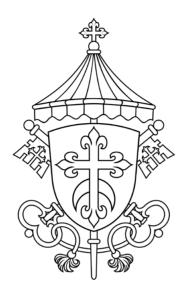
ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



Solemn Vespers and Benediction

The Office of Evening Prayer

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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.

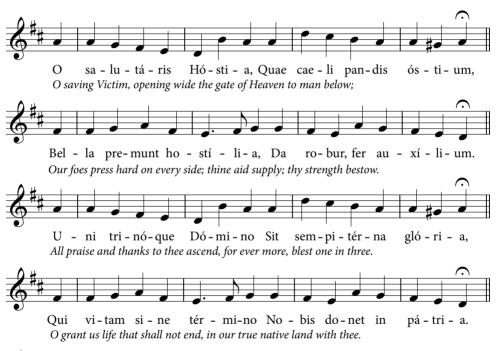
TO MAINTAIN A SPIRIT OF REVERENCE AND SOLEMNITY,
PLEASE TURN OFF AND REFRAIN FROM USING ALL MOBILE TELEPHONES
AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

At the sound of the Sacristy bell all stand.

As the Blessed Sacrament is brought to the altar all kneel.

All sing





ORDER OF VESPERS

At the sound of the Sacristy bell all stand.

INTRODUCTION TO THE OFFICE

V. Deus, in adjutorium 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

Veni, creator Spiritus, mentes tuorum visita, imple superna gratia, quæ tu creasti, pectora.

Qui diceris Paraclitus, donum Dei altissimi, fons vivus, ignis, caritas et spiritalis unctio.

Tu septiformis munere, dextræ Dei tu digitus, tu rite promissum Patris sermone ditans guttura.

Accende lumen sensibus, infunde amorem cordibus, infirma nostri corporis virtute firmans perpeti.

Hostem repellas longius pacemque dones protinus; ductore sic te prævio vitemus omne noxium.

Per te sciamus da Patrem noscamus atque Filium, te utriusque Spiritum credamus omni tempore.

Deo Patri sit gloria, et Filio, qui a mortuis surrexit, ac Paraclito, in sæculorum sæcula. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit, Creator blest, and in our souls take up thy rest; come with thy grace and heavenly aid to fill the hearts which thou hast made.

O comforter, to thee we cry, O heavenly gift of God Most High, O fount of life and fire of love, and sweet anointing from above.

Thou in thy sevenfold gifts are known; Thou, finger of God's hand we own; Thou, promise of the Father, thou Who dost the tongue with power imbue.

Kindle our sense from above, and make our hearts o'erflow with love; with patience firm and virtue high the weakness of our flesh supply.

Far from us drive the foe we dread, and grant us thy peace instead; so shall we not, with thee for guide, turn from the path of life aside.

Oh, may thy grace on us bestow the Father and the Son to know; and thee, through endless times confessed, of both the eternal Spirit blest.

Now to the Father and the Son, Who rose from death, be glory given, with thou, O Holy Comforter, henceforth by all in earth and heaven. Amen.

All sit.

PSALMODY

FIRST ANTIPHON

SPIRITUS Domini replevit orbem terrarum, alleluia.

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world. 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: scabellum pedum tuorum».

your foes I will put beneath your feet.'

Virgam potentiæ tuæ emittet Dominus ex Sion: dominare in medio inimicorum tuorum. The Lord will wield from Zion your sceptre of power:

rule in the midst of all your foes.

Tecum principatus in die virtutis tuæ, in splendoribus sanctis: ex utero ante luciferum genui te. A prince from the day of your birth

on the holy mountains;

from the womb before the dawn I begot you.

Iuravit Dominus et non pænitebit eum: «Tu es sacerdos in æternum secundum ordinem Melchisedech».

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change. 'You are a priest for ever,

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: propterea exaltabit caput.

He shall drink from the stream by the wayside and therefore he shall lift up his head.

Gloria Patri et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

Sicut erat in principio et nunc et semper et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

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

SECOND ANTIPHON

CONFIRMA hoc, Deus, quod operatus es in nobis, a templo sancto tuo, quod est in Ierusalem, alleluia.

Send forth your power, Lord, from your holy temple in Jerusalem, and bring to perfection your work among us. Alleluia.

PSALM 113A (114)

In exitu Israel de Ægypto, domus Iacob de populo barbaro,

When Israel came forth from Egypt, Jacob's sons from an alien people,

factus est Iuda sanctuarium eius, Israel potestas eius. Judah became the Lord's temple, Israel became his kingdom.

Mare vidit et fugit, Iordanis conversus est retrorsum;

The sea fled at the sight: the Jordan turned back on its course,

montes saltaverunt ut arietes, et colles sicut agni ovium.

the mountains leapt like rams and the hills like yearling sheep.

Quid est tibi, mare, quod fugisti? Et tu, Iordanis, Why was it, sea, that you fled, that you turned back, Jordan, on your course?

quia conversus es retrorsum?

Montes, quod saltastis sicut arietes, et colles, sicut agni ovium?

Mountains, that you leapt like rams; hills, like yearling sheep?

A facie Domini contremisce, terra, a facie Dei Iacob, Tremble, O earth, before the Lord, in the presence of the God of Jacob,

qui convertit petram in stagna aquarum et silicem in fontes aquarum. who turns the rock into a pool and flint into a spring of water.

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto,

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

Sicut erat in principio et nunc et semper et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

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

THIRD ANTIPHON

REPLETI sunt omnes Spiritu Sancto, et cœperunt loqui, alleluia.

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak. Alleluia.

CANTICLE Apocalypse 19:1-2. 5-7

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Sicut erat in principio et nunc et semper as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

Alleluia. Alleluia.

et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen. world without end. Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 10:12-14

CHRIST has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place forever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying.

SHORT RESPONSORY

Spiritus Domini replevit orbem terrarum,

Alleluia, alleluia.

alleluia, alleluia.

Et hoc quod continet omnia, scientiam habet vocis. R

It is he who holds all things in being and understands every word that is spoken.

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world,

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

All stand.

MAGNIFICAT ANTIPHON

HODIE completi sunt dies Pentecostes, alleluia; hodie Spiritus Sanctus in igne discipulis apparuit, et tribuit eis charismatum dona; misit eos in universum mundum prædicare et testificari: Qui crediderit et baptizatus fuerit, salvus erit, alleluia.

This is the day of Pentecost, alleluia. Today the Holy Spirit appeared to the disciples in the form of fire and gave to them his special gifts; he sent them into the world to proclaim that whoever believes and is baptized will be saved. Alleluia.

MAGNIFICAT

Primi toni David Bevan (b. 1951)

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 His mercy is from age to age, timentibus eum. on those who fear him.

Fecit potentiam in brachio suo, He puts forth his arm in strength dispersit superbos mente cordis sui; and scatters the proud-hearted.

deposuit potentes de sede; He casts the mighty from their thrones et exaltavit humiles; and raises the lowly.

esurientes implevit bonis He fills the starving with good things, et divites dimisit inanes. sends the rich away empty.

Suscepit Israel puerum suum, He protects Israel, his servant, recordatus misericordiæ suæ, remembering his mercy,

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, et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen. world without end. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

We know that the Father is with us because of the Spirit he has given us. With this confidence we turn to you in prayer.

R. Father, send your Spirit into the Church!

Father, you want to unite all men by baptism in the Spirit; draw all believers together in mind and heart.

You sent the Spirit to fill the earth with your love; let men build the human city in justice and peace. \mathbb{R}^{n}

Lord God, Father of all men, bring to your scattered children unity of faith: make the world alive with the power of your Spirit. R

By the work of the Spirit you create all minds afresh: heal the sick, comfort the afflicted, and bring all men to salvation.

Through the Holy Spirit you raised your Son from the dead. Raise us by the power of your Spirit when we come to your kingdom. R

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

All sing



COLLECT

Lyou sanctify your Church in every race and nation by the mystery we celebrate on this day.

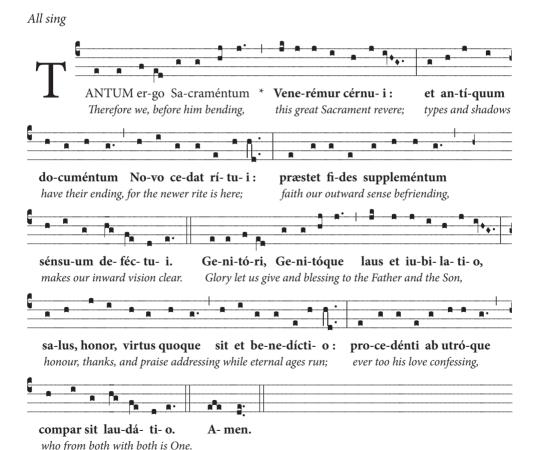
Pour out the gifts of the Holy Spirit on all mankind, and fulfil now in the hearts of your faithful what you accomplished when the Gospel was first preached on earth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

THE MOTET

THE Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor: he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord; to give unto them that mourn a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations, as the earth bringeth forth her bud. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the Gospel.

Sir Edward Elgar (1857–1934)





Y. Panem de cælo præstitísti eis, allelú- ia. You gave them bread from heaven.



Omne delectaméntum in se habéntem, allelú- ia.
 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.

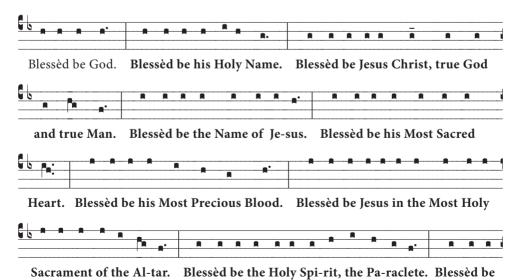
Let us pray.

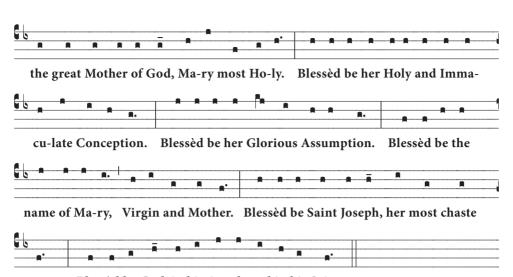
O God, who in a wonderful Sacrament has left us a memorial of your passion: grant us so to venerate the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood, that we may perceive within ourselves the fruit of thy redemption; who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

BENEDICTION is given.

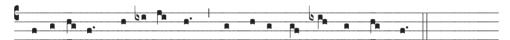
THE DIVINE PRAISES





Blessèd be God in his Angels and in his Saints. spouse.

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:

laudate eum omnes populi.

Quoniam confirmata est super nos misericordia eius:

et veritas Domini manet in æternum.

Gloria Patri, et Filio: et Spiritui Sancto,

sicut erat in principio, et nunc et semper: et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen. O praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim his all you peoples!

Strong is his love for us;

he is faithful for ever.

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.



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

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