

St Edmundsbury
Cathedral



Holy Baptism and Eucharist



during Ordinary Time
(with choir)

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's service includes **Holy Baptism**. Baptism marks the beginning of a journey with God which continues for the rest of our lives; the first step in response to God's love. It is a joyful moment when we rejoice in what God has done for us in Christ, making serious promises and declaring the faith. The service paints many vivid pictures of what happens on the Christian way. There is the sign of the cross, the badge of faith in the Christian journey, which reminds us of Christ's death for us. Our 'drowning' in the water of baptism, where we believe we die to sin and are raised to new life, unites us to Christ's dying and rising. Water is also a sign of new life, as we are born again by water and the Spirit. This reminds us of Jesus' baptism. And, as a sign of that new life, there is a lighted candle, a picture of the light of Christ conquering the darkness of evil. Everyone who is baptized walks in that light for the rest of their lives.

Please pray for those being baptized today. As you do, picture them with yourself and the whole Church throughout the ages, journeying into the fullness of God's love.

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.



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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 meets most weeks during term time. Please feel free to join them in procession during the opening hymn.

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Alternatively, you can speak to any of the clergy or wardens on duty here today.

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

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 verger.
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- 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

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

All and also with you.

The following words of introduction are said

Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us
that to enter the kingdom of heaven
we must be born again of water and the Spirit,
and has given us baptism
as the sign and seal of this new birth.
Here we are washed by the Holy Spirit and made clean.
Here we are clothed with Christ,
dying to sin that we may live his risen life.
As children of God, we have a new dignity
and God calls us to fullness of life.

All remain standing 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. The President prays the Collect to which all respond

All Amen.

All sit.

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

The Bible Reading

At the end

For the word of the Lord.

All 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 Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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

The Gospel Reading

Deacon All

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

At the end

Deacon All

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

The musical notation shows a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The time signature changes from common time (C) to 3/4. The melody begins with a whole note B-flat, followed by a half rest. Then, it continues with quarter notes G, F, E, D, C, and B-flat, ending with a double bar line.

All sit for

The Sermon

The sermon is followed by a moment of quiet for reflection.

¶ The Liturgy of the Baptism

The Presentation of the Candidates

Those being baptized come forward and are presented to the congregation. Where appropriate, they may be accompanied by parents, godparents or sponsors. The minister addresses the congregation.

We thank God for N who has come to be baptized today. Christ loves *them* and welcomes *them* into his Church. So, I ask you all:

All Will you support *them* on their journey in faith?
We will.

All Will you help *them* to live and grow within God's family?
We will.

If the person being baptized is a child, the minister then addresses the parents and godparents.

God knows each of us by name and we are his.
Parents and godparents, you speak for N today.

All Will you pray for *them*, and help *them* to follow Christ?
We will.

If the person being baptized is old enough to answer for themselves, the minister will ask them

All Do you wish to be baptized?
I do.

The Decision

The minister addresses those being baptized, and/or their parents and godparents.

We all wander far from God and lose our way: Christ comes to find us and welcomes us home. In baptism we respond to his call.

Therefore I ask:

All Do you turn away from sin?
I do.

All Do you reject evil?
I do.

All Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?
I do.

All Do you trust in him as Lord?
I do.

The Signing with the Cross

The minister makes the sign of the cross with the oil of baptism on the foreheads of those being baptized, saying

N, Christ claims you for his own.
Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed of Christ.
You are his for ever.
All **Stand bravely with him against all the powers of evil,
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.
All **Amen.**

The Hymn

Please stand. As we sing the ministers move to the font, together with those being baptized and their parents and godparents. Anyone else who wishes to come is also very welcome. All turn to face the font at the back.

***Bless this water, bless this child,
upon this joyful day:
bless us as we gather here
and lead us on our way.***

***We hear your voice from heaven,
speak blessings from above,
such words of affirmation,
encouragement and love.***

***Your faith in us is stronger
than we can ever know,
you see our true potential,
and guide us as we grow.***

Words: Ally Barrett

*Music: Royal Oak, English traditional melody,
adapted by Martin Shaw, 1875-1958*

The Prayer over the Water

Water is poured into the font.

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.

Loving Father,
we thank you for your servant Moses,
who led your people through the waters of the Red Sea
to freedom in the Promised Land.
We thank you for your Son Jesus,
who has passed through the deep waters of death
and opened for all the way of salvation.
Now send your Spirit,
that those who are washed in this water
may die with Christ and rise with him,
to find true freedom as your children,
alive in Christ for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Profession of Faith

Minister Let us affirm, together with those who are being baptized,
our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

All We 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 We 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 We 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 minister pours water on the head of each candidate, saying

N, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

When all have been baptized, the minister says to them together,

May God, who has received you by baptism
into the 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 Anointing

God anoints you with the chrism of salvation.
As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet and King,
so may you share in his everlasting life.

All **Amen.**

The Welcome

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
N, by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.
**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father,
we welcome you.**

All

The congregation greets the newly-baptized.

The Hymn

*As we sing, the ministers return to the pavement sprinkling the congregation
with holy water as a reminder of our own baptism and our forgiveness of sin.*

Everyone returns to their places.

**Bless this water, bless this child,
upon this joyful day:
bless us as we gather here
and lead us on our way.**

**You give us light in darkness,
and hope when we despair,
you strengthen us in weakness
and hold us in your care.**

**We pray for peace and purpose,
for happiness and fun,
for health of mind and body,
till life's adventure's done.**

Words: Ally Barrett

*Music: Royal Oak, English traditional melody,
adapted by Martin Shaw, 1875-1958*

All sit or kneel for

The Prayers of Intercession

After each bidding, the following or some other response is used

All Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

or

All Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

At the end

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 We are the body of Christ.
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.

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.

The Offertory Hymn

During this hymn the gifts of the people are gathered and presented.

The Preparation of the Table

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

The Taking of the Bread and Wine

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.
In your loving care you spread before us the table of life
and give us the cup of salvation to drink.
Keep us always in the fold
of our Saviour and our Shepherd,
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The President and people sing the Sursum Corda.



President Father, we give you thanks and praise
 through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,
 through whom you have created all things;
 who was sent by you in your great goodness
 to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks
because by water and the Holy Spirit
you have made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord;
you raise us to new life in him
and renew in us the image of your glory.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

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.

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 sins 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

*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.*

*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.

The President prays the Post Communion Prayer; then all pray

All **Eternal God, our beginning and our end,
preserve in your people the new life of baptism;
as Christ receives us on earth,
so may he guide us through the trials of this world
and enfold us in the joy of heaven,
where you live and reign,
one God for ever and ever.
Amen.**

¶ The Dismissal

All stand for

The Blessing

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

The God of all grace,
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith;
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 Final Hymn

During the hymn, the ministers and newly-baptized move to the pavement.

The Giving of a Lighted Candle

A candle is lighted from the Paschal candle and the minister gives it to the newly-baptized, saying

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

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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