

St Edmundsbury
Cathedral



All-Ages Eucharist

Sundays at 9.00 am



THEY SAW HIS STAR AND FOLLOWED IT

Epiphany

4 January 2026

Welcome and Introduction

Priest: Let us worship God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
Priest: The Lord be with you **All and also with you.**

We sing **We three kings of Orient are,
bearing gifts we traverse afar
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star;
O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.**

**Born a king on Bethlehem plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
king for ever, ceasing never
over us all to reign:
O star of wonder ...**



Edward John Hopkins

We share news we are grateful for, followed by:

Penitence – Saying Sorry

After words of introduction, we say these words:

Lord have mercy.	Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy.	Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy	Lord have mercy.

The priest prays words of God's forgiveness and we respond by singing

We sing **Gloria! (clap), Gloria! (clap), In excelsis Deo! [repeat].**

**Lord God, heavenly king, peace you bring to us:
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we sing our song of praise.**

**Jesus, Saviour of all, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away our sins O Lord, have mercy on us all.**

**Glory, Father and Son, Glory Holy Spirit,
to you we raise our hands up high, we glorify your name.**

Mike Anderson Gloria

Bible Reading and Talk

We reflect on words from the Bible. This week's Gospel is Matthew 2.13-18

Prayers and Peace

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

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

The Offertory

The altar is prepared with bread and wine, and a collection is taken.

We sing **Frankincense to offer have I,
incense owns a deity nigh;
prayer and praising, all men raising,
worship him, God most high;
O star of wonder ...**

**Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb:
O star of wonder ...**

The Holy Communion

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 The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

All 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, we sing:

Priest O Lord our God,

All We give you thanks and praise.

During the prayer we sing this Argentinian 'Sanctus':

**¡Santo, santo, santo,
mi corazón te adora!**

**Mi corazón te sabe decir:
santo eres, Señor.**

Holy, holy, holy,

my heart, my heart adores you!

**My heart is glad to say the words:
you are holy, Lord.**

The Lord's Prayer

Priest

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 are used to receiving Holy Communion you are welcome to receive here today.

After the distribution of Communion, the following prayer is said by everyone:

**God of truth, we have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands the bread of life;
strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you
and for each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing and Dismissal

Following any thanks, notices and the Blessing, our service ends with:

We sing

**Glorious now behold him arise,
king and God and sacrifice.
Heaven sings: 'Alleluia';
'Alleluia,' the earth replies:
O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.**

All

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

We are!

All

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen

