

WORSHIP - CHRIST THE KING - EDMUND, KING AND MARTYR - 21 NOVEMBER 2021

*Today we have services in both churches at 10 am, and Evensong at St Edmund's at 6 pm.
Peter is leading the Zoom service, and preaching.*

Hymn - All people that on earth do dwell - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=82Oar7O-ImY>

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

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 saints were faithful until death and now dwell in the heavenly kingdom for ever.
As we celebrate their joy, let us bring to the Lord our sins and weaknesses, and ask for his mercy.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria – Mass of St Thomas, *David Thorne* - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pHEm0Dbzizs>

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God in the highest.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

Glory to God in the highest.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Glory to God in the highest.

The Collect for 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.

New Testament lesson - Revelation 1.4b-8 - *this is printed on the blue noticesheet*

Hymn - Jesus remember me, a Taize chant - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r6tVReXsioM>

Gospel - John 18.33-37

Address - sermon from Peter and Julie are on the website

The Nicene Creed

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 – The Edmund Prayer - <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.

Words: Alexander Martin Shaw, born 1944

Music: James Thomas, born 1963



Prayers of Intercession, written by Dot Jackson-Lawer

Dear Lord, we come together today to praise your name, to worship with our church family and to give you thanks for the many blessings we enjoy. Inspire us with your kind and generous love. Help us to build a world where we all have enough to live, to feel safe and be respected. Remind us to share our good fortune, lend a listening ear when needed, or simply smile to lift someone's spirits. Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, help us to understand more fully the plight of those who are struggling day to day, those who feel fear, anxiety and uncertainty for their future. May we grow in solidarity and peace to address the inequality and injustice in our world. Give strength to the weak and hope to the hopeless. Help us to follow you as you guide us in the goodness of your word. Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We are truly sorry God, that so many of your people live in poverty, we are sorry that conflicts still rage, we are sorry that an unfair distribution of wealth and power has created divisions among us...your children. We are sorry that we have damaged the earth you created for us. Help us to seek change, to amplify the voices of those not being heard. Help us to seek a better way to serve you and those marginalized around the world. Let our skills, words and resource's turn our prayers into actions. Help us to readdress the balance, to restore

peace and harmony in your creation. Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we pray for our world leaders, for all national, local leaders and for managers of companies who are coming together to actively change the way we treat your earth. Guide their thoughts towards working positively for the welfare of all. Let your holy spirit touch those responsible... help them reach unified decisions which will secure a sustainable future for all. Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, thank you for holidays, days out, days doing nothing but resting. Thank you for the people who remind us that it is ok to rest, to recharge, to enjoy time with family and friends while we still live with the pandemic. Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those who are isolated, lonely, or feel unwell. We ask for your blessing and healing touch to be placed on anyone known personally to us who is sick. We pray for all those who are coping with long term illnesses, and for those who care for them. We pray for the departed and commend them to your loving arms. Comfort those who mourn, strengthen their faith and knowledge that in their time of sadness, your love is constant and never ending. Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray Lord, for your blessing on all the families who bring their children for baptism, for couples planning to be married, and for those seeking to be confirmed. We ask that those coming together in celebration may experience your presence, and grow evermore closer to you. We especially pray for our friend Faith, who had planned to be confirmed next Sunday. We pray for her and anyone else who may have chosen to put their plans on hold until they feel safe again. Help them to feel your love through our worship, and know that our church family is collectively holding them in our thoughts. Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we cannot make sense of what happens in the world sometimes. Implore us God, to remember that Jesus is our true redeemer. Jesus's Kingship is 'not of this world', your word God, your truth, your love to all humanity and its entire creation is the gift of salvation. You are the Alpha and the Omega.... Gracious Lord, may your voice be the first and the last one in our lives.

We bring our prayers together as we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us:

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 - Rejoice, the Lord is King - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aDFAv0eh-s8&t=41s>

The Blessing

God give you grace
to share the inheritance of the saints in glory;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you this day, and for evermore. **Amen.**

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



Final music - Fanfare for St Edmundsbury, *Benjamin Britten*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8nR8OVIRlog>

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