

## Blessed Edmund Feast Day

Let us remember that God is here with us in this place.

In the name of our creator, redeemer and sanctifier God. Response: **Amen.**

### LEADER

We pray that we may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, to lead a life worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to God as did your servant Edmund. May we be strengthened with all power, according to God's glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Creator, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.** (Colossians 19ff)

### Hymn: Who will speak? (Marty Haugen)

Who will speak for the poor and the broken?  
Who will speak for the peoples oppressed?  
*Who will speak so their voice will be heard?*  
*Oh, who will speak if you don't? (repeated)*

Who will speak for the ones who are voiceless?  
Speak the truth in the places of power?  
*Who will speak so their voice will be heard?*  
*Oh, who will speak if you don't? (repeated)*

Who will speak for the children of violence?  
Who will speak for the women abused?  
*Who will speak so their voice will be heard?*  
*Oh, who will speak if you don't? (repeated)*

Who will speak for the shunned and the outcast?  
Who will speak for all people with Aids?  
*Who will speak so their voice will be heard?*  
*Oh, who will etc*

Who will work for the thousand of homeless?  
Who will work in the ghettos and streets?  
*Who will work so their voice will be heard?*  
*Oh who work ..... etc*

Who will care for the etc

### DIALOGUE WITH GOD'S WORD ON CALL



**READER:** As they went on their way, a man said to Jesus:

**FOLLOWER #1** "I will follow you wherever you go."

**EDMUND:** "One thing you may be sure of, that whilst you work for God, whether you succeed or not, he will amply reward you."

**FOLLOWER #2:** "Sir, first let me go back and bury my father."

**EDMUND** "O God, did we even now rightly begin to serve you, your loving heart would take us all to its final embrace."

**FOLLOWER #3** "I will follow you, sir; but first let me go and say good-bye to my family."

**EDMUND** "Cast all your cares into the arms of divine Providence. The will of God be done in this and every thing we undertake."

**READER** After this the Lord chose another seventy-two and sent them out two by two, to go ahead of him to every town and place where he himself was about to go. He said to them,

**EDMUND** "Above all, beg of him to give you the virtue of humility which is so necessary for religious in every station, but particularly for those who have the care and direction of others. If you only acquire this virtue, it will always guide you safely; let your paths be ever so cross or difficult."

**READER** So they set out and went through the villages, proclaiming the good news and healing people everywhere.

**EDMUND** "Were we to know the merit and value of only going from one street to another to serve a neighbour for the love of God, we should prize it more than silver and gold. But let us do ever so little for God; we will be sure he will never forget us."

**READER** The seventy-two disciples returned full of joy. They said, "Lord, even the demons obeyed us when we called on your name."

**EDMUND** "Be intent on prayer and whatever may happen will turn to our good."

**PAUSE FOR QUIET REFLECTION AND SHARING**

## Encountering the Mystery

*“At the core of our call to be brother for the world is our being drawn into the Mystery we call God. At this pivotal time in the history of our Congregation we are awakened to the presence of God in our midst, as we seek meaningful and respectful ways of standing in solidarity with the whole Earth community.*

*People, who stand in solidarity with the whole Earth community, listen deeply to our groaning earth and her suffering people respond with compassion and justice and move to be in right relationships with all life.*

*In a contemplative stance to the world, the Church and Congregation experience God calling them to be agents of change, hope and transformation.”* (source: Nairobi Chapter)

### Let us together, renew our Consecration as Religious Brothers

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit I have come to remember my consecration as a Religious Brother

For this purpose I renew the perpetual vows I have already made as member of the Congregation of Christian Brothers, founded by Blessed Edmund Rice under the protection of Jesus Christ and the patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary, His Mother.

To this end I renew the simple vows of Chastity, Poverty and Obedience I have already made according to the Constitutions of the Congregation and I promise and pray that, with the grace of God, I shall observe them faithfully. Amen

### **Evening Canticle Hymn** (by Frank Andersen)

*My soul will sing the praises and give glory to the Lord my spirit will rejoice in God my saviour***(Repeat)**

*For God has looked upon me, I am servant in all truth, I will be blessed forever by all people*

*For I have seen the wonders of this God of Holy Name whose mercies falls forever on the lowly.*

*The arm of God will fall in strength upon the proud of heart, the mighty from their thrones will fall, the lowly shall be raised!*

*The starving will be fed with all the good things of our God; the rich will know true emptiness, for God is God of all!*

*Israel stands protected by the ever mindful God, to Abraham the promise of such mercy.*

*Glory let there be – to the God who loves all things;. . . Glory be to Jesus in the Spirit. Such glory always was – we recognise it now, we wait for its completion in God’s mercy!*

*My soul will sing the praises and give glory to the Lord my spirit will rejoice in God my saviour.*

### **What shall we pray for?**

#### **Blessed Edmund Rice Prayer**

O God we thank you for the life of Blessed Edmund Rice

He opened his whole heart to Christ present in those oppressed by poverty & injustice.

May we follow his example of faith and generosity.

Grant us the courage and compassion of Edmund as we seek to live lives of love and service

We ask this through Christ our Lord Amen

**Invocation:** Live Jesus in our Hearts. **Response:** Forever