

**The Parish Church
of
St Edmund, King and Martyr
Southwold**



**Civic Service
Sunday 11 June 2023
11.00am
First Sunday after Trinity**

All Processional Hymn

**Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless
wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.**

**O Christ, whose voice the waters
heard
And hushed their raging at thy word,
Who walkedst on the foaming deep,
And calm amid the storm didst sleep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.**

**O Holy Spirit, who didst brood
Upon the waters dark and rude,
And bid their angry tumult cease,
And give, for wild confusion, peace;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.**

**O Trinity of love and power,
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire, and foe,
Protect them where-so-e'er they go;
Thus, evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and
sea.**

Introduction

The minister says :
Grace mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you.

And also with you

This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

We have come together in the name of
Christ
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive God's holy word,
to pray for the needs of the world,
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to the service of
God.

Let us pray (please sit or kneel to pray)

Confession

Jesus says, "Repent, for the kingdom of
heaven is close at hand.
So let us turn away from our sin and turn
to Christ,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith."

We confess our sins and selfishness,
our pride, our greed, the evil divisions we
create and sustain.

O Lord of mercy, we put our hope in you:
**Forgive us and help us for your
name's sake.**

We confess our share in the world's wrong
and our failure to strive for that universal
peace and
justice which is your will.

O Lord of mercy, we put our hope in you:
**Forgive us and help us for your
name's sake.**

We confess that we have not loved you
with our whole heart
nor our neighbours as ourselves.
O Lord of mercy, we put our hope in you.
**Forgive us and help us for your
name's sake.**

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive us our sins, and make us holy to
serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Anthem sung by St Edmund's Choir

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Colossians Chapter 3 verses 12-17 Read by The Mayor of Southwold Councillor Simon Flunder

Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Thanks be to God

Hymn : The Southwold Hymn

**Here, where we meet in worship,
Above our Suffolk strand,
Twin symbols of salvation,
A church and lighthouse stand.
Here each fulfils its purpose,
As church and lighthouse share,
For stranger as for native,
A ministry of care.**

**The lighthouse beams its message
And seeks to show the way,
That those who sail in darkness
May see the light of day.
The church declares the Gospel,
The song of light and love;
The word that gives life meaning
And points to God above.**

**Now, Christians sing together
And celebrate our Lord.
His goodness will transform us
Through Christ, His living Word.
A stairway to His kingdom;
A guide to all who search;
This is the gate of heaven:
Our lighthouse and our church.**

(Fred Pratt Green verse 1,
Eric Potts verses 2 & 3)

**A reading from St John's Gospel
Chapter 15 verses 12-17.
Read by the Deputy Mayor of
Southwold, Councillor Paula
Goldsmith**

Jesus said, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Thanks be to God

**Music by the Band of the Royal British
Legion, Leiston**

Address : Rev Alan Perry

Hymn

**I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love;
the love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,
that lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
the love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
the love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.**

**And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,
most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
we may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
and soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
and her ways are ways of gentleness, and all her paths are peace.**

Cecil Spring-Rice.

Tune Thaxted Gustav Holst

Prayers (please sit or kneel)

Let us pray for the family of the Church, for our community, and for the lives of those who live and work in and visit our town.

Jesus, you were born in poverty in a stable, and then became a refugee, be with all our families today. Be with those in need, help us to care for one another.

Jesus, Lord of love,
In your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, you grew in wisdom and favour with God and the people in the family of Joseph the carpenter, bless those in our town who care for and teach our children. We pray for Southwold Primary School, for our Guides and Scouts, for our children's clubs and Sunday School. We give you thanks for all who volunteer to work with young people.

Jesus, Lord of love,
In your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, you healed Peter's mother in law when she was sick. We remember before you those whom we know who are sick. We pray for our surgery, doctors and dentists, care workers, the Sole Bay Care Fund and the Voluntary Help Service.

Jesus, Lord of love,
In your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, as you died on the cross, you called Mary and John to care for one another. We pray for those we know who are bereaved and lonely.

Jesus, Lord of love
In your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, you ate breakfast on the beach with your disciples after you were raised from the dead, bring us and your whole Church on earth and in heaven into your risen presence to eat at the eternal banquet.

Jesus, Lord of love,
**In your mercy, hear us,
accept our prayers and be with us
always.
Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

**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 Collect

Almighty and eternal God,
to whom we must all give account:
guide by your Spirit the Councillors of
Southwold,
that they may be faithful to the mind of
Christ,
and seek in all their purposes to enrich our
common life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Hymn (during this hymn the offertory collection will be taken)

**And did those feet in ancient time
walk upon England's mountains
green?
And was the holy Lamb of God,
on England's pleasant pastures seen?
And did the countenance divine,
shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here,
among those dark Satanic Mills?**

**Bring me my bow of burning gold!
Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear: O clouds unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire!
I will not cease from mental fight,
nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
till we have built Jerusalem,
in England's green & pleasant land.**

*William Blake.
Tune Hubert Parry*

The Blessing

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in
faith and love,
defend you on every side,
and guide you in truth and peace;
and the blessing of God almighty, the
Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with
you and remain with you always. Amen

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

All 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.**

Please remain in your places until the
Mayor's party has left the Church

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