

The Church of St. Edmund, King and Martyr

Faith. Empowerment. Community.



The First Sunday after the Epiphany,
The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ
The Year of Our Lord, 2023
Being Sunday January 8th

The Reverend Wes Smedley

Mr. Fred Reid III and Atty. Andrea Flynn
Church Wardens

Mr. Richard Evans, Director of Music and Organist

PLEASE NOTE

Welcome, and you are most welcome, to St. Edmund's Church!

Thank you for sharing with us in the worship of The Living God. In order to help all, keep well, we respectfully request that you please observe the following health and safety protocols:

You are invited to please make use of the available hand sanitizer.

Please sit at least six feet from any who are not Members of your household or with whom you did not come to Church.

Please keep your nose and mouth covered by a face mask except when receiving Holy Communion.

Please permit our ushers to invite you to come and receive the Blessed Sacrament.

Please let me or an Usher know if you are interested in becoming a Member of our Parish Family as we would be delighted for you to join!

We hope that you will come again, and often!

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Celebrant: Let us pray

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Please be seated for the reading of the lessons.

A reading from Isaiah

42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;

before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm of the Day

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- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.

A reading from Acts

10:34-43

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that

he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Anthem

“O Divine Redeemer ”

Gounod

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel according to **Matthew**

3:13-17

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Rev. Smedley

The Nicene Creed

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The people 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.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from 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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please stand, kneel, or sitting if your health suggests

Intercessor:

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying “Lord, hear our prayer”.

For the peace of the world, the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let
us pray to the Lord, saying,

Lord, hear our prayer

As we pray for all people, and all expressions of faith, we pray for the church throughout the world,
for St. Edmund’s Church, Chicago, Chicago International Charter School-Washington Park at St.
Edmund’s, and for the people, churches, and ministries of the Diocese of Chicago and The
Episcopal Church, let us pray to the Lord, saying, **Lord, hear our prayer**

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Paula, our Bishop, Wes, our priest, Fred and Andrea, our
Churchwardens, Roxanne and Vincent, the Co-Chairs of our Rector Search committee, and all
Members of that Committee, for all Members of our Vestry, for all Members of St. Edmund’s, for
all who visit and worship with us, for all who visit by way of the internet, let us pray to the Lord,
saying,

Lord, hear our prayer

For all children and young people, especially Mia, Simone W., Morgan, Noah, Simone E., Josie,
Wendell, Brooks, James G., Gabe, Emeri, Kennidi, Marcea, KeJuan, James H., Scarlin, Naomi,
Lina, Ana, Nathan, Yinka, Timi, Gabriel, Christopher, Janelle, Dianna, Raven and Aubrey let us
pray to the Lord, saying,

Lord, hear our prayer

For Joseph, our President, Kamala, our Vice President, JB, our governor, Lori, our mayor, and for all others in authority, that they may “do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly” with God, let us pray to the Lord, saying,

Lord, hear our prayer

For the good earth that God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to honor and conserve it, let us pray to the Lord, saying,

Lord, hear our prayer

For the poor, the persecuted, the homeless and the hungry, for the unemployed and the underemployed, for all immigrants and refugees, for all prisoners and captives, for all who are trafficked, and for all in any trouble, let us pray to the Lord, saying,

Lord, hear our prayer

For the aged, for all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, especially those remembered in the prayers of St. Edmund’s Church, for the addicted, for those who are alone, for those seeking a church home, and for those whose names we now remember in spoken or silent prayer

_____ let us pray to the Lord, saying,

Lord, hear our prayer

For an end to domestic, gender, gun, and all forms of violence, for an end to injustice, bigotry, oppression, and war, let us pray to the Lord, saying,

Lord, hear our prayer

For all who know the inclemency of weather, especially the People of Puerto Rico, Pakistan, Florida, Haiti, and Japan, let us pray to the Lord, saying,

Lord, hear our prayer

O God of grace, goodness, and glory, you know our needs before we ask, and what is best for us as we seek it; may your wise and loving presence guide us as we seek the next Rector of St. Edmund’s Church. Please bless us with open hearts, discerning minds, and spirits of warmth and caring, that your will might be fulfilled, and we secure a priest and pastor who will boldly proclaim your Gospel, faithfully administer your sacraments, and serve with love and compassion, let us pray to the Lord, saying,

Lord, hear our prayer

For all the + Faithful Departed +, for all Departed Clergy and Members of St. Edmund’s, and for all our Departed Family and Friends; for all who died alone, and for those whose deaths are largely unknown, let us pray to the Lord, saying,

Lord, hear our prayer

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect

Let us confess our sins against God, our neighbor, and ourselves.
(Celebrant and People)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen..

(The priest offers absolution)

The Peace

The Announcements

The Offertory Anthem **“I’ve Decided To Make Jesus My Choice”** **Johnson**

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord

People: And of thine own have we given thee

The Great Thanksgiving

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God.

Hosanna in the highest.

Please stand, kneel, or sit if your health suggests

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

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,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of The Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Holy Communion

Intercessor

I now invite those who are with us by way of the internet to join me in offering the prayer for Spiritual Communion.

The Prayer of Spiritual Communion For Those At Home

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my Soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, please come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already here, and unite myself wholly to you. In your most Holy Name I pray, Amen.

The Communion Hymn

“Praise Him”

LEVAS #98

The Prayer After Communion

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Birthday, Wedding Anniversary, and Travel Blessings

The Prayer for Those Celebrating Special Days Who Are Not Physically Present

O God our times are in your hands. Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness Lord, all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Blessing of The People of God

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in Peace to serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Recessional Hymn	“We’ll Understand It Better By And By”	LEVAS #207
Doxology	“Go Ye Now In Peace”	Eilers
The Postlude	“Toccatà”	Nevin