

St Edmundsbury
Cathedral



Choral Eucharist

*in the week of national mourning
and thanksgiving
for the life of our late*

**Sovereign Lady
Queen Elizabeth**

Sunday 11 September 2022
10.30 am

Welcome to St Edmundsbury Cathedral for this celebration of Holy Eucharist

Worship has been offered here since medieval times, and you are invited to be a part of that long tradition and to participate fully in our Eucharist today.

At this time in our nation's life we remember before God our late Sovereign Lady QUEEN ELIZABETH, to renew our trust and confidence in Christ, and to pray that together we may be one in him, through whom we offer our prayers and praises to the Father.

Today's service is sung by the Cathedral Choir. The musical setting of the Eucharist is the *Missa Cineris* composed by Timothy Parsons, Cathedral Director of Music.

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The Order of Service

¶ The Gathering

After the welcome, everyone stands and the following is said:

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

Amen.

The Processional Hymn

746

**O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.**

**Under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.**

**Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.**

**O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last,
and our eternal home.**

Words Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Music: St Anne, William Croft, 1678-1727

The Greeting

Everyone remains standing while the President says

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

A sentence from Scripture or other words of introduction are said.

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 come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden,
to ask for his forgiveness and peace.

Everyone sits or kneels and silence is kept.

Deacon Surrounded by the love of Christ, we ask God's healing and
mercy on us and on his world, as we pray

All **Holy God,**
we have sinned against you;
we are not worthy to be numbered
amongst your saints.
We turn to you again.
Have mercy on us,
bring us back to yourself,
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

President May the God of love and power
 forgive you ✠ and free you from your sins,
 heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
 and raise you to new life
 in Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Everyone stands 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,
goodwill 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
Jesus Christ; O Lord God,
Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
thou 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 the Father, have mercy on us.*

*For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord,
Thou only art the most high
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father.
Amen.*

Everyone remains standing as the President prays

The Collect

God, the maker and redeemer of all people, grant us, with thy servant QUEEN ELIZABETH and all the faithful departed, the sure benefits of thy Son's saving passion and glorious resurrection; that in the last day, when all things are gathered up in Christ, we may with them enjoy the fullness of thy promises; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

Amen.

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

Everyone sits as Claire Allen reads

The Old Testament Reading

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and no torment will ever touch them.
In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,
and their going from us to be their destruction;
but they are at peace.
For though in the sight of others they were punished,
their hope is full of immortality.
God tested them and found them worthy of himself;
like gold in the furnace he tried them,
and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them.
Those who trust in him will understand truth,
and the faithful will abide with him in love,
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,
and he watches over his elect.

Wisdom 3.1–5,9, NRSV

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

Everyone remains seated as Tim Allen reads

The New Testament Reading

A reading from Saint Paul's letter to the Romans.

Friends in Christ, what then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8.31-end, NRSV

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

Everyone stands for

The Gospel Reading

The gospel book is carried in procession to the centre of the Nave and everyone turns to face it.

Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All



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

Cantor 'It is the will of him who sent me', says the Lord, 'that I should lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up on the last day'.

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

Deacon Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14.1-6, NRSV

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

All



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

The procession returns and everyone sits for

The Homily

Canon Matthew Vernon
Canon Pastor and Sub Dean

After a short time for reflection, everyone stands as the President leads

Affirmation of Faith

All Do you believe and trust in God the Father?
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

All Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

All Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of Intercession

Deacon Let us pray for the Church and for the world
and let us thank God for his goodness.

*Everyone sits or kneels as James Knowles, Cathedral Reader, leads
the prayers.*

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

Minister Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

and at the end:

Minister Merciful Father,

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

¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Everyone stands for

The Peace

The President introduces the Peace, saying

Jesus says:

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

Not as the world gives do I give you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled,

neither let them be afraid.

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

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Everyone exchanges a sign of peace.

Everyone remains standing to sing

The Offertory Hymn

584

During the hymn the altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

**All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.**

**Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.**

**God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore
from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.**

**Daily doth th' Almighty giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.**

Still from earth to God eternal
 sacrifice of praise be done,
 high above all praises praising
 for the gift of Christ his Son.
 Christ doth call
 one and all:
 ye who follow shall not fall.

Words: Robert Bridges, 1844-1930

based on the German of Joachim Neander, 1650-1680

Music: Michael, Herbert Howells, 1892-1983

Everyone remains standing as the President prays the

The Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

Be present, be present,
 Lord Jesus Christ,
 our high priest and King for ever;
 make yourself known in the breaking of the bread.

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 Blessed are you, Lord God,
our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech,
that with angels and archangels
and all the powers of heaven
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

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: Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.</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 How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour,
born of Mary,
to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,
he came to supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
 he gave you thanks, 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.

Deacon All

Christ is the bread of life: **When we eat this bread and**
drink this cup, we pro-claim your death, Lord Je -
sus, un-til you come in glo-ry.

Father, we plead with confidence
 his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
 we remember his dying and rising in glory,
 and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you
 these gifts of your creation;
 may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,
 form us in the likeness of Christ,
 and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with our Blessed Lady St Mary, James the
 Apostle, Edmund King and Martyr and all the saints
 to the vision of that eternal splendour
 for which you have created us;
 through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
 by whom, with whom, and in whom,
 with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
 we worship you, Father almighty,
 in songs of everlasting praise:

All

Bles-sing and ho-nour and glo-ry and power be
yours for ever and e-ver. A - - men.

All sit or kneel as the consecrated bread and wine are raised in the sight of the people and the Sanctus bell is rung.

The Lord's Prayer

After a period of stillness, the President introduces the Lord's Prayer, saying

President With saints and the faithful through the ages,
let us pray 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.**

Everyone remains seated or kneeling as the choir sings the

Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.*

Spiritual Communion

‘Spiritual Communion’ is a historic practice in the church for anyone who cannot receive the bread and wine physically. It is possible because Communion is always a spiritual practice and not simply physical. Through God’s grace, whilst we cannot receive the bread and wine, we can still receive the sacrament in our hearts, and share in communion with Jesus. In making our communion spiritually, we are joining with Christians everywhere who cannot receive the bread and wine at this time. The following prayer is one form of words to use for Spiritual Communion.

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits you have given me,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly,
day by day. Amen.

after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

The Giving of Communion

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

If you require a gluten free communion wafer, please indicate to the minister.

Anyone wishing to receive a blessing is also welcome: please carry this order of service with you as an indication to the ministers.

During the distribution of Communion, the choir sings the

The Communion Motet

O taste and see

Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

The Prayer after Communion

Everyone sits or kneels as silence is kept.

Lord of heaven,
in this Eucharist you have brought us near
to an innumerable company of angels
and to the spirits of the saints made perfect.
As in this food of earthly pilgrimage
we have shared their fellowship,
so may we come to share their joy in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All **Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son
and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body
live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so that we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

¶ The Dismissal

Everyone stands to sing

The Final Hymn

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**Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
...pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more.**

**Open thou the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream shall flow;
let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee.**

Words: William Williams, 1717-91

Music: Cwn Rhondda, John Hughes, 1872-1914

All remain standing for

The Blessing

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

God grant to the living, grace;
to the departed, rest;
to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth,
and all humankind, peace and concord;
and to us and all his servants, life everlasting;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

All remain standing to sing

The National Anthem

**God save our gracious King,
long live our noble King,
God save The King.
Send him victorious,
happy and glorious,
long to reign over us:
God save The King.**

**Thy choicest gifts in store
on him be pleased to pour,
long may he reign.
May he defend our laws,
and ever give us cause
to sing with heart and voice,
God save the King.**

All remain standing for

The Dismissal

Deacon Following God's saints in the ways of holiness and truth,
let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Everyone remains standing as the choir and ministers depart and the organist plays

The Voluntary

Choral (Symphony 2)
Louis Vierne, 1870-1937

Please feel free to stay in the Cathedral for reflection and prayer, or to light a candle, for as long or short a period as you wish. Refreshments are served in the nave, to which everyone is welcome.

