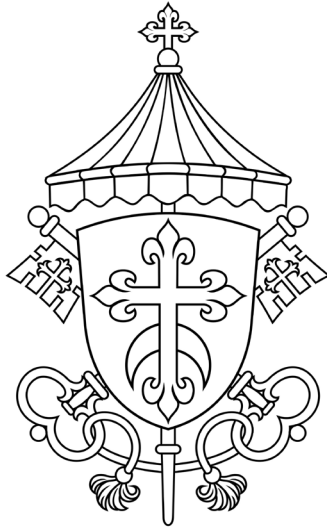


ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



Solemn Vespers and Benediction

The Office of Evening Prayer

THE TRANSFIGURATION
OF THE LORD

6 August 2023
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.**

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 and sing:



O sa - lu - tá - ris Hó - sti - a, Quae cae - li pan - dis ós - ti - um,
O saving Victim, opening wide the gate of Heaven to man below;



Bel - la pre - munt ho - stí - li - a, Da ro - bur, fer au - xí - li - um.
Our foes press hard on every side; thine aid supply; thy strength bestow.



U - ni tri - nó - que Dó - mi - no Sit sem - pi - tér - na gló - ri - a,
All praise and thanks to thee ascend, for ever more, blest one in three.



Qui vi - tam si - ne tér - mi - no No - bis do - net in pá - tri - a.
O grant us life that shall not end, in our true native land with thee.



A - men.

ORDER OF VESPERS

INTRODUCTION TO THE OFFICE

OFFICE HYMN

∇ 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.*

O nata lux de lumine,
Iesu, redemptor sæculi,
dignare clemens supplicum
laudes precesque sumere.

*O Jesus, Light of very Light,
Redeemer of our fallen race,
Receive our earnest prayers and praise,
Extend to us your mercy's grace.*

Præ sole vultu flammeus,
ut nix amictu candidus,
in monte dignis testibus
apparauisti conditor.

*You once were seen by chosen three
Upon the mount, your face aglow
With splendour to outshine the sun,
And garments bright as purest snow.*

Vates alumnis abditos
novis vetustos conferens,
utrisque te divinitus
Deum dedisti credere.

*The three Apostles grew in faith
As this great vision they adored,
While prophets of the ancient Law
Bore witness to their God and Lord.*

Te vox paterna cælitus
suum vocavit Filium,
quem nos fideli pectore
regem fatemur cælitum.

*And then the Father's voice on high,
Proclaimed you as his Son most dear;
Our grateful hearts acclaim you King,
Our minds desire your words to hear.*

Qui carne quondam contegi
dignatus es pro perditis,
nos membra confer effici
tui beati corporis.

*You once consented for our sake,
Our lowly mortal state to bear
To raise us up, condemned by sin,
That we your life divine may share.*

Laudes tibi nos pangimus,
dilectus es qui Filius,
quem Patris atque Spiritus
splendor revelat inclitus. Amen.

*O God our Father, with the Son
And Spirit, ever reigning One,
Be present with us here below
That future glory we may know. Amen.*

All sit.

PSALMODY

FIRST ANTIPHON

ASSUMPSIT Iesus Petrum et Iacobum et Ioannem fratrem eius et duxit eos in montem excelsum seorsum et transfiguratus est ante eos.

Jesus took Peter, James, and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain where they were alone; and in their presence he was transfigured.

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 potentiae tuae 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 tuae, *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 pœnitebit 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: *The Master standing at your right hand*
conquassabit in die iræ suæ reges. *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.*

The Antiphon is repeated.

SECOND ANTIPHON

RESPLENDUIT facies eius sicut sol, vestimenta
autem eius facta sunt alba sicut nix, alleluia.

*His face shone like the sun and his clothes became as
white as the light, alleluia.*

PSALM 120 (121)

Levabo oculos meos in montes: *I lift up my eyes to the mountains:*
unde veniet auxilium mihi? *from where shall come my help?*

Auxilium meum a Domino, *My help shall come from the Lord*
qui fecit cælum et terram. *who made heaven and earth.*

Non dabit in commotionem pedem tuum, *May he never allow you to stumble!*
neque dormitabit, qui custodit te. *Let him sleep not, your guard.*

Ecce non dormitabit neque dormiet, *No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,*
qui custodit Israel. *Israel's guard.*

Dominus custodit te, *The Lord is your guard*
Dominus umbraculum tuum, *and your shade;*
ad manum dexteram tuam. *at your right side he stands.*

Per diem sol non percutiet te, *By day the sun shall not smite you*
neque luna per noctem. *nor the moon in the night.*

Dominus custodiet te ab omni malo; *The Lord will guard you from evil,*
custodiet animam tuam Dominus. *he will guard your soul.*

Dominus custodiet introitum tuum *The Lord will guard your going*
et exitum tuum *and coming*
ex hoc nunc et usque in sæculum. *both now and for ever.*

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THIRD ANTIPHON

VOX de caelis sonuit et vox Patris audita est: Hic est
Filius meus, in quo mihi complacui: ipsum audite.

*From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: This is
my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.*

CANTICLE

1 Timothy 3:16

Qui manifestatus est in carne, *He was manifested in the flesh,*
iustificatus est in Spiritu. ☩ *vindicated in the Spirit.*

Apparuit angelis, *He was seen by angels,*
prædicatus est gentibus. ☩ *preached among the nations.*

Creditus est in mundo, *He was believed on in the world,*
assumptus est in gloria. ☩ *taken up in glory.*

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The Antiphon is repeated.

THE Spirit himself thus assures our spirit, that we are children of God; and if we are his children, then we are his heirs too; heirs of God, sharing the inheritance of Christ; only we must share his sufferings if we are to share his glory.

SHORT RESPONSORY

Magnificentia et pulchritudo in conspectu eius. Alleluia, alleluia.	<i>Majesty and power are his, alleluia, alleluia..</i>
∩ Decor et potentia in sanctuario eius. ∩	<i>State and splendour are in his holy place.</i>
∩ Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto. ∩	<i>Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.</i>

All stand.

MAGNIFICAT ANTIPHON

ET audientes discipuli ceciderunt in faciem suam et timuerunt valde; et accessit Iesus et tetigit eos dixitque eis: Surgite et nolite timere, alleluia.

When the disciples heard they fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them, saying, 'Stand up and do not be afraid,' alleluia.

MAGNIFICAT

Octavi toni

Hans Leo Hassler (1562–1612)

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.*

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The Antiphon is repeated.

INTERCESSIONS

On this day we pray to the Son of God, who revealed himself to his friends in the fulness of his glory, and we say:

℟. **Lord, that we may see.**

Bless the Church ever more with your risen life: so that the world may see in her the integrity of your mission. ℟.

You appeared with Elijah and Moses, accepting their homage: may the world accept your word, and live by your law of love. ℟.

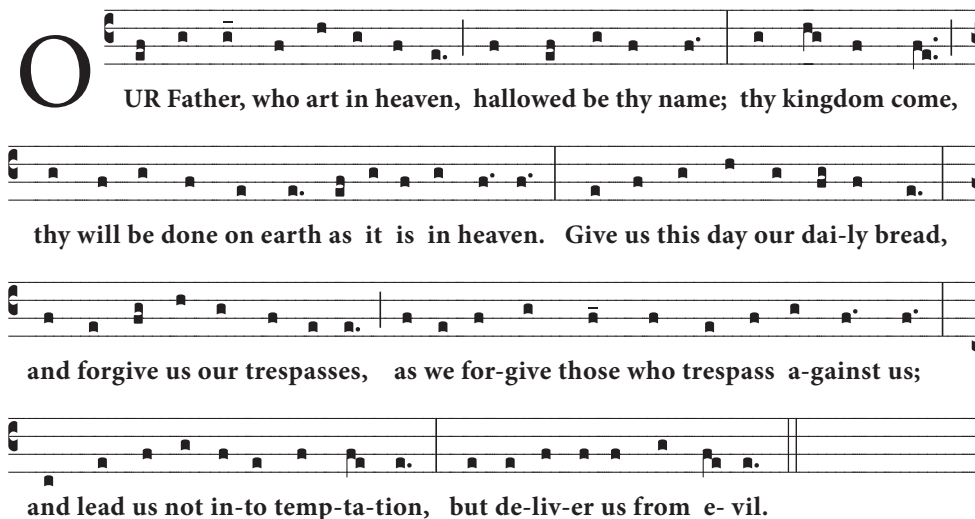
Even before your passion your disciples saw your risen glory: give us the vision to accept both suffering and joy. ℟.

Emptied of glory, you preached the kingdom of God, and your own people did not accept you: help us to find you in the poor and deprived, and to love them in your name. ℟.

You showed to your friends the splendour of the living God: take to yourself those who have died and make them glorious. ℟.

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

FATHER,
at the Transfiguration in glory of your Only-Begotten Son,
you confirmed the mysteries of faith
by the witness to Jesus of the prophets Moses and Elijah.
You foreshadowed there what we shall be
when you bring our sonship to its perfection.
Grant that by listening to the voice of Jesus
we may become heirs with him,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

℟: **Amen.**

The Choir sings


THE MOTET

ET post dies sex assumpsit Iesus Petrum et Iacobum et Ioannem fratrem eius
et duxit illos in montem excelsum seorsum: et transfiguratus est ante eos. Et
resplenduit facies eius sicut sol: vestimenta autem eius facta sunt alba sicut nix et
ecce apparuerunt illis Moyses et Elias cum eo loquentes. Respondens autem Petrus,
dixit ad Iesum: Domine, bonum est nos hic esse si vis faciamus hic tria tabernacula
tibi unum et Moysi unum et Eliæ unum.


*And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led
them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was
transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light.
Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter
spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make
three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.'*

Francisco Guerrero (1528–1599)


All sing



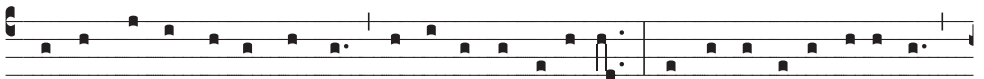
T ANTUM er-go Sa-craméntum * Vene-rémur cérnu- i : et an-tí-quum
Therefore we, before him bending, this great Sacrament revere; types and shadows



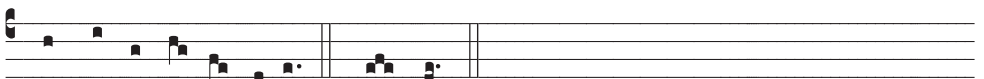
do-cuméntum No-vo ce-dat rí-tu- i : prætet fi-des suppleméntum
have their ending, for the newer rite is here; faith our outward sense befriending,



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.

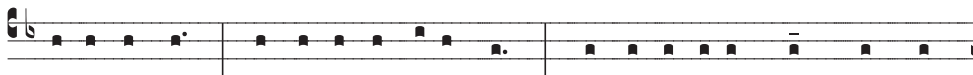
DEUS, qui nobis sub sacramento
 mirabili passionis tuæ memoriam
 reliquisti: tribue quæsumus, ita nos corporis
 et sanguinis tui sacra mysteria venerari; ut
 redemptionis tuæ fructum in nobis iugiter
 sentiamus. Qui vivis et regnas in sæcula
 sæculorum.

*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.*

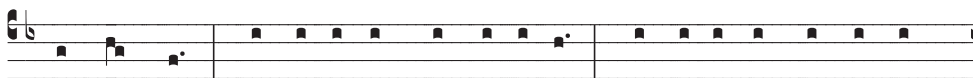
℞ **Amen.**

BENEDICTION *is given.*

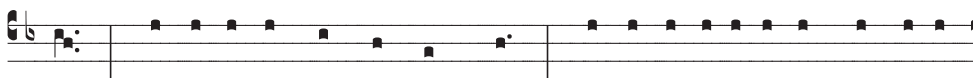
THE DIVINE PRAISES



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



A-do-ré-mus * in æ-tér-num Sanc-tís-si-mum Sa-cra-mén-tum.

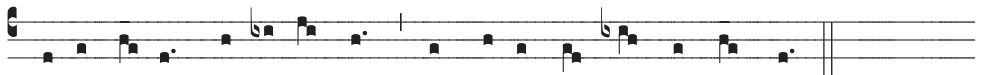
Let us adore for ever the most Holy Sacrament.

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*
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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-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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