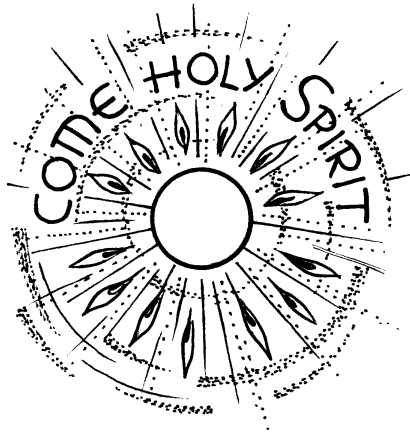


St Edmundsbury
Cathedral



The Holy Eucharist with Baptism and Confirmation



The Right Reverend Joanne Woolway Grenfell
Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich

Sunday 3 May 2026
3.30 pm

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.

St Edmundsbury Cathedral is part of the **Inclusive Church** Network. As such, we believe in a church which celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate on grounds of age, disability, economic power, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, learning disability, mental health, neurodiversity, or sexuality.

To assist you at today's service, please take note of the following information.

Accessibility

- An induction loop system is in operation.
- Large-print orders of service are available.
- The order of service indicates whether to sit or stand, however please feel free to adopt the posture with which you are most comfortable.

Photography, Filming and Live-streaming

- For safeguarding reasons, members of the public are not permitted to take photographs or video recordings during the service.
- Please note that this service will be livestreamed on YouTube. If you do not want to appear in this please inform a warden or vergers.
- Photographs, video or livestream footage in which you may appear could be used by the Cathedral at any time and appear in the public domain including social media.
- Please ensure your mobile phones are turned to silent.

Music in today's service

Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei
Missa Cineris, Timothy Parsons, b. 1992

Confirmation

In this service, those being confirmed will declare their faith in Jesus Christ, and their belief in the living God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Through the laying on of hands by the Bishop, who is the minister of the sacrament of confirmation, God confirms to each his promises of forgiveness of sin, eternal life and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Please pray for those being confirmed and baptized today, that they may grow more and more in the knowledge and love of God:

Blyth Valley Benefice

Amelia Gee (also to be baptized)

Steven Philpott (also to be baptized)

Brett Valley Benefice

Lyn Edwards

Liz O'Connell

Bures Benefice

Faith McGrath

Bury St Edmunds, St Mary with St Peter

Collins (also to be conditionally baptized)

Combs & Finborough Benefice

Lianne Claire Hogger

Clare SS Peter & Paul

David (also to be baptized)

Debenham High School (Debenham & Helmingham Benefice)

Darcey Everitt

Victoria Brummitt

Glem Valley Benefice

Amanda Parmenter

Thurston, St Peter

Krzysztof Mateusz Rudzki

Horringer Benefice

Martha Lockhart

Hannah Lockhart

Haverhill, St Mary

James William Bossard
Robert Keith Jenkinson
Trudy Ann Jenkinson
George Proud
Dawn Elizabeth Rogers
Phoebe Eloise Rogers
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Samira Shirinbayani

Ipswich St Margaret

Maggie Marriott

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Georgie Hardy
Matt Grady
Molly Fleming
Amanda Hirst
Jenny Savory

Stourhead Benefice

Julia Brown
Ivy Jackson
Graeme Van De Zane

The Cathedral Church of St James and St Edmund

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Tina Chavdarova
Oliver Drake
Rupert Drake
Jimmy Moore
Sarah Moore
Alastair Thornycroft
Max Thornycroft
Lily von Nathusius
Pia Waters

The Wilford Peninsula Benefice

Andrea Berry
Imogen Berry

The Order of Service

¶ The Gathering

Everyone remains seated as the Dean gives

The Welcome

At the end of the welcome, all stand and the following is said.

In the name of the ✠ Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Everyone remains standing to sing

The Opening Hymn

**Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky;
heaven thunders forth its victor-cry:
Alleluia, alleluia.**

**The glad earth shouts her triumph high,
and groaning hell makes wild reply:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia.**

**That Eastertide with joy was bright,
the sun shone out with fairer light,
when, to their longing eyes restored,
the glad apostles saw their Lord:**

**He bade them see his hands, his side,
where yet the glorious wounds abide;
the tokens true which made it plain
their Lord indeed was risen again:**

**Jesu, the King of gentleness,
do thou thyself our hearts possess,
that we may give thee all our days
the tribute of our grateful praise:**

**All praise be thine, O risen Lord,
from death to endless life restored;
all praise to God the Father be
and Holy Ghost eternally:**

Words: John Mason Neale, 1818-1866

based on Aurora lucis rutilat (Latin, 4th century)

Music: Laast uns Erfreuen, melody from an Easter hymn

arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

Everyone remains standing as the Bishop gives

The Greeting

All Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

All Alleluia. Christ is Risen!
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

All There is one body and one spirit.
There is one hope to which we were called;
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
All **one God and Father of all.**

All Peace be with you
and also with you.

The Bishop introduces the service and then prays

The Collect

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

All Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
from whose wounded side flowed life for the world:
raise your people from sin and death
and build them as living stones
into the spiritual temple of your Church;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.
Amen.

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

Everyone sits for

The First Reading

A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah.

But now thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name; you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my sight
and honoured and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
I will say to the north, 'Give them up,'
and to the south, 'Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.'

Isaiah 43.1-7, NRSV

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

Everyone stands for

The Gospel Acclamation

The choir sings the Alleluias and the congregation repeats them both here and after the versicle. Everyone turns to face the Gospel Book as it is carried in procession to the centre of the Nave.

Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Choir I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Everyone remains standing for

The Gospel

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord according to John.
All Glory to you, O Lord.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.'

Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.'

When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?’ Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, ‘Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, ‘Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, “I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.”’ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord,’ and she told them that he had said these things to her.

John 20.1-2, 11-18, NRSV

Deacon This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

All



Everyone sits for

The Sermon

The Right Reverend Joanne Woolway Grenfell
Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich

The sermon is followed by a time of stillness for reflection.

¶ The Liturgy of Initiation

The Presentation of the Candidates

The congregation remains seated.

Those being confirmed are presented to the Bishop with the words

I present N to be confirmed / baptized and confirmed /
conditionally baptized and confirmed.

The Bishop asks the candidates for baptism

Do you wish to be baptized?

Candidates **I do.**

The Bishop asks the candidates who have been baptized

Have you been baptized in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit?

Candidates **I have.**

The Bishop asks all the candidates

Are you ready with your own mouth and from your own
heart to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ?

Candidates **I am.**

The Bishop addresses the whole congregation, saying

Faith is the gift of God to his people.
In baptism the Lord is adding to our number
those whom he is calling.
People of God will you welcome these candidates
and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

All With the help of God, we will.

The Decision

The Bishop addresses all the candidates

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you renounce evil?

I renounce evil.

The Bishop makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the candidates for baptism, with the Oil of Baptism, saying

Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

When all the candidates for baptism have been signed, the Bishop says to them

All Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.
Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ
against sin, the world and the devil,
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,
restore in you the image of his glory,
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

All **Amen.**

Everyone in the congregation stands for

The Procession to Font

As the candidates, sponsors and ministers move, everyone turns to face the font and joins in singing

The Hymn

**As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.**

***You alone are my strength, my shield,
to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.***

**I want you more than gold or silver,
only you can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver
and the apple of my eye.**

Words and Music: Martin Nystrom, b. 1956

Everyone remains standing.

The Bishop prays

The Prayer over the Water

All Praise God who made heaven and earth,
who keeps his promise for ever.

All Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Almighty God, whose son Jesus Christ
was baptized in the river Jordan,
we thank you for the gift of water
to cleanse us and revive us.

We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea
you led your people out of slavery
to freedom in the promised land.

We thank you that through the deep waters of death
you brought your Son,
and raise him to life in triumph.

✠ Bless this water, that your servants who are washed in it
may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection,
to be cleansed and delivered from all sin.

Send your Holy Spirit upon them,
bring them to new birth in the household of faith
and raise them with Christ to full and eternal life;
for all might, majesty, authority and power are yours,
now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Profession of Faith

The Bishop addresses the congregation.

My friends, I ask you to profess,
together with these candidates, the faith of the Church.

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 God the Father.

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 God the Son.

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 God the Holy Spirit.

This is the faith of the church.

**All This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The Baptism

The Bishop pours water on each person being baptized, saying

[If not baptized] I baptize you
in the name of the ✠ Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

May God who has received you by baptism into his Church,
pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the
company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be
renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance
of the saints in glory.

All Amen.

The candidates for confirmation come forward to the font and make the sign of the cross, with water, on their foreheads, as a reminder of their baptism.

As the ministers, candidates and sponsors return to their places, everyone is sprinkled with the baptismal water, and sings

The Hymn

**As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.**

***You alone are my strength, my shield,
to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.***

**I want you more than gold or silver,
only you can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver
and the apple of my eye.**

Words and Music: Martin Nystrom, b. 1956

Once everyone has returned to their places, the Bishop leads the following prayer

**All Almighty God,
we thank you for our fellowship
in the household of faith
with all who have been baptized into your name.
Keep us faithful to our baptism,
and so make us ready for that day
when the whole creation shall be made perfect
in your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Those being confirmed stand before the Bishop and the congregation sits or kneels for

The Confirmation

The Bishop says

All Our help is in the name of the Lord
who has made heaven and earth.

All Blessed be the name of the Lord
now and for ever. Amen.

The Bishop extends her hands towards those to be confirmed and says

Almighty and ever-living God,
you have given these your servants new birth
in baptism by water and the Spirit,
and have forgiven them all their sins.
Let your Holy Spirit rest upon them:
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding;
the Spirit of counsel and inward strength;
the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness;
and let their delight be in the fear of the Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Bishop addresses each candidate by name, saying

N, God has called you by name and made you his own.

She then lays her hand on the head of each, saying

All Confirm, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit.
Amen.

She then anoints the candidate with the Oil of Chrism, saying

Be sealed with the gift of God's Holy Spirit.

The Bishop invites the congregation to pray for all who have been baptized and confirmed.

All **Defend, O Lord,
these your servants with your heavenly grace,
that they may continue yours for ever,
and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more
until they come to your everlasting kingdom.
Amen.**

The congregation warmly greets the newly-confirmed.

¶ *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

Everyone stands as the Bishop leads

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples
and said, 'Peace be with you.'
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

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.

Everyone joins in singing

The Offertory Hymn

During which a collection is taken, the altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

**Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.**

**Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.**

**Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.**

**Take my will, and make it thine:
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart: it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.**

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.**

*Words: Frances Ridley Havergal, 1836-1879
Music: Nottingham, Wenzel Muller, 1747-1835*

Everyone remains standing for

The Eucharistic Prayer

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

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

 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and in these days of Easter
to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.
For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell
and restored in all people the image of your glory.
He has placed us once more in paradise
and opened to us the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

Choir	Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus sabaoth. Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Hosanna in the highest.</i>
	Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.</i>

Bishop

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

All

Jesus Christ is Lord.
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

Bishop 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,
James, 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 Amen.

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

The Lord's Prayer

Deacon Rejoicing in God's new creation
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

Bishop Jesus says, I am the bread of life,
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
**Lord, our hearts hunger for you;
give us this bread always.**

The Giving of Communion

Bishop Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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.

Everyone remains kneeling and 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

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

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 Anthem

If ye love me, keep my commandments,
And I will pray the Father,
And he shall give you another comforter,
That he may abide with you for ever:
Even the spirit of truth.
And ye know him, for he dwelleth with you,
And shall be in you.
I will not leave you comfortless.
I will come to you.

*Words: John 14.15-18
Music: Philip Wilby, b. 1949*

Everyone kneels as the Bishop leads

The Prayer after Communion

Bishop Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Author of life divine,
in the resurrection of your Son, you set before us
the mystery of his triumph over sin and death;
may all who are washed in the waters of rebirth
rise to newness of life
and find the promised presence of your abundant grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

¶ *The Dismissal*

Everyone stands as the Bishop gives

The Blessing

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

God the Father,
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you by the life-giving Spirit
to walk in the paths of righteousness and peace;
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

During the hymn, those who have been baptized and confirmed are given a lighted candle.

**We turn to Christ anew
who hear his call today,
his way to walk, his will pursue,
his word obey.
To serve him as our King
and of his kingdom learn,
from sin and every evil thing
to him we turn.**

**We trust in Christ to save;
in him new life begins:
who by his cross a ransom gave
from all our sins.
Our spirits' strength and stay
who when all flesh is dust
will keep us on that final day,
in him we trust.**

**We would be true to him
till earthly journeys end,
whose love no passing years can dim,
our changeless friend.
May we who bear his name
our faith and love renew,
to follow Christ our single aim,
and find him true.**

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1926-2024

Music: Leoni, Hebrew melody, notated by Thomas Olivers, 1725-1799

Everyone remains standing for

The Giving of a Lighted Candle

The Bishop says

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.

You have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.

All

**Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.**

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Bishop leads the newly-baptized and confirmed out of the Cathedral onto the Edmund Green to symbolise the Light of Christ being carried into the world. Please join candidates there for photos and the opportunity to meet each other.

Dan Soper, Associate Organist, plays

The Organ Voluntary

Toccata
Georgi Mushel, 1909-1989

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