



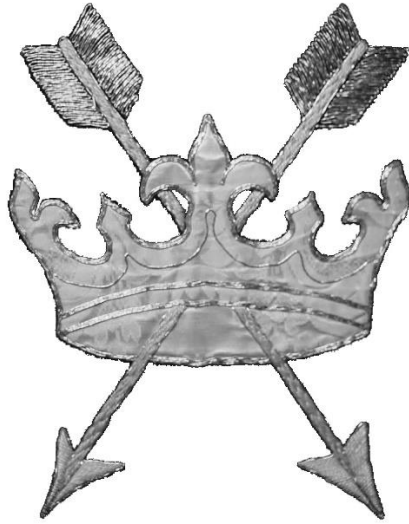
The Parish Church  
of  
**St Edmund the King**  
Northwood Hills



**Sung Eucharist**  
for the  
Feast of  
St Edmund, King and Martyr



3pm Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024



*Welcome to today's Eucharist  
as we celebrate our Patronal Festival.*

*Born in about the year 840,  
Edmund was nominated as a King while still a boy.  
He was crowned King of Norfolk in 855  
and of Suffolk the following year.*

*As King he won the hearts of his subjects by his care of the poor  
and his steady suppression of wrong doing.*

*When attacked by the Danes,  
he refused to give over his kingdom  
or to renounce his faith in Christ.*

*He was tied to a tree, shot with arrows,  
and finally beheaded, on this day in the year 869.*

*Today we give thanks for his life,  
ask for his prayers for us and for our Parish,  
and joyfully celebrate our life together in this place;  
praying that we may become more perfectly  
the people God would have us be,  
ready to be the sign of his presence in our community.*

*Please stand when the bell rings for the entry of the Procession.*

*We sing*

God of saints, we praise and bless Thee;  
Ever hallowed be Thy name.  
Let Thy mighty grace sustain us,  
And Thy love our hearts inflame.  
As the faithful Edmund served Thee,  
Giving all for Christ his King;  
So may we, by self-surrender,  
Honour to our Saviour bring.

Edmund loved the name of Jesus,  
Even from his tender years,  
Every labour, longing, struggle,  
Mark that his devotion bears.  
Rather than deny his master  
As a martyr would he die;  
In the awful hour of torment  
'Jesus' was his heartfelt cry.

Only few are called by Jesus  
For his sake great things to do,  
But whatever task he sends us,  
We must to our Lord be true.  
He will show us by his Spirit  
How we are to do his will,  
And has promised grace to aid us  
His good purpose to fulfil.

Father, grant us grace to follow  
Christ the life, the truth, the way,  
Pilgrims to that heavenly city  
Where he reigns in endless day  
Where the saints in glory radiant  
Ever worship and adore  
Love's bright Majesty transcendent  
Through the ages evermore.

## **The Greeting**

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

**All Amen.**

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

**All and also with you.**

## **Invitation to Confession**

Facing a hail of abuse and confronted by violence,  
Edmund refused to renounce his allegiance to his heavenly King, but  
steadily witnessed to Christ - in his death as in his life. He was faithful to  
death, and now dwells in the heavenly Kingdom for ever.

We give thanks for Edmund tonight, and rejoice in his patronage  
as we ask for God's blessing on our life and witness  
in this Church and Parish.

As we celebrate Edmund's joy, let us bring to the Lord  
our sins and weaknesses, and ask for his mercy.

**All 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.**

*We all sing*

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

*The priest tells us we are forgiven*

May God our Father forgive you your sins, and bring you  
to the fellowship of his table with his saints for ever.

**All Amen.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

Gloria Gloria in excelsis Deo

Gloria Gloria in excelsis Deo

**All Gloria Gloria in excelsis Deo**

**Gloria Gloria in excelsis Deo**

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.

**All Gloria Gloria in excelsis Deo...**

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.

**All Gloria Gloria in excelsis Deo..**

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. Amen.

**All Gloria Gloria in excelsis Deo**

## **Collect**

Let us pray.

Eternal God, whose servant Edmund kept faith to the end,  
both with you and with his people, and glorified you by his death:  
grant us such steadfastness of faith that, with the noble army of martyrs,  
we may come to enjoy the fullness of the resurrection life;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Word *please be seated*

## Old Testament Reading

A reading from the book of Proverbs

Loyalty and faithfulness preserve the king, and his throne is upheld by righteousness. The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the Lord; he turns it wherever he will. All deeds are right in the sight of the doer, but the Lord weighs the heart. To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice. Haughty eyes and a proud heart - the lamp of the wicked - are sin. The violence of the wicked will sweep them away, because they refuse to do what is just.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

*from Psalm 126*

*The choir sings the response and we then all sing it together and at the end of every verse.*



When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,  
Then were we like those who dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter  
and our tongue with songs of joy. **R/**  
Then said they among the nations,  
'The Lord has done great things for them.  
The Lord has indeed done great things for us,  
and therefore we rejoiced.  
Restore again our fortunes, O Lord,  
as the river beds of the desert. **R/**  
Those who sow in tears shall reap with songs of joy.  
Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed,  
Will come back with shouts of joy,  
bearing their sheaves with them. **R/**

## New Testament Reading

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Romans

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn** *please stand*

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| <p>1 For all your saints still active,<br/>For those whose work is done<br/>For saints with you in glory<br/>Whose earthly race is run.<br/>You rose as King and Sovereign,<br/>That they the crown might wear,<br/>Reserved for those who humbly<br/>Your earthly pathway share</p> <p>2 Apostles, prophets martyrs<br/>Who served you here on earth<br/>Now reign with you in heaven<br/>Singing your praise and worth.<br/>With them, and all who witness<br/>Is known to you alone,<br/>Now share our earthly journey<br/>Towards your heavenly throne.</p> | <p>3 For Edmund King and Martyr<br/>We praise you Lord, and bless<br/>He stood to challenge evil<br/>And your great name confess.<br/>Like him may we be willing<br/>Your Lordship to proclaim<br/>That, faced with opposition,<br/>We may uphold your name</p> <p>4 We praise you God our Father<br/>We worship Christ, your Son,<br/>We glorify your Spirit<br/>Forever three, yet one.<br/>On earth we see you dimly,<br/>In heaven face to face;<br/>And then with all who served you<br/>We'll praise you, God of grace.</p> |
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## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Blessèd apostles sing praise; prophets and martyrs give glory;

For your majesty praise the Spirit, praise the Son!

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## **Gospel**

The Lord be with you

**All and also with you.**

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

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus answered them, “ Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Sermon: *Canon Philip Banks*  
*Canon Precentor St Paul's Cathedral*

## **The Creed** *please stand*

**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.**

*(All bow)*

***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**

## **Intercessions**      *please kneel*

Lord, in your mercy  
**All** hear our prayer.

## **Liturgy of the Eucharist**

### **The Peace**      *please stand*

We are fellow citizens with the saints  
and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord,  
who came and preached peace to those who were far off  
and those who were near.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**All** and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.  
*We exchange a sign of peace with those around us.*

## Preparation Of The Gifts

*We sing*

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| <p>1 God, whose city's sure<br/>foundation<br/>Stands upon his holy hill,<br/>By his mighty inspiration<br/>Chose of old and chooseth still<br/>Men of every race and nation<br/>His good pleasure to fulfill.</p>                                 | <p>3 Some there were like lamps of<br/>learning<br/>Shining in a faithless night,<br/>Some on fire with love, and burning<br/>With a flaming zeal for right,<br/>Some by simple goodness turning<br/>Souls from darkness unto light.</p> |
| <p>2 Here in England through the<br/>ages,<br/>While the Christian years went<br/>by,<br/>Saints, confessors, martyrs,<br/>sages,<br/>Strong to live and strong to die,<br/>Wrote their names upon the<br/>pages<br/>Of God's blessed company.</p> | <p>4 As we now with high thanksgiving<br/>Their triumphant names record,<br/>Grant that we, like the, believing<br/>In the promise of thy word,<br/>May, like them, in all good living<br/>Praise and magnify the Lord.</p>              |

Pray my brothers and sisters that this our sacrifice  
may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

**All** **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good and the good of all his Church.**

Lord, may the gifts we bring,  
like the blood shed by King Edmund,  
ever make fruitful for your Church  
the land over which he reigned.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

**All** **Amen.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

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

*The priest praises God for his mighty acts and all respond*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord**

**God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory**

**(Hosanna, Hosanna) Hosanna in the highest**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord**

**(Hosanna, Hosanna) Hosanna in the highest.**

Great is the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

*As the Eucharistic Prayer continues we recall the death and resurrection of Christ, and offer our prayer to the Father.*

*The Prayer continues and leads into the doxology*

*Priest* Through him with him and in him in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
All Glory and honour is yours Almighty Father  
For ever and ever

**All Amen**

**We lift our hearts and voices to you as we sing AMEN**

**So shall it be for ever AMEN**

**AMEN**

**We lift our hearts and voices to you as we sing**

**AMEN**

**So shall it be for ever 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.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*The priest breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many we are one body because we all share in one bread**

## **Agnus Dei**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace**

This is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed**

## Giving of Communion

*Communicant members of other Christian Churches are welcome to receive communion here. Non communicants are warmly invited to the altar for a blessing - please indicate this by bowing your head.*

*As the host or chalice is given the minister says*

The body of Christ                      The blood of Christ  
*to which we say **Amen** before we receive.*

*During the distribution the choir sing the anthem*

## Communion Hymn

**1** Here is bread, here is wine  
Christ is with us, he is with us  
Break the bread, drink the wine  
Christ is with us here  
***In this bread there is healing  
In this cup there's life forever  
In this moment, by the Spirit  
Christ is with us here***

**2** Here is grace, here is peace  
Christ is with us, he is with us  
Know his grace, find his peace  
Feast on Jesus here  
***In this bread there is healing .....***

**3** Here we are, joined in one  
Christ is with us, he is with us  
We'll proclaim, till he comes  
Jesus crucified  
***In this bread there is healing .....***

## Post Communion Prayer

Lord, may we follow the example of King Edmund,  
who did not turn away from his worship and true love for you.  
We ask this in the name of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**All Amen.**

**All** Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

## **Commemoration of Past Worshippers**

*We stand to give thanks for those who have worshipped  
in this church before us, and who are now at rest.*

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,  
**All** and no torment will ever touch them.

In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died;  
**All** but they are at peace.

Eternal Lord God, you hold all souls in life: give to your whole Church in  
paradise and on earth your light and your peace; and grant that we,  
following the good examples of those who have served you in this place  
and are now at rest, may at last enter with them into your unending joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All** Amen.

## **Procession to the Statue of St Edmund**

Let us proceed in peace.

**All** In the name of Christ. Amen

For all the saints, who from their labours rest,  
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might;  
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
And win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

O blest communion! fellowship divine,  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

## **Station at the Statue of St Edmund**

*When the procession reaches the statue the hymn pauses, and this responsory is used.*

Lord, you witness to your truth in the lives of the saints:

**All** all your saints praise you, O Lord.

You have made us to be a kingdom  
and priests serving our God:

**All** all your saints praise you, O Lord.

You stir us to seek the mysteries of the kingdom:

**All** all your saints praise you, O Lord.

You lead us to the eternal assembly of the saints:

**All** all your saints praise you, O Lord.

Sovereign God, who called St. Edmund to be a ruler among his people and give him grace to be their servant: help us, following our Saviour Jesus Christ in the path of humble service, to see his kingdom set forward on earth and to enjoy its fullness in heaven; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**All** Amen.

## **Parish Prayer**

**All** O Eternal Father,  
help us to build up the Church in this parish,  
to the glory of your Name, in honour of St. Edmund,  
and for the hope and inspiration of all your people.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The hymn continues*

The golden evening brightens in the west;  
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;  
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of glory passes on his way.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

## **The Blessing**

The Lord be with you.

**All and also with you.**

May God, who kindled the fire of his love  
in the hearts of the saints, pour upon you the riches of his grace.

**All Amen.**

May he give you joy in their fellowship  
and a share in their praises.

**All Amen.**

May he strengthen you to follow them in the way of holiness  
and to come to the full radiance of glory.

**All Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always.

**All Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

**All Thanks be to God**