

# ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



## Second Vespers

The Office of Evening Prayer

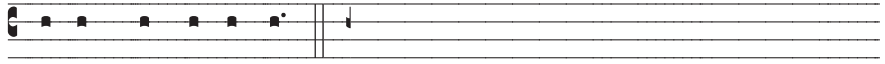
ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION  
OF SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL

2 September 2023  
5.30pm

# ORDER OF VESPERS

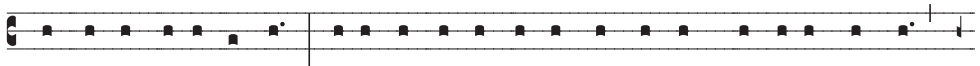
*At the sound of the Sacristy bell all stand.*

## INTRODUCTION TO THE OFFICE

**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 Spi-rit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,**




**world without end. A-men. Al-le-lu-ia.**

*All sing*

## THE OFFICE HYMN

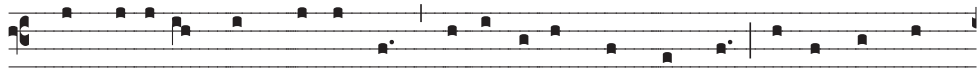
**B**  LESSÈD Ci-ty, heavenly Salem, Vision dear of peace and love, Who, of



living stones upbuided, Art the joy of heaven above, And, with angel cohorts



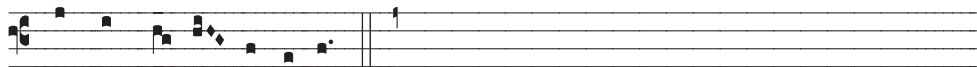
circled, As a bride to earth dost move!



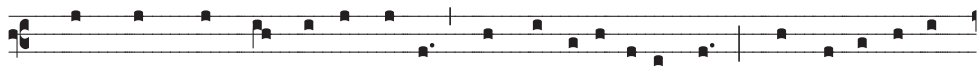
2. From celestial realms descending, Bridal glory round her shed, To his presence,



decked with jewels, By her Lord shall she be led: All her streets and all her bulwarks,



Of pure gold are fashionèd.



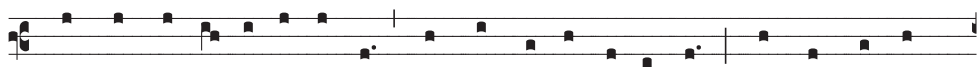
3. Bright with pearls her portals glitter, They are open evermore; And, by virtue of



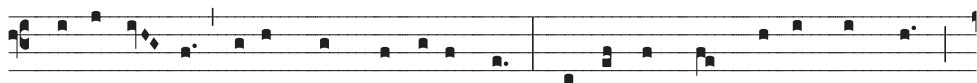
his mer-its, Thither faithful souls may soar, Who for Christ's dear name in this



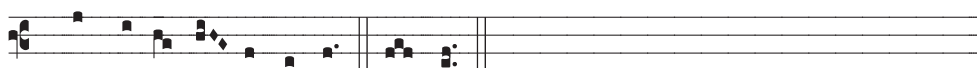
world Pain and tri-bu- la-tion bore.



4. Laud and honour to the Father; Laud and honour to the Son; Laud and honour



to the Spi- rit, Ever Three, and ever One: One in love, and One in splendour,



While unend-ing a-ges run. A- men.

*All sit.*

# PSALMODY

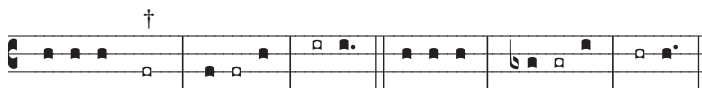
All sing the FIRST ANTIPHON

Mode V



The Lord has made ho-ly the place where he dwells: it cannot be shaken.

## PSALM 45 (46)



- Cantor* 1 God is for us a | refuge and | strength, \*  
a helper close at hand, in time | of dis- | tress,
- All* 2 **so we shall not fear though the | earth should | rock, \***  
**though the mountains fall into the depths | of the | sea;**
- 3 even though its waters | rage and | foam, \*  
even though the mountains be shaken | by its | waves.
- 4 **The Lord of | hosts is | with us: \***  
**the God of Jacob | is our | stronghold.**
- 5 The waters of a river give joy | to God's | city, \*  
the holy place where the | Most High | dwells.
- 6 **God is within, it | cannot be | shaken; \***  
**God will help it at the dawning | of the | day.**
- 7 Nations are in tumult, | kingdoms are | shaken: \*  
he lifts his voice, the earth | shrinks a- | way.
- 8 **The Lord of | hosts is | with us: \***  
**the God of Jacob | is our | stronghold.**
- 9 Come, consider the works | of the | Lord, \*  
the redoubtable deeds he has done | on the | earth.
- 10 **He puts an end to wars over all the earth; †**  
**the bow he breaks, the | spear he | snaps. \***  
**He burns the | shields with | fire.**
- 11 Be still and know that | I am | God, \*  
supreme among the nations, supreme | on the | earth!
- 12 **The Lord of | hosts is | with us: \***  
**the God of Jacob | is our | stronghold.**

- 13    Glory be to the Father and | to the | Son \*  
       and to the | Holy | Spirit,  
 14    as it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever | shall be, \*  
       world without | end. A- | men.

*All repeat the Antiphon.*

*All sing the* SECOND ANTIPHON

*Mode II\**



Let us en-ter the house of the Lord with re-joicing.

PSALM 121 (122)



- Cantor*    1    I rejoiced when I | heard them | say: \*  
               Let us | go to God's | house.
- All*         2    **And now our | feet are | standing \*  
               within your gates, | O Je- | rusalem.**
- 3    Jerusalem is built | as a | city \*  
               - | strongly com- | pact.
- 4    **It is there that the | tribes go | up, \*  
               the | tribes of the | Lord.**
- 5    For Israel's | law it | is, \*  
               there to | praise the Lord's | name.
- 6    **There were set the | thrones of | judgment \*  
               of the | house of | David.**
- 7    For the peace of Jeru- | salem | pray: \*  
               Peace be | to your | homes!
- 8    **May peace reign | in your | walls, \*  
               in your | palaces, | peace!**
- 9    For love of my breth- | ren and | friends \*  
               I say: | Peace up- | on you.
- 10    **For love of the house | of the | Lord \*  
               I will | ask for your | good.**



- 11 Glory be to the Father and | to the | Son \*  
and to the | Holy | Spirit,
- 12 as it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever | shall be, \*  
world without | end. A- | men.

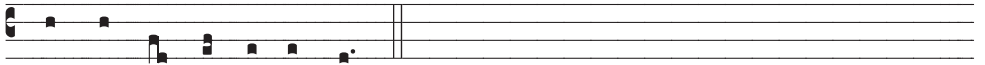
*All repeat the ANTIPHON*



Let us en-ter the house of the Lord with re-joicing.

*All sing the THIRD ANTIPHON*

*Mode V*



Praise our God, all you his saints.

### CANTICLE Apocalypse 19



Al-le-lu- ia. Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, ℞ Al-le-lu- ia.



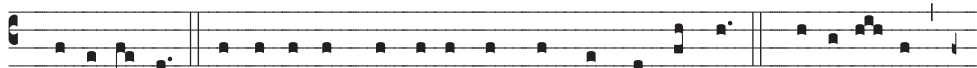
His judgements are true and just. ℞ Al-le-lu- ia, al-le- lu-ia. Al-le-lu- ia. Praise



our God, all you his servants, ℞ Al-le-lu- ia. You who fear him, small and great.



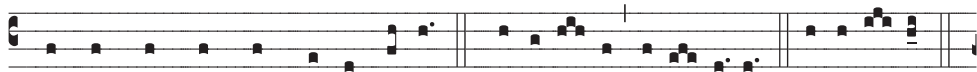
℞ Al-le-lu- ia, al-le- lu-ia. Al-le-lu- ia. The Lord our God the Al-mighty reigns,



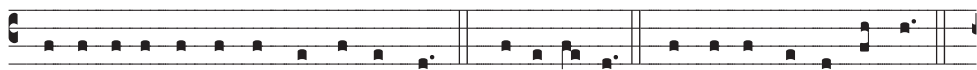
℞ **Al-le-lu-ia.** Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glo-ry. ℞ **Al-le-lu-ia,**



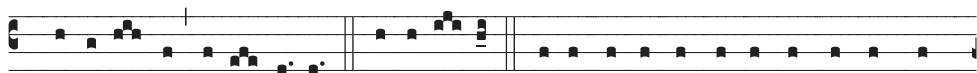
**al-le- lu-ia.** Al-le-lu- ia. The marriage of the Lamb has come. ℞ **Al-le-lu-ia.**



And his bride has made herself ready. ℞ **Al-le-lu-ia, al-le- lu-ia.** Al-le-lu- ia.



Glory be to the Father and to the Son, ℞ **Al-le-lu- ia.** and to the Ho-ly Spi-rit,

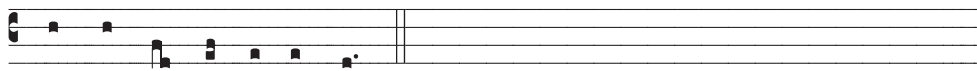


℞ **Al-le-lu- ia, al-le- lu-ia.** Al-le-lu- ia. As it was in the beginning is now and



ev-er shall be, ℞ **Al-le-lu- ia.** world without end. Amen. ℞ **Al-le-lu- ia, al-le- lu-ia.**

*All repeat the ANTIPHON*



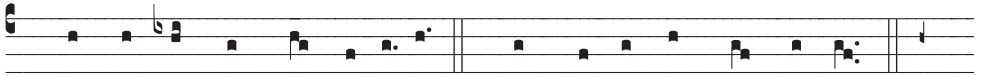
Praise our God, all you his saints.

**I** SAW the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God prepared and ready, like a bride dressed to meet her husband. I heard a loud voice speaking from the throne: ‘Now God’s home is with men! He will live with them, and they shall be his people. God himself will be with them, and he will be their God.’ I did not see a temple in the city, because its temple is the Lord God, the Almighty, and the Lamb. Nothing that is defiled will enter the city, nor anyone who does shameful things or tells lies. Only those whose names are written in the Lamb’s book of the living will enter the city.

THE SHORT RESPONSORY



Happy are they that dwell in your house, O Lord.



∮ They will sing your praise for ev-er. ∮ **That dwell in your house, O Lord.**



∮ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spi-rit.



∮ **Happy are they that dwell in your house, O Lord.**

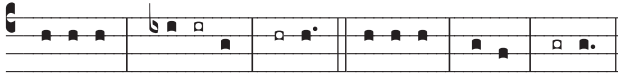
*All stand.*





This is the house of God in which his name will be invoked.

MAGNIFICAT



- Cantor* 1 My soul proclaims the greatness | of the | Lord, \*  
my spirit rejoices in | God my | Saviour;
- All* 2 **for he has looked with favour on his | lowly | servant, \***  
**and from this day all generations will | call me | blessèd.**
- 3 The Almighty has done | great things for | me, \*  
holy | is his | Name.
- 4 **He has mercy on | those who | fear him \*  
in every | gene- | ration.**
- 5 He has shown the | strength of his | arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in | their con- | ceit.
- 6 **He has cast down the mighty | from their | thrones, \***  
**and has lifted | up the | lowly.**
- 7 He has filled the | hungry with | good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent | away | empty.
- 8 **He has come to the help of his | servant | Israel \*  
for he has remembered his pro- | mise of | mercy,**
- 9 the promise he | made to our | fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his child- | ren for | ever.
- 10 **Glory be to the Father and | to the | Son \*  
and to the | Holy | Spirit,**
- 11 As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever | shall be, \*  
world without | end. A- | men.

All repeat the Antiphon.

## INTERCESSIONS

Let us pray to our Saviour who gave up his life to gather into unity the scattered children of God.

℟. **Lord, remember your Church.**

Lord Jesus, you commanded your disciples to hear your words and put them into action; constantly strengthen your Church in faith, courage and trust. ℟.

Lord Jesus, from your opened side there poured out blood and water; make your Church vigorously alive through the sacraments of the new and everlasting covenant. ℟.

Lord Jesus, you are present among those who are gathered in your name; hear your Church, united in prayer. ℟.

Lord Jesus, you come with the Father to dwell in those who love you; perfect your Church all over the world in your divine love. ℟.

Lord Jesus, anyone who comes to you is never turned away; admit all those who have died into your Father's house. ℟.

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

*All sing*



**O** UR 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-tation, but de-liv-er us from e- vil.

## COLLECT

**A**LMIGHTY God,  
As we recall with joy  
the dedication of this house of yours  
on each recurring anniversary:  
listen to your people's prayer,  
and grant that our worship here  
may be a sincere and holy service,  
honouring your name  
and bringing us the fulness of redemption.  
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.**

## CONCLUSION OF THE OFFICE

The Lord be with you.

℟: **And with your spirit.**

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

℟: **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

℟: **Thanks be to God.**

*In the absence of a Priest:*

The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

℟: **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

℟: **Thanks be to God.**

All sing

## THE ANTIPHON TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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Al-ve, Re-gí-na, \* **ma-ter mi-se-ri-cór-di-ae** : **Vi-ta, dul-cé-do, et spes**  
*Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and*

**nostra, sal-ve. Ad te clamámus, éx-su-les, fí-li-i Hevae. Ad te su-spi-rámus,**  
*our hope, hail. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up*

**ge-méntes et flén-tes in hac la-crimárum val-le. E-ia er-go, Ad-vo-cá-ta**  
*our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious*

**nos-tra, il-los tu-os mi-se-ri-cór-des ó-cu-los ad nos con-vér-te. Et Ie-sum,**  
*advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us; And show*

**be-ne-díctum fructum ventris tu-i, no-bis post hoc ex-sí-li-um os-tén-de.**  
*unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus, after this our exile.*

**O cle-mens : O pi-a : O dul-cis Vir-go Ma-rí-a.**  
*O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.*

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