of a star
to find the Christ, the Light from light,
lead you also in your pilgrimage to find the Lord.

All **Amen.**

May God,
who has delivered us from the dominion of darkness,
give us a place with the saints in light
in the kingdom of his beloved Son.

All **Amen.**

May the light of the glorious gospel of Christ
shine in your hearts and fill your lives
with joy and peace.

All **Amen.**

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 for

The Final Hymn

Everyone remains standing for

The Dismissal

Deacon We have seen his glory,
 the glory revealed to all the nations.
 Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Everyone remains standing as the procession departs and the organist plays

The Organ Voluntary

*Refreshments are served after the service
to which you are very warmly invited.*