



VESPERS **on the Commemoration of** **Edmund, King of East Anglia** **Martyr, 870**

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As members of a parish in the Diocese of New Westminster, we acknowledge that we are gathered from a variety of locations within the traditional and unceded ancestral territory of the Coast Salish people, including but not limited to, the halq'-emylém speaking Kwantlen, Kwikwetlem, Musqueam, Tseil-watuth, and Tsawwassen nations.

The Preparation

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Today we recall Edmund, an Anglo-Saxon king who was martyred in the year 870. He was raised in the Christian faith and at the age of twenty-three succeeded his father on the throne of East Anglia. His kingdom lay on England's coast and was especially vulnerable to the Vikings, who were sea-faring marauders from Scandinavia. Five years after Edmund began his reign they mounted a huge raid upon his kingdom and shattered the East Anglian army in a single battle. Edmund himself was captured and brought before the Viking leader, who offered to spare the king's life if he renounced the Christian faith. Edmund rejected the offer and confessed Christ before his captor. Tradition says that the Vikings tied him to a tree, scourged him brutally, then riddled him with arrows and finally beheaded him. Once his murderers had departed, the East Anglians recovered the body of their king and eventually interred it with honour at the town of Bedricsworth, which ever since then has been called Bury St. Edmunds. The reputation of King Edmund the Martyr spread beyond the borders of East Anglia, and he became a national saint, honoured by all the English for his valour in holding on to Christ even at the cost of his life.

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The Preparation

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O God, make speed to save us,
O Lord, make haste to help us.

From the rising of the Sun to its setting
your glory is proclaimed in all the world.

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever.
Amen.

Act of Praise

Take My Life, and Let it Be
Common Praise 435

Cantor or Officiant

Take my life, and let it be consecrated,
Lord to thee; take my moments, and
my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the
impulse of thy love; take my feet, and
let them be swift and purposeful for thee.

Take my lips, and let them be filled with
messages from thee; take my intellect
and use every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall
be no longer mine; take my heart, it
is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love: my Lord I pour at thy
feet its treasure store; take myself, and
I will be ever, only, all for thee.

The Psalm

Psalm 80: 8 - 18

Psalmist

You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *
you cast out the nations and planted it.

You prepared the ground for it; *
it took root and filled the land.

The mountains were covered by its shadow *
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *
and its branches to the River.

Why have you broken down its wall, *
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, *
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
behold and tend this vine; *
preserve what your right hand has planted.

The Psalm (Cont'd)

They burn it with fire like rubbish; *
at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.

Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your name.

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

The Psalm Prayer

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ, our good shepherd; you have led us to the kingdom of your Father's love. Forgive our careless indifference to your loving care for all your creatures, and remake us in the likeness of your new and risen life. We ask this in your name.

Amen.

The Reading

Matthew 10: 34 - 39

Reader

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,
and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

Response

*After a brief period of reflection
the Reader says:*

Blessed are the meek for they shall
inherit the Earth.

Thanks be to God!

Affirmation of Faith

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Let us affirm our faith as we recite “Hear, O Israel”.

**Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.**

**Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.**

There is no commandment greater than these.

Intercessions, Petitions & Thanksgivings

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Lord God, friend of those in need, we lift up the prayers of our hearts for those still burdened, those seeking healing, those in need within the church and the world, responding to the bidding, “God of Love” with “**Hear our prayers**”.

In the Anglican Communion we pray for The Diocese of Renk - Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; The Right Revd Simon Chuang Ayok Deng., Bishop. God of Love, **Hear our Prayers**.

In the Anglican-Lutheran-Moravian cycle, we pray for The members of the Council of General Synod; The members of the National Church Council; The members of the Board of Elders of the Canadian District. God of Love, **Hear our prayers**.

In our Diocesan cycle, we pray for Shane our Primate; Chris our National Indigenous Archbishop; John our Archbishop; Stephanie our Priest; Salal & Cedar Watershed Discipleship Ministry – The Revd Laurel Dykstra; The Legal Officers of the Diocese: George

Versicles & Responses

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Cadman, K.C., AAM, ODNW, Chancellor; Kevin Smith, ODNW, Vice-Chancellor; Donald Paul, ODNW, Registrar; Jennifer Dezell, ODNW, Legal Assessor. God of Love, **Hear our Prayers.**

In this Parish of Holy Trinity Cathedral, we pray for our sister parish of St. Gabriel the Archangel, in Lubon. We pray for all in need in our community and for all elected members nationally, provincially, and locally, that they may govern wisely and in the best interests of the people of Canada. God of Love, **Hear our prayers.**

Gracious God, grant that we may love you with our whole being and do our best to alleviate the concerns of our neighbours.

Amen.

The Collect

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O God,
who called your servant Edmund through the brutal trial
of martyrdom from an earthly to a heavenly throne,
mercifully grant that, holding him in remembrance, we
may be fruitful in good works and attain to the crown of
everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is
alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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Believing in the promises of God,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.**

The Sending Forth

Deacon (or Officiant)

Let us go forth into the night, rejoicing
in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love
of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be
with us all, evermore.

Amen.