

St Edmundsbury  
Cathedral



# Festal Eucharist

*for*

# Pentecost



Sunday  
10.30 am  
Congregational setting

# 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**

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## **Pentecost**

Pentecost (from the Greek pentekoste, 'fiftieth' of fifty days of celebration) marks the end of the Great Fifty Days of Easter. It has its roots in the Jewish Feast of Weeks, which was completed on the fiftieth day after Passover. On the fiftieth day of Easter, God sends his Holy Spirit to empower the Church to perform the mission which the risen Christ has entrusted to it.

Pentecost celebrates both the Holy Spirit and the Christian Church. The risen and ascended Lord is no longer present to the Church in the body of his flesh; the Church is now to be the new body of Christ, filled with his life through the gift of the Spirit.

# The Order of Service

## ¶ The Gathering

*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.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*All remain standing to sing*

## The Processional Hymn

*All remain standing for*

## The Greeting

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

**All and also with you.**

*All remain standing as the President introduces the service, saying*

Jesus Christ, whom we worship, is our crucified, risen and ascended Lord and we have walked with him through his journey of love. We have faced the agony of his suffering and death on a cross. We have rejoiced at his bursting free from the bonds of death. We have enjoyed his risen presence with us and his revelation of himself through the breaking of bread. We have seen his return to the throne before which every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that this Jesus is Lord. And now, with the followers of his own time, we await the coming of the promised Holy Spirit, his gift to his people, through whom we make Christ known to the world.

*All remain standing for*

## **The Responary**

- All** As we wait in silence,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**
- All** As we listen to your word,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**
- All** As we worship you in majesty,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**
- All** As we long for your refreshing,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**
- All** As we long for your renewing,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**
- All** As we long for your equipping,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**
- All** As we long for your empowering,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

*Silence is kept.*

## **The Pentecost Reading**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

*Acts 2.1-13, NRSV*

The Lord is here.

**All**      **God's spirit is with us.**

## The Prayers of Penitence

Deacon     The Spirit of the Lord fills the world  
              and knows our every word and deed.  
              Let us then open ourselves to the Lord  
              and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

*All sit or kneel.*

              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.**

*The President gives*

## The Absolution

              May the God of love and power  
              forgive you ✠ and free you from your sin,  
              heal and strengthen you by the Spirit,  
              and raise you to new life  
              in Christ our Lord.  
**All         Amen.**

*All stand to sing*

## **The Gloria in Excelsis**

**All**      **Glory in the highest to the God of heaven!  
Peace to all your people through the earth be given:  
mighty God and Father, thanks and praise we bring,  
singing alleluias to our heavenly King.**

**Jesus Christ is risen, God the Father's Son:  
with the Holy Spirit, you are Lord alone!  
Lamb once killed for sinners, all our guilt to bear,  
show us now your mercy, now receive our prayer.**

**Christ the world's true Saviour, high and holy one,  
seated now and reigning from your Father's throne:  
Lord and God, we praise you; highest heaven adores:  
in the Father's glory, all the praise be yours!**

*Words: Christopher Idle, b. 1938*

*Music: Evelyns, William Henry Monk, 1823-1889*

*All remain standing as the President prays*

## **The Collect**

Let us pray that the Spirit will work through our lives  
to bring Christ to the world.

*Silence is kept.*

God, who as at this time  
taught the hearts of your faithful people  
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:  
grant us by the same Spirit  
to have a right judgement in all things  
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;  
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,  
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*

### **A Reading**

*At the end, the reader says*

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

*All stand for*

### **The Gradual Hymn**

*During the hymn, the Gospel Book is carried in procession to the centre of the Nave and the people turn towards it.*

*All remain standing for*

### **The Gospel Reading**

Deacon Alleluia!  
**All Alleluia!**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people  
and kindle in us the fire of your love.  
**All Alleluia!**

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to *N.*  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end*

**All** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The procession returns, and all sit for*

### **The Sermon**

*After the sermon, a moment of quiet is kept for reflection. Then, all stand for*

## **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 We pray for God to fill us with the Spirit

*All kneel for*

## **The Prayers of Intercession**

Generous God,  
we thank you for the power of your Holy Spirit.  
We ask that we may be strengthened to serve you better.

Lord, come to bless us  
**All and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the wisdom of your Holy Spirit.  
We ask you to make us wise to understand your will.

Lord, come to bless us  
**All and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the peace of your Holy Spirit.  
We ask you to keep us confident of your love  
wherever you call us.

Lord, come to bless us  
**All and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the healing of your Holy Spirit.  
We ask you to bring reconciliation and wholeness  
where there is division, sickness and sorrow.  
We pray especially for...

Lord, come to bless us  
**All and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the gifts of your Holy Spirit.  
We ask you to equip us for the work which you have given us.

Lord, come to bless us  
**All and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the fruit of your Holy Spirit.  
We ask you to reveal in our lives the love of Jesus.

Lord, come to bless us  
**All and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the breath of your Holy Spirit,  
given us by the risen Lord.  
We ask you to keep the whole Church, living and departed,  
in the joy of eternal life.  
We remember...

**All** Lord, come to bless us  
**and fill us with your Spirit.**

**All** Generous God,  
you sent your Holy Spirit upon your Messiah  
at the river Jordan,  
and upon the disciples in the upper room:  
in your mercy fill us with your Spirit,  
**hear our prayer,  
and make us one in heart and mind  
to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.**

## ¶ *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

*All stand as the President leads*

### **The Peace**

God has made us one in Christ.  
He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,  
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

*cf 2 Corinthians 1.22*

**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 to sing*

### **The Offertory Hymn**

*During which the gifts of the people are brought forward; the altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

### **The Preparation of the Table**

*All remain standing as the President prays*

Blessed be God,  
who feeds the hungry,  
who raises the poor,  
who fills our praise.

**All**            **Blessed be God for ever.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

President    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, it is our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and everlasting God,  
through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord.

This day we give you thanks  
because in fulfilment of your promise  
you pour out your Spirit upon us,  
filling us with your gifts, leading us into all truth,  
and uniting peoples of many tongues  
in the confession of one faith.  
Your Spirit gives us grace to call you Father,  
to proclaim your gospel to all nations  
and to serve you as a royal priesthood.

Therefore we join our voices with angels and archangels,  
and with all those in whom the Spirit dwells,  
to proclaim the glory of your name,  
for ever praising you and singing:

**All**            **Holy, most holy, all holy the Lord,  
in power and wisdom forever adored.  
The earth and the heavens are full of your love;  
our joyful hosannas re-echo above.**

**Blessèd, most blessèd, all blessèd is he  
whose life makes us whole,  
and whose death sets us free:  
who comes in the name of the Father of light,  
let endless hosannas resound in the height.**

*Words: Michael Forster, b. 1946, based on the Sanctus  
Music: Slane, Traditional Irish melody*

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 sin.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

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

President And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once  
for the sin 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 Blessed Mary,  
James, Edmund, 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 Amen.**

*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      Being made one by the power of the Spirit,  
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 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

President    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.*

*All remain seated to sing*

## **The Agnus Dei**

**All            O Lamb of God, come cleanse our hearts  
                  and take our sin away.  
                  O Lamb of God, your grace impart,  
                  and let our guilty fear depart,  
                  have mercy, Lord, we pray,  
                  have mercy, Lord, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, our lives restore,  
our guilty souls release.  
Into our lives your Spirit pour  
and let us live for evermore  
in perfect heav'nly peace,  
in perfect heav'nly peace.**

*Words: Michael Forster, b. 1946, based on the Agnus Dei  
Music: Repton, Hubert Parry, 1848-1918*

## **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.*

## The Prayer after Communion

President Let us pray.

*All kneel as silence is kept and the President prays*

Faithful God,  
who fulfilled the promises of Easter  
by sending us your Holy Spirit  
and opening to every race and nation  
the way of life eternal:  
open our lips by your Spirit,  
that every tongue may tell of your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

## ¶ *The Dismissal*

*All stand as the ministers move to the Easter Candle and the President leads*

### **The Blessing of Light**

Blessed are you, sovereign God, overflowing in love.  
With Pentecost dawns the age of the Spirit.  
Now the flame of heaven rests on every believer.  
Strong and weak, all people tell out your word;  
the young receive visions, the old receive dreams.  
With the new wine of the Spirit  
they proclaim your reign of love.  
Amid the birth pangs of the new creation  
the way of light is made known.  
Source of freedom, giver of life,  
blessed are you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All**      **Blessed be God for ever.**

*As the congregational candles are lit from the Easter candle, all remain standing to sing*

### **The Final Hymn**

*All remain standing as the President leads*

## **The Commission**

For fifty days we have celebrated the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ over the powers of sin and death. We have proclaimed God's mighty acts and we have prayed that the power that was at work when God raised Jesus from the dead might be at work in us.

As part of God's Church here in Suffolk, I call upon you to live out what you proclaim.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, will you dare to walk into God's future, trusting God to be your guide?

**All**      **By the Spirit's power, we will.**

Will you dare to embrace each other and grow together in love?

**All**      **We will.**

Will you dare to share your riches in common and minister to each other in need?

**All**      **We will.**

Will you dare to pray for each other until your hearts beat with the longings of God?

**All**      **We will.**

Will you dare to carry the light of Christ into the world's dark places?

**All**      **We will.**

*All remain standing for*

## **The Blessing**

- All**           The Lord is here.  
**God's Spirit is with us.**
- May the Spirit,  
who hovered over the waters when the world was created,  
breathe into you new life.
- All**           **Amen.**
- May the Spirit,  
who overshadowed the Virgin  
when the eternal Son came among us,  
make you joyful in the service of the Lord.
- All**           **Amen.**
- May the Spirit,  
who set the Church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost,  
bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ.
- 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.**

*All remain standing for*

## **The Dismissal**

- Deacon       Filled with the Spirit's power,  
go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
- All**           **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*All remain standing as the procession departs and the organist plays*

## **The Organ Voluntary**

*Refreshments are served after the service in the South Transept  
to which everyone is warmly invited.*



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