SUNDAY 15th NOVEMBER 2026
The Feast of St. Edmund the King
(2nd Sunday before Advent)

Collect

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.

1st Reading - Proverbs 20.28,21.1-4,7

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.

Psalm - *Psalm 126*

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. ℟

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. ℟

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. ℟



2nd Reading - Romans 8.35-39

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.

Gospel Reading - John 12.20-26

Among those who went up to worship at the
festival were some Greeks. They came to
hilip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and
said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip
went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip
went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them,
"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be
glorified. 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."

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.

