

St Edmundsbury
Cathedral



The Holy Eucharist

on the feast of

The Blessed Virgin Mary



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. Rooted in the foundation of the ancient Abbey of St Edmund, we hold our Benedictine principles close. Built on that heritage, the Cathedral today continues to proclaim the Christian faith through our work in worship, mission, hospitality and sustainability, underpinned by our values of faith, welcome, compassion and confidence.

Worship has been offered here since medieval times and, whether you are a regular worshipper or if this is your first time in church, you are welcome and invited to be part of that long tradition today. Most of what you need is found in this service booklet. Hymns are in the red hymn book and the numbers are displayed on the boards at the front of the Cathedral.

Today we celebrate the (transferred) feast of **The Blessed Virgin Mary**. Mary was a young Jewish girl living in Nazareth when a messenger from the Lord announced that she was to be the bearer of the Son of God to the world. Her response, 'Let it be to me according to your word' was far more than simple obedience: it was an act of courageous trust, embracing a calling that would bring both great joy and great cost. Throughout her life, Mary showed deep faith, strength of character, and an unwavering commitment to God's purposes. This day is now celebrated as the major feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary throughout most of Christendom.

If you are new to our congregation and would like to learn more about the life of the Cathedral community, please speak to one of the wardens or clergy, or visit our website: stedscathedral.org. Alternatively, you can complete one of the 'new member cards' available at the west end of the Cathedral.



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.

St Edmundsbury Cathedral is committed to **environmental action** and is also a 'Fairtrade Cathedral'. This order of service is printed on recycled paper.



Children are very welcome at the Cathedral – we're glad they are here and please do not worry if younger children make some noise and move around. Feel free to make use of our children's area and to move in and out of the

Cathedral during the service. You are welcome to feed your baby in the Cathedral, and changing facilities can be found in the Cathedral Centre toilets; please ask a warden for directions. Junior Church do not meet in the summer holidays but activity bags are available for young children to use during the service.

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

Accessibility

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

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 vergier.
- 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.



The Order of Service

¶ The Gathering

After the welcome, all are invited to stand and the following is said.

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

All Amen.

All remain standing as the choir and clergy enter during

The Processional Hymn

All remain standing as the President gives

The Greeting

**All Blessed are you, Lord our God,
 to you be praise and glory for ever.**

**All Your handmaid Mary magnified your name
 and rejoiced in your saving love.**

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

Words of introduction may be given, leading into

The Prayer of Preparation

All **Almighty God,**
 to whom all hearts are open,
 all desires known,
 and from whom no secrets are hidden:
 cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
 by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
 that we may perfectly love you,
 and worthily magnify your holy name;
 through Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

The Prayers of Penitence

Deacon We have done what was wrong in the Lord's sight
 and chosen what displeased him.
 Yet as a mother comforts her child,
 so shall the Lord comfort us.
 So let us come to God
 who knows our every deed and thought.

All sit or kneel. Silence is kept.

 Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of Peace:
 Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

 Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary:
 Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

 Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and splendour of the
 Father.

 Lord, have mercy.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

The President gives

The Absolution

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; Domine Deus,
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

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Almighty God,
who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary
and chose her to be the mother of your only Son:
grant that we who are redeemed by his blood
may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom;
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.

All sit.

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

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 Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

All

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

The Gospel Reading

Deacon

All

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Name. Glo-ry to you, O Lord.

At the end

Deacon

All

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

All sit for

The Sermon

The sermon is followed by a moment 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.**

The Prayers of Intercession

Deacon In the power of the Spirit we pray, with Mary,
to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All sit or kneel.

Your prophet of old foretold a day when a virgin would conceive and bear a son who would be called Emmanuel, God-with-us. Help us to look forward to your deliverance and to seek the fullness of your kingdom.

All Lord, have mercy on those who fear you.
Holy is your name.

Your angel declared to Mary that she was to be the mother of the Saviour. Help every Christian person to be open to your word and obedient to your will.

All Lord, have mercy on those who fear you.
Holy is your name.

Mary rejoiced with Elizabeth and sang your praise, 'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord.' Help us to live joyful lives that sing your praise.

All Lord, have mercy on those who fear you.
Holy is your name.

Mary bore a son of David's line, a king whose reign would never end. Bless all the nations of the world with Christ's gift of peace.

All Lord, have mercy on those who fear you.
Holy is your name.

The child Jesus grew in wisdom and stature in the home of Mary and Joseph. Strengthen our homes and families, and keep under your protection all those whom we love.

Lord, have mercy on those who fear you.

All **Holy is your name.**

At the foot of the cross of Christ stood his mother, and from the cross she received his lifeless body in her arms. Give comfort and healing to all who suffer and all who watch the suffering of those they love. We pray especially for...

Lord, have mercy on those who fear you.

All **Holy is your name.**

The apostle John saw a vision of a woman in heaven, robed with the sun. We pray for those who have died... Bring us with them and all who have died in the faith of Christ to share the joy of heaven with Mary and all the saints.

Lord, have mercy on those who fear you.

All **Holy is your name.**

Almighty and everlasting God, your handmaid Mary magnified your name and rejoiced in your saving love: trusting in that same love, we offer to you the cares and concerns of our own hearts today.

Silence is kept.

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

¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

All stand as the President leads

The Peace

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9.6

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.*

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generously as you can. If you do not carry cash you can donate after the service
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of this service booklet.*

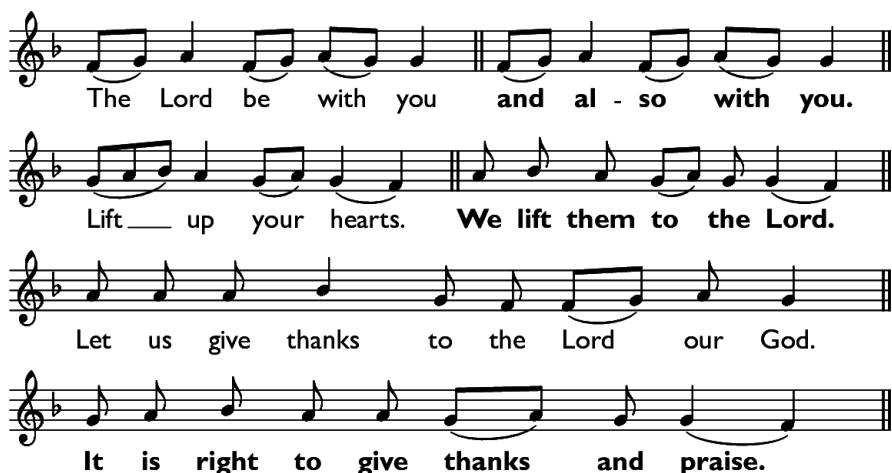
Taking of the Bread and Wine

President God our Father,
as Mary gave earthly nourishment to your Son,
so nourish us at this table with the bread of heaven
and the cup of salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

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 It is indeed right and good,
our duty and our salvation,
almighty Father, ever-living God,
to give you thanks and praise
for the work of your grace in the Blessed Virgin Mary.

For by the overshadowing of your Holy Spirit
she conceived and bore the Word made flesh.
At the cross she kept her vigil,
and saw the saving work of your Son
brought to its perfection.
She rejoiced in his resurrection,
and joining her prayers with those of the apostles,
was filled with the gift of your promised Spirit.
In her you show us the greatness of your love,
and the wonderful purpose you intend for all your children.

Therefore we join our voice with hers,
and all the company of heaven,
as they sing with joy 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>
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 All	Great is the mystery of faith: Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.	

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



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

During Communion the choir sings

The Motet

The Prayer after Communion

President Let us pray.

All sit or kneel as silence is kept.

God most high,
whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh:
we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption
you visit us with your Holy Spirit
and overshadow us by your power;
strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience
and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

**All Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

¶ The Dismissal

All stand as the President gives

The Blessing

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary,
fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will;
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 to sing

The Final Hymn

All remain standing for

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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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