

WORSHIP - CHRIST THE KING - EDMUND, KING & MARTYR - 22 NOVEMBER 2020

Today is always a special Sunday for the Barhams - Edmund's Feast Day is 20 November. The nice thing about having an Edmund church is that I can bore you all with my stories from St Edmundsbury Cathedral - yes, I know you've heard them all before. Edmund is very special to us - and I hope that those of you for whom Matthew is more important will still enjoy this morning's worship. Please read the note at the end of this Order about how we're going to do worship next Sunday.

Every year St Edmundsbury Cathedral get their Easter Candles from the twin town of Kavelaer in north Germany. In 2006 we took the Cathedral Youth Group to go and get them - 30 kids on Eurostar was fun. We learned the German for "bubble wrap" so we got the candles home safely. Prepare for worship by watching <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SOwcJvckig8> a three minute film looking at the beauty of the Cathedral.

Lighting of the Candle

https://www.faithandworship.com/prayers_Pentecost.htm

We light a candle, and enjoy the flickering light, the fragrance and warmth it creates.
But without the spark that ignites, there will be no flame.
Without the wax, the source of power, the wick will not burn.
Without the flame, there will be no fragrance, no warmth, no light.
And so with us, Lord.
You are the catalyst that ignites us, and the fuel that sustains us.
You fill us with your fragrance as you enter our lives.
You empower us to carry your flame in our hearts,
to be the fragrance, warmth, and light of your love, in this dark world.
Bless us as we come to worship you.

A Festival day should start with a celebration

Jubilate - Psalm 100 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DQpi8lbunZg>

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:
serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God:
it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise:
be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name.
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting:
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

Great is the Lord and worthy of all praise.
Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom,
thanksgiving and honour, power and might, be to our God for ever and ever!
May the light and peace of Jesus Christ our Lord be with us as we worship.



Words: Jubilate, Psalm 100
Music: William Walton
The choir of King Edward VI School
Southampton

Hymn - All people that on earth do dwell - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NC5FfEavPM4>

This is a Songs of Praise recording, and the words are on the screen.

We come together (wherever we are) as the family of God,
believing in God whom we experience as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Glory to the Holy and Undivided Trinity;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
Three persons and one God.
Perfectly one from before time began;
One in being and one in glory;
Dwelling in love; three persons, one God.
Incarnate Son, in suffering forsaken;
Father, giving and forgiving;
Spirit, bond in joy and pain.
Eternal Father, the Fountain of Life;
Risen Son, the Prince of Life;
Spirit of freedom, Giver of Life.
Truth, Word and Power;
Lover, Beloved and Friend;
Hope without end; Joy beyond words.
Glory to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.



Holy, holy, holy: when our eyes have seen the Lord of hosts we echo the words of Isaiah, "Woe is me! I am doomed." We long for the fire of God's cleansing to touch our unclean lips, for our sins to be wiped out. So we meet Father, Son and Holy Spirit with confession on our lips.

Father, we have sinned against heaven and against you. We are not worthy to be called your children. We turn to you again. Have mercy on us, bring us back to yourself, as those who once were dead but now have life through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect for the Feast of Christ the King

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.



The Edmund Prayer

This prayer was written by Martin Shaw, one of my colleagues at St Edmundsbury Cathedral, and set to music by James Thomas, the Director of Music. My boys are singing on this recording
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WVAniSZLwyQ>

Christ Jesus, with the life and martyrdom of St Edmund, King of East Anglia,
you inspired generations of pilgrims in the way of love and hope.
Enfold your Church in the mystery of your life,
that we, in our own pilgrimage,
may be apostles of your wounded and risen glory,
who with the Father and the Spirit, are present eternally. Amen.



Bible readings - Ephesians 1.15-end, Matthew 25.31-end

The bible readings are printed on the blue sheet, the Bible Readings and Prayers sheet, on the front page of the website (next to the noticesheet you can download).

Hymn - Christ triumphant, ever reigning - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SzjB4-LZO70>

This is a recording by Christ Church, Bath, and the words are on the screen.

Address - *our thanks to Clive for producing some thoughts for today which you can find on the website. I have produced an Edmund video which is also on the front page of the website.*

The Nicene Creed - we affirm our faith, and the faith of the whole church (hence 'we' not 'I')

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.

Anthem - A prayer of St Richard of Chichester - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gf9m90pqq-g>

O holy Jesus, most merciful redeemer, friend, and brother,
May I know thee more clearly,
Love thee more dearly
And follow thee more nearly. Amen.

Words: Richard of Chichester, 1197-1253

Music: L.J. White, born 1910

This is a recording from Lichfield Cathedral in 1998. Makes you wonder what those sweet choristers are doing 22 years later. If the current political climate is getting you down, you make take some comfort from this:

Richard of Chichester was born at Wyche in Worcestershire in 1197. Educated at Oxford (under Robert Grosseteste), Paris, and Bologna, Italy. Chancellor of Oxford 1235, ordained 1243, became chancellor to St Boniface of Savoy. When King Henry III appointed Ralph Neville to the see of Chichester in 1244, Boniface declared the nomination invalid and named Richard to the post, an act which caused an uproar in the kingdom. Finally, in 1245, Pope Innocent IV found in Richard's favour, but Richard was prevented from entering his palace by the machinations of Henry. Only after the king was threatened with excommunication was Richard able to take up his duties. He insisted upon strict adherence to discipline among the clergy, aided the poor, and fearlessly denounced the corruption and vices of the contemporary Church and the royal court. His death came at Dover in 1253 while delivering a plea for a crusade. Richard was canonized in 1262, and his tomb became a popular shrine noted for its miracles until the Reformation in England.

Prayers of Intercession

Encouraged by our fellowship with Edmund and all the saints, let us make our prayers to the Father through our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us pray.

Father, your Son called men and women to leave the past behind them and to follow him as his disciples in the way of the cross. Look with mercy upon us, and upon all those whom he calls today, marks with the cross and makes his disciples within the Church. We pray for Libby, our bishop, for the life of our diocese, our friends in Allestree Churches Together. For the Cathedral Church of St James and St Edmund, Bury St Edmunds, and for that diocese. For our corporate life in these strange times, Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Your Son told his disciples not to be afraid and at Easter breathed on them his gift of peace. Look with mercy upon the world into which he sent them out, and give it that peace for which it longs. We know that creation is under stress, that society is under stress, that our leaders seem stressed and confused. Lord, peace seems a very long way off - so help us to be men and women of faith, faith to know you are our Lord and God. Help us to care and pray, to work for your Kingdom. We pray for those who live in areas of war and conflict - and we know that there are many who have first hand experience of the fear that Edmund and his followers must have known. We pray for world leadership - for the situation in America, for our country and government, for our relationship with Europe. Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Your Son formed around him a company who were no longer servants but friends, and he called all those who obeyed him his brother and sister and mother. Look with mercy upon our families and our friends and upon the communities in which we share. For families who are stressed, people who are trapped, relationships that have broken down. For all who are looking forward to Christmas with fear, who have no positive vision for the next few weeks. We give thanks, Lord, for the friends we have as we journey together.

Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Your Son sent out disciples to preach and heal the sick. Look with mercy on all those who yearn to hear the good news of salvation, and renew among your people the gifts of healing. We pray for our NHS, for those working in track and trace, for those who are tired and frightened. We pray for whatever the future holds. We pray for individuals for whom we have been asked to pray.

Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Your Son promised to those who followed him that they would sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel and would share the banquet of the kingdom. According to your promise, look with mercy on those who have walked with Christ in this life and now have passed through death. Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

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.

Hymn - How shall I sing that Majesty - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kOL-YWWpEXk>

My favourite hymn, to the tune of Coe Fen

(this is the Fen, part of Cambridge, next to where my grandad lived)

Dismissal prayers - firstly the BCP Collect for today

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Almighty and everlasting God, you are the giver of the Spirit of wisdom and revelation. It is your will to restore all things to Christ, whom you have anointed priest for ever and ruler of creation. May our eyes be open today, teach us to know the hope to which you have called us, so that we might learn to see you in the face of those in need around us. Bless us we ask, Lord God, as one liturgical year comes to an end - a year the like of which we have never seen before. Bless us as the world continues turning. Amen.

Final music - *Tuba Tune, Craig Sellar Lang* - played on the organ of St Edmundsbury Cathedral by William Saunders
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RbkC640Alhc>

Peter Barham, Feast of St Edmund, 20 November 2020

St Edmund's PCC asked if we can start a weekly service on Zoom, so next week, Advent Sunday, at 11.30 am I will bring you **Zoom Morning Prayer** from the comfort of my Study. I am using the Study since it has better internet than either church (and it's warmer) and have gone for 11.30 so it can continue if we are allowed back in church buildings in a fortnight's time for services at 10. I will publicise the zoom link on the website and facebook page later in the week, but we will also build an email and text list so we can send you a reminder. If you would like to get this message, please email Caroline (address below) with "Zoom service" as the subject, and please include the text "I give you permission to store this email address [and my mobile number which is xxxx] for purposes of informing me about forthcoming services". That way we are GDPR compliant. I expect the service to be less than half an hour, and hope you will join me. I hope too that you will forgive my technical imperfections! I will continue to post an Order of Service like this with youtube links to music.

If you haven't had enough of St Edmund and his Cathedral, you might like to look at some more youtube material. The Cathedral Music Department has its own channel at
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTFyIpsAbwLJZP6hPRrG8vA>

You can have a virtual pilgrimage round the Cathedral, led by my successor as Canon Pastor, at
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aipY4x1xqHc&t=1s>

You can find out more about St Edmund at
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sikjqR3Rv0w>

You can also make a Crown and Arrows mobile - instructions at
https://stedscathedral.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Crown-and-arrows-mobile.pdf?fbclid=IwAR1AngmETYNEFq3Ylqyd3pQTHQjbCrbfYAg7_Xai1jl6zcZNdGu5dDZbxCU