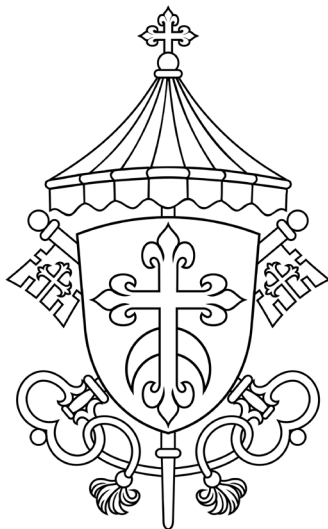


ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



Solemn Vespers and Benediction

The Office of Evening Prayer

SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS

8 August 2021
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 organized around this prayer, keeping God always at the center 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.

SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS

(1842–1909)

Mary MacKillop was born in Melbourne in 1842 and died in Sydney on 8 August 1909. She took the religious name Mary of the Cross. Responding to the isolation of colonial families, she pioneered a new form of religious life to provide education for their children. She and her sisters shared the life of the poor and the itinerant, offering special care to destitute women and children. She is remembered for her eagerness to discover God's will in all things, for her charity in the face of calumny, and for her abiding trust in God's providence. She was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on 17 October 2010: the first Australian saint.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

The cantors sing

O salutaris hostia, quæ cæli pandis ostium, bella premunt hostilia, da robur, fer auxilium.	<i>O saving victim, opening the gate of heaven; hostile wars press on, give strength, bring us help.</i>
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Uni trinoque Domino sit sempiterna gloria, qui vitam sine termino nobis donet in patria. Amen.	<i>To the Lord, the One in Three, be everlasting glory, that he may give us life without end in our native land. Amen.</i>
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ORDER OF VESPERS

INTRODUCTION TO THE OFFICE

℣ Deus, in adiutorium meum intende. *O God, come to our aid.*
℟ Domine, ad adiuvandum me festina. *O Lord, make haste to help us.*
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 *as it was in the beginning,*
et nunc et semper *is now, and ever shall be,*
et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen. Alleluia. *world without end. Amen. Alleluia.*

OFFICE HYMN

Læti colentes famulum *Accept, O Lord, the hymn of love*
qui te perfecte coluit, *Our grateful hearts proclaim this day,*
tibi gratanter, Domine, *To honour one who undertook*
amoris hymnum promimus. *For love of you, the perfect way.*

Christi fidelis assecla, *As faithful follower of Christ,*
ultra reliquit gaudia *In poverty she chose to live,*
cuncta quæ mundus exhibet *All riches and their joys she spurned,*
fugaces atque copias. *Not seeking what the world can give.*

Tibi se vovit subditum *Devoting heart and soul to you,*
humilitate obœdiens, *She strove for true humility,*
Christi, carnis munditie, *That imitates in thought and deed*
sponsi æmulator virginum. *The Spouse of Virgin's purity.*

Tibi placere gestiit *She sought to serve but you alone,*
tibi que adhæsit unice, *To please you was her one desire,*
mentem, verba vel opera *Her inmost soul, each word and act,*
amoris fovens ignibus. *Was prompted by love's ardent fire.*

His caritatis vinculis *Wholeheartedly she served on earth,*
in terris tibi deditus, *Attached to you by bonds of love,*
liber ad astra iugiter *Until her freed, triumphant soul*
triumphaturus prodiit. *Attained its great reward above.*

Eius exemplis excitos *Grant us the grace of eagerness*
da gradi nos alacriter, *To tread the path she bravely trod,*
ut te cum Nato et Spiritu *That with her we may praises sing*
laudemus hymnis cælicis. Amen. *To you, blest Trinity, our God. Amen.*

All sit.

PSALMODY

FIRST ANTIPHON

ACCINXIT fortitudine lumbos suos et roboravit brachium suum; ideoque
lucerna eius non exstinguetur in sempiternum.

*She puts her back into her work and shows how strong her arms can be. She finds
her labour well worth while; her lamp does not go out at night.*

PSALM 121 (122)

Lætatus sum in eo quod dixerunt mihi: *I rejoiced when I heard them say:*
«In domum Domini ibimus». *'Let us go to God's house.'*

Stantes iam sunt pedes nostri *And now our feet are standing*
in portis tuis, Ierusalem. *within your gates, O Jerusalem.*

Ierusalem, quæ ædificata est ut civitas, *Jerusalem is built as a city*
sibi compacta in idipsum. *strongly compact.*

Illuc enim ascenderunt tribus, tribus Domini, *It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.*
testimonium Israel, *For Israel's law it is,*
ad confitendum nomini Domini. *there to praise the Lord's name.*

Quia illic sederunt sedes ad iudicium, *There were set the thrones of judgement*
sedes domus David. *of the house of David.*

Rogate, quæ ad pacem sunt Ierusalem: *For the peace of Jerusalem pray:*
«Securi sint diligentes te! *'Peace be to your homes!*

Fiat pax in muris tuis, *May peace reign in your walls,*
et securitas in turribus tuis!». *in your palaces, peace!'*

Propter fratres meos et proximos meos *For love of my brethren and friends*
loquar: «Pax in te!». *I say: 'Peace upon you!'*

Propter domum Domini Dei nostri *For love of the house of the Lord*
exquiram bona tibi. *I will ask for your good.*

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.*

The Antiphon is repeated.

SECOND ANTIPHON

FUNDAMENTA æterna supra petram: sic Dei
mandata in corde mulieris sanctæ.

*Like everlasting foundations on a rock are the
commandments of God in the heart of a good woman.*

PSALM 126 (127)

Nisi Dominus ædificaverit domum, in vanum laborant, qui ædificant eam.	<i>If the Lord does not build the house, in vain do its builders labour;</i>
Nisi Dominus custodierit civitatem, frustra vigilat, qui custodit eam.	<i>if the Lord does not watch over the city, in vain does the watchman keep vigil.</i>
Vanum est vobis ante lucem surgere et sero quiescere, qui manducatis panem laboris, quia dabit dilectis suis somnum.	<i>In vain is your earlier rising, your going later to rest, you who toil for the bread you eat, when he pours gifts on his beloved while they slumber.</i>
Ecce hereditas Domini filii, merces fructus ventris.	<i>Truly sons are a gift from the Lord, a blessing, the fruit of the womb.</i>
Sicut sagittæ in manu potentis, ita filii iuventutis.	<i>Indeed the sons of youth are like arrows in the hand of a warrior.</i>
Beatus vir, qui implevit pharetram suam ex ipsis: non confundetur, cum loquetur inimicis suis in porta.	<i>O the happiness of the man who has filled his quiver with these arrows! He will have no cause for shame when he disputes with his foes in the gateways.</i>
Gloria Patri et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.	<i>Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,</i>
Sicut erat in principio et nunc et semper et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.	<i>as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.</i>

The Antiphon is repeated.

THIRD ANTIPHON

MENS mea solidata est et in
Christo fundata.

*My mind is firmly settled and
founded in Christ.*

CANTICLE

Ephesians 1:3-10

Benedictus Deus et Pater Domini nostri Iesu Christi, qui benedixit nos in omni benedictione spiritali in cælestibus in Christo,	<i>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.</i>
sicut elegit nos in ipso ante mundi constitutionem, ut essemus sancti et immaculati in conspectu eius in caritate,	<i>He chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.</i>
qui prædestinavit nos in adoptionem filiorum per Iesum Christum in ipsum, secundum beneplacitum voluntatis suæ,	<i>He destined us in love to be his sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,</i>
in laudem gloriæ gratiæ suæ, in qua gratificavit nos in Dilecto, in quo habemus redemptionem per sanguinem eius, remissionem peccatorum,	<i>to the praise of his glorious grace which he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses,</i>
secundum divitias gratiæ eius, quæ superabundavit in nobis in omni sapientia et prudentia,	<i>according to the riches of his grace which he lavished upon us in all wisdom and insight,</i>
notum faciens nobis mysterium voluntatis suæ, secundum beneplacitum eius,	<i>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose</i>
quod proposuit in eo, in dispensationem plenitudinis temporum:	<i>which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time,</i>
recapitulare omnia in Christo, quæ in cælis et quæ in terra.	<i>to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.</i>
Gloria Patri et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.	<i>Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,</i>
Sicut erat in principio et nunc et semper et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.	<i>as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.</i>

The Antiphon is repeated.

WE are well assured that everything helps to secure the good of those who love God, those whom he has called in fulfilment of his design. All those who from the first were known to him, he has destined from the first to be moulded into the image of his Son, who is thus to become the eldest-born among many brethren. So predestined, he called them; so called, he justified them; so justified, he glorified them.

SHORT RESPONSORY

Elegit eam Deus, *God has chosen her.*
 et præelegit eam. *He chose her before she was born.*

℣. In tabernaculo suo *He brought her to live*
 habitare facit eam. ℞. *in his holy dwelling-place.*

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

All stand.

MAGNIFICAT ANTIPHON

VOS qui reliquistis omnia et secuti estis me, centuplum accipietis et vitam æternam possidebitis.

You have left all things and have followed me; you will be repaid a hundred times over, and gain eternal life.

MAGNIFICAT

Primi toni

Plainchant

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,*

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The Antiphon is repeated.

INTERCESSIONS

Through the holy women let us pray to the Lord for all the needs of his Church.

℟: **Lord, remember your Church.**

Through the women martyrs who overcame death with undying courage, strengthen your Church in time of trial. ℟:

Through the married women who graced the lives of the human family, renew the Church in her apostolic mission. ℟:

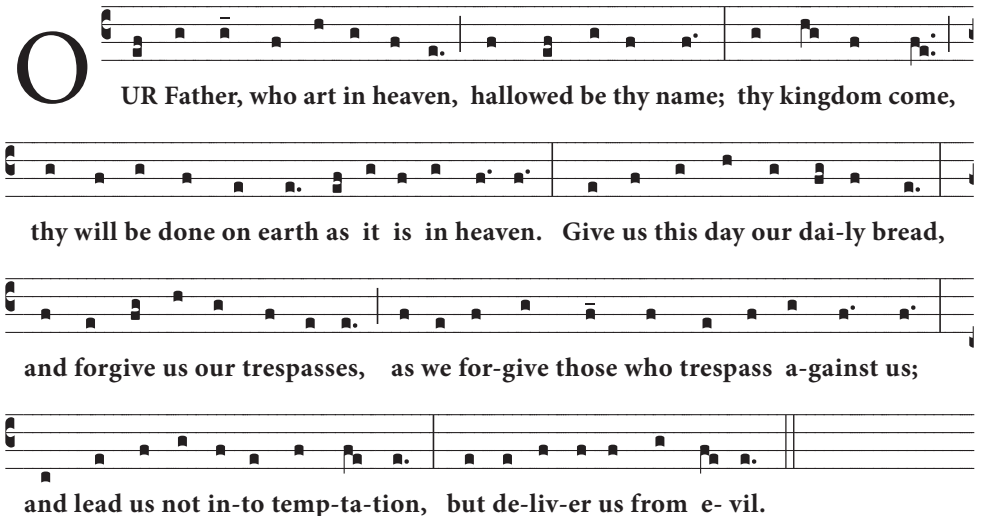
Through all the widows who sanctified loneliness with prayer and hospitality, make your Church a telling sign of your love for all the world. ℟:

Through all the mothers who introduced their children to the kingdom of God and true human life in society, may your Church bring all men to eternal life and salvation. ℟:

Through all the holy women who live in the light of your glory, grant to the faithful departed the everlasting vision of happiness. ℟:

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

All sing



OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread,
and forgive us our trespasses, as we for-give those who trespass a-gainst us;
and lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e- vil.

COLLECT

O GOD,
source of all goodness,
who have shown us in Saint Mary
a woman of faith living by the power of the Cross,
teach us, we pray, by her example
to live the Gospel in changing times
and to respect and defend
the human dignity of all in our land.
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.

℟. Amen.

All sing

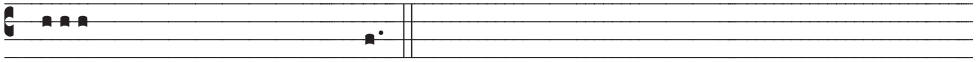
T ANTUM er-go Sa-craméntum * Vene-rémur cérnú-i : et an-tí-quum
Therefore we, before him bending, this great Sacrament revere; types and shadows

do-cuméntum No-vo ce-dat rí-tu-i : præstet fi-des suppleméntum
have their ending, for the newer rite is here; faith our outward sense befriending,

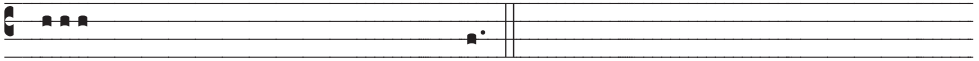
sénsu-um de-féc-tu-i. Ge-ni-tó-ri, Ge-ni-tó-que laus et iu-bi-la-ti-o,
makes our inward vision clear. Glory let us give and blessing to the Father and the Son,

sa-lus, honor, virtus quoque sit et be-ne-dícti-o : pro-ce-dénti ab utró-que
honour, thanks, and praise addressing while eternal ages run; ever too his love confessing,

compar sit lau-dá-ti-o. A-men.
who from both with both is One.



∿ Panem de cælo præstitisti e- is.
You gave them bread from heaven.



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

Oremus.

Let us pray.

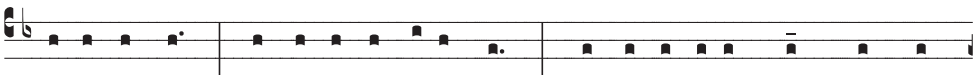
DEUS, qui nobis sub sacramento mirabili passionis tuæ memoriam reliquisti: tribue quæsumus, ita nos corporis et sanguinis tui sacra mysteria venerari; ut redemptionis tuæ fructum in nobis iugiter sentiamus. Qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculorum.

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.

∿ **Amen.**

BENEDICTION *is given.*

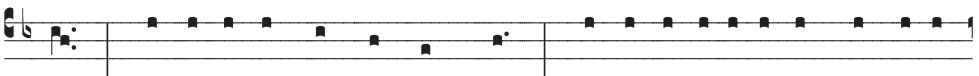
THE DIVINE PRAISES



Blessèd be God. Blessèd be his Holy Name. Blessèd be Jesus Christ, true God



and true Man. Blessèd be the Name of Je-sus. Blessèd be his Most Sacred



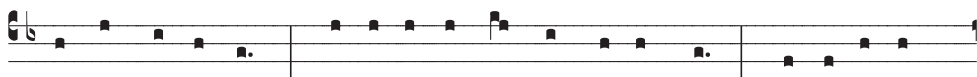
Heart. Blessèd be his Most Precious Blood. Blessèd be Jesus in the Most Holy



Sacrament of the Al-tar. Blessèd be the Holy Spi-rit, the Pa-raclete. Blessèd be



the great Mother of God, Ma-ry most Ho-ly. Blessèd be her Holy and Imma-



cu-late Conception. Blessèd be her Glorious Assumption. Blessèd be the

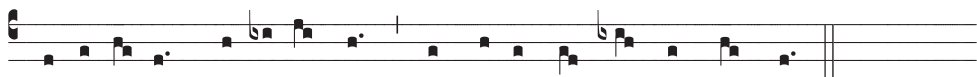


name of Ma-ry, Virgin and Mother. Blessèd be Saint Joseph, her most chaste



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

As the Blessed Sacrament is reposed, all sing



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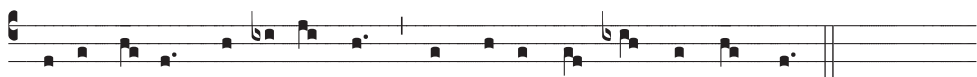
Let us adore for ever the most Holy Sacrament.

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,*
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Let us adore for ever the most Holy Sacrament.

All sing

THE ANTIPHON TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

S Al- ve, * Re- gí- na, ma- ter mi- se- ri- córdi- ae: Vi- ta, dulcé- do,
Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness

et spes nostra, sal- ve. Ad te clamá- mus, éxsu- les, fí- li- i Hevae. Ad te
and our hope, hail. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee

suspi- rá- mus, geméntes et flen- tes in hac la- cri- má- rum val- le. E- ia ergo,
do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then,

advoca- ta nostra, il- los tu- os mi- se- ri- cór- des ó- cu- los ad nos convér- te.
most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us;

Et Ie- sum, bene- díc- tum fructum ventris tu- i, no- bis post hoc ex- sí- li- um
And show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus, after this our exile.

os- tén- de. O cle- mens : O pi- a : O dul- cis Virgo Ma- rí- a.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

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