

Solemn Vespers and Benediction

The Office of Evening Prayer

Twelfth Sunday of the year

WEEK IV

21 June 2020 5.00pm

THE OFFICE OF VESPERS

Vespers, also called Evening Prayer, is part of the Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Divine Office. In the Liturgy of the Hours, the Church fulfills Jesus' command to "pray continually". Through hymns, psalms, canticles, readings, and prayers, the people of God sanctify the day by continual praise of God and intercession for the needs of the world.

The Liturgy of the Hours includes several specified times of prayer. The most important times are Morning Prayer: Lauds (which takes place upon rising) and Evening Prayer: Vespers (which takes place as dusk begins to fall). The Office of Vespers gives thanks for the day just past and makes an evening sacrifice of praise to God.

Bishops, priests, deacons, and many men and women in consecrated life pray the Liturgy of the Hours each day. Their work is organised around this prayer, keeping God always at the centre of their days. Lay people are encouraged to pray the Liturgy of the Hours as well, especially Morning and Evening Prayer. The public singing of Lauds and Vespers is a regular part of the life and worship of St Mary's Cathedral.

TO MAINTAIN A SPIRIT OF REVERENCE AND SOLEMNITY, PLEASE TURN OFF AND REFRAIN FROM USING ALL MOBILE TELEPHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

ORDER OF VESPERS

At the sound of the Sacristy bell all stand.

INTRODUCTION TO THE OFFICE

ÿ. Deus, in adiutorium meum intende.

R. Domine, ad adiuvandum me festina. Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio et nunc et semper et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen. Alleluia. O God, come to our aid.

O Lord, make haste to help us. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Alleluia.

OFFICE HYMN

O lux, Beata Trinitas et principalis Unitas, iam sol recedit igneus: infunde lumen cordibus.

Te mane laudum carmine, te deprecemur vespere; te nostra supplex gloria per cuncta laudet sæcula.

Christum rogamus et Patrem, Christi Patrisque Spiritum; unum potens per omnia, fove precantes, Trinitas. Amen. O light, O blessed Trinity And princely might of Unity, the fiery sun now goes his way: shed thou within our hearts thy ray.

To thee our morning song of praise, to thee our evening prayer we raise; In humble worship thee adore and glory for evermore.

We pray the Father and the Son who, with the Spirit reign as one; O Trinity, containing all, console thy servants when they call. Amen.

All sit.

PSALMODY

FIRST ANTIPHON

In splendoribus sanctis, ante luciferum genui te, alleluia.

In holy splendour I begot you before the dawn, alleluia.

PSALM 109 (110)

Dixit Dominus Domino meo:	The Lord's revelation to my Master:	
«Sede a dextris meis,	'Sit on my right:	
donec ponam inimicos tuos:	your foes I will put	
scabellum pedum tuorum».	beneath your feet.'	
Virgam potentiæ tuæ emittet Dominus ex Sion:	The Lord will wield from Zion your sceptre of power:	
dominare in medio inimicorum tuorum.	rule in the midst of all your foes.	
Tecum principatus in die virtutis tuæ,	A prince from the day of your birth	
in splendoribus sanctis:	on the holy mountains;	
ex utero ante luciferum genui te.	from the womb before the dawn I begot you.	
Iuravit Dominus et non pænitebit eum:	The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change.	
«Tu es sacerdos in æternum secundum	'You are a priest for ever,	
ordinem Melchisedech».	a priest like Melchizedek of old.'	
Dominus a dextris tuis: conquassabit in die iræ suæ reges.	The Master standing at your right hand will shatter kings in the day of his wrath.	
De torrente in via bibet:	He shall drink from the stream by the wayside	
propterea exaltabit caput.	and therefore he shall lift up his head.	
Gloria Patri et Filio,	Glory be to the Father and to the Son	
et Spiritui Sancto.	and to the Holy Spirit,	
Sicut erat in principio et nunc et semper	as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,	
et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.	world without end. Amen.	
ANTIPHON		

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SECOND ANTIPHON

BEATI pacifici, beati mundo corde, quoniam ipsi Deum videbunt.

Blessed are the peacemakers, blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

PSALM 111 (112)

Beatus vir, qui timet Dominum: Happy the man who fears the Lord, in mandatis eius cupit nimis. who takes delight in all his commands. *His sons will be powerful on earth;* Potens in terra erit semen eius: generatio rectorum benedicetur. the children of the upright are blessed. Riches and wealth are in his house: Gloria et divitiæ in domo eius: et iustitia eius manet in sæculum sæculi. his justice stands firm for ever. Exortum est in tenebris lumen rectis: *He is a light in the darkness for the upright:* misericors et miserator et iustus. he is generous, merciful and just. Iucundus homo, qui miseretur et commodat, The good man takes pity and lends, he conducts his affairs with honour. disponet res suas in iudicio: quia in æternum non commovebitur. The just man will never waver:

> In memoria æterna erit iustus: auditione mala non timebit.

Paretum cor eius, sperans in Domino, confirmatum est cor eius, non timebit: donec despiciat inimicos suos.

Distribuit, dedit pauperibus; iustitia eius manet in sæculum sæculi: cornu eius exaltabitur in gloria.

> Peccator videbit et irascetur, dentibus suis fremet et tabescet: Desiderium peccatorum peribit.

> > Gloria Patri et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.

Sicut erat in principio et nunc et semper et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen. *he will be remembered for ever. He has no fear of evil news;*

with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. With a steadfast heart he will not fear; he will see the downfall of his foes.

Open-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm for ever. His head will be raised in glory.

The wicked man sees and is angry, grinds his teeth and fades away; the desire of the wicked leads to doom.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Antiphon is repeated.

THIRD ANTIPHON

T AUDEM dicite Deo nostro, omnes servi eius, pusilli Let magni, alleluia.

Praise God, all you his servants, both great and small, alleluia.

CANTICLE Apocalypse 19:1-2. 5-7

Alleluia.	Alleluia.
Salus et gloria et virtus Deo nostro:	Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,
Alleluia.	Alleluia.
quia vera et iusta iudicia eius.	his judgements are true and just.
Alleluia, alleluia.	Alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia.	Alleluia.
Laudem dicite Deo nostro, omnes servi eius:	Praise our God, all you his servants,
Alleluia.	Alleluia.
et qui timetis eum, pusilli et magni!	you who fear him, small and great.
Alleluia, alleluia.	Alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia.	Alleluia.
Quoniam regnavit Dominus,	The Lord our God,
Deus noster omnipotens:	the Almighty, reigns,
Alleluia.	Alleluia.
Gaudeamus et exsultemus et demus gloriam ei.	let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory.
Alleluia, alleluia.	Alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia.	Alleluia.
Quia venerunt nuptiæ Agni:	The marriage of the Lamb has come,
Alleluia.	Alleluia.
et uxor eius præparavit se.	and his bride has made herself ready.
Alleluia, alleluia.	Alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia.	Alleluia.
Gloria Patri et Filio:	Glory be to the Father and to the Son
Alleluia.	Alleluia.
et Spiritui Sancto.	and to the Holy Spirit,
Alleluia, alleluia.	Alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia.	Alleluia. as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be

Sicut erat in principio et nunc et semper Alleluia. et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen. world without end. Amen. Alleluia, alleluia.

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Antiphon is repeated.

WHAT you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant and a blood for purification which pleads more insistently than Abel's.

SHORT RESPONSORY

Magnus Dominus noster, Et magna virtus eius.	-
, I	His wisdom can never be measured.
ℜ Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto. R	<i>Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.</i>

All stand.

MAGNIFICAT ANTIPHON

QUI me confessus fuerit coram hominibus, confitebor et ego eum coram Patre meo.

If anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father.

MAGNIFICAT

Primi toni

Francisco Guerrero (1528–1599)

Magnificat	My soul
anima mea Dominum,	glorifies the Lord,
et exsultavit spiritus meus	my spirit rejoices
in Deo salutari meo,	in God, my Saviour.
quia respexit humilitatem ancillæ suæ.	He looks on his servant in her lowliness;
Ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent	henceforth all ages
omnes generationes,	will call me blessed.
quia fecit mihi magna, qui potens est,	The Almighty works marvels for me.
et sanctum nomen eius,	Holy his name!
et misericordia eius a progenie in progenies timentibus eum.	<i>His mercy is from age to age, on those who fear him.</i>
Fecit potentiam in brachio suo, dispersit superbos mente cordis sui;	<i>He puts forth his arm in strength and scatters the proud-hearted.</i>
deposuit potentes de sede; et exaltavit humiles;	<i>He casts the mighty from their thrones and raises the lowly.</i>
esurientes implevit bonis	He fills the starving with good things,
et divites dimisit inanes.	sends the rich away empty.
Suscepit Israel puerum suum, recordatus misericordiæ suæ,	<i>He protects Israel, his servant, remembering his mercy,</i>
sicut locutus est ad patres nostros,	the mercy promised to our fathers,
Abraham et semini eius in sæcula.	to Abraham and his sons for ever.
Gloria Patri et Filio,	Glory be to the Father and to the Son
et Spiritui Sancto.	and to the Holy Spirit,
Sicut erat in principio et nunc et semper	as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
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The Antiphon is repeated.	

INTERCESSIONS

In the Church, God has made known to us his hidden purpose: to make all things one in Christ. Let us pray that his will may be done.

R⁄: Father, unite all things in Christ.

We give you thanks for the presence and power of your Spirit in the Church: give us the will to search for unity, and inspire us to pray and work together. R

We give you thanks for all those whose work proclaims your love: help us to serve the communities in whose life we share. R?

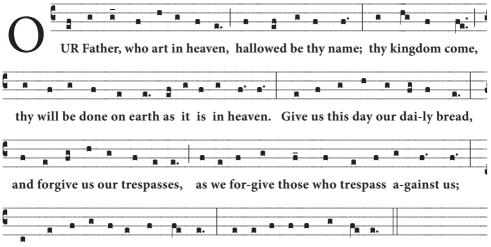
Father, care for all who serve in the Church as ministers of your word and sacraments: may they bring your whole family to the unity for which Christ prayed.

Your people have known the ravages of war and hat red: grant that they may know the peace left by your Son. \mathbb{R}^{n}_{2}

Fulfil the hopes of those who sleep in your peace: bring them to that final resurrection when you will be all in all. R

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:





and lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e- vil.

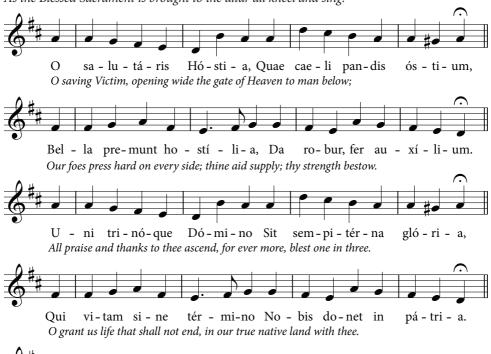
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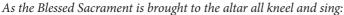
GRANT, O Lord, that we may always revere and love your holy name, for you never deprive of your guidance those you set firm on the foundation of your love. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

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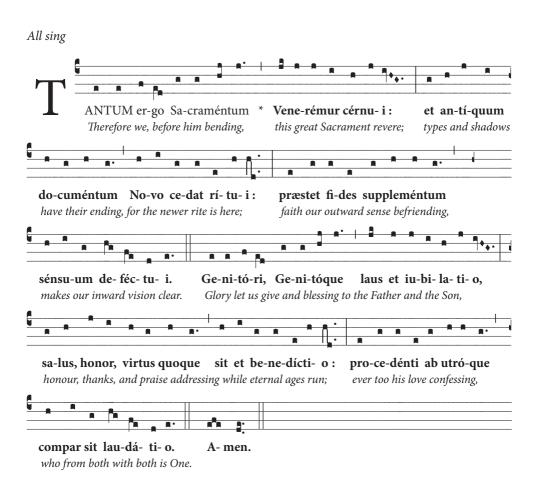


THE MOTET

UI vult venire post me, abnegat semet ipsum et tollat crucem suam, et sequatur me, dicit Dominus.

If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me, says the Lord.

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562–1621)



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Y. Panem de cælo præstitísti e- is. You gave them bread from heaven.



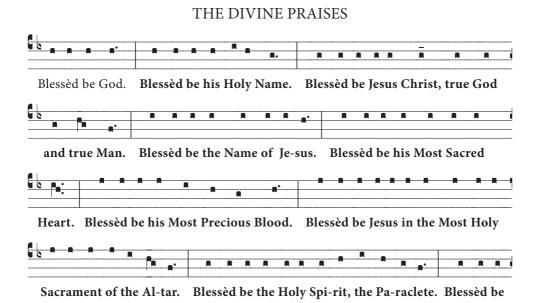
R. Omne delectaméntum in se habén- tem. Containing in itself all sweetness.

Oremus.

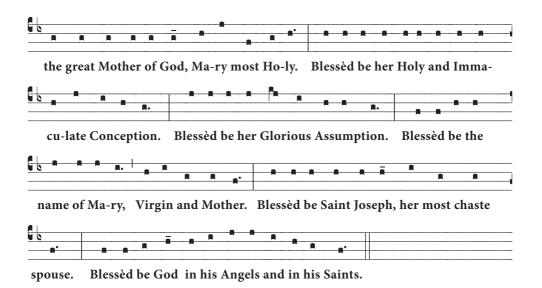
DEUS, qui nobis sub sacramento mirabili passionis tuæ memoriam reliquisti: tribue quæsumus, ita nos corporis et sanguinis tui sacra mysteria venerari; ut redemptionis tuæ fructum in nobis iugiter sentiamus. Qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculorum. Let us pray.

O God, who in a wonderful Sacrament has left us a memorial of your passion: grant us so to venerate the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood, that we may perceive within ourselves the fruit of thy redemption; who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

RX Amen.



BENEDICTION *is given*.

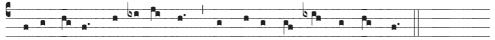


As the Blessed Sacrament is reposed, all sing



A-do-rémus * in æ-tér-num Sanc-tís-si-mum Sa- cra-mén-tum. Let us adore for ever the most Holy Sacrament.

Laudate Dominum omnes gentes:	O praise the Lord, all you nations,
laudate eum omnes populi.	acclaim his all you peoples!
Quoniam confirmata est super nos	Strong is his
misericordia eius:	love for us;
et veritas Domini manet in æternum.	he is faithful for ever.
Gloria Patri, et Filio:	Glory be to the Father and to the Son
et Spiritui Sancto,	and to the Holy Spirit,
sicut erat in principio, et nunc et semper:	as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.	world without end. Amen.



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All sing

THE ANTIPHON TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



Organ Voluntary

"The people respond – Amen!" (Rubrics)

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