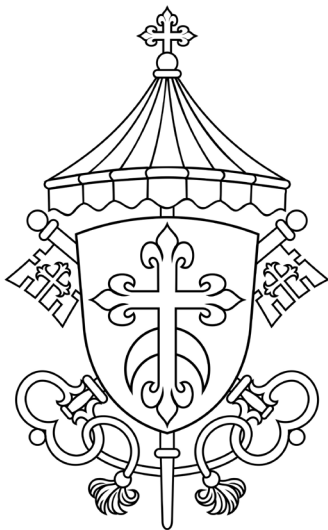


# ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



## Solemn Vespers and Benediction

The Office of Evening Prayer

Sixth Sunday  
of the Year

WEEK II

11 February 2024  
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

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

## OFFICE HYMN

O lux, Beata Trinitas et principalis Unitas, iam sol recedit igneus: infunde lumen cordibus.	<i>O light, O blessed Trinity And princely might of Unity, the fiery sun now goes his way: shed thou within our hearts thy ray.</i>
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Te mane laudum carmine, te deprecemur vespere; te nostra supplex gloria per cuncta laudet sæcula.	<i>To thee our morning song of praise, to thee our evening prayer we raise; In humble worship thee adore and glory for evermore.</i>
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Christum rogamus et Patrem, Christi Patrisque Spiritum; unum potens per omnia, fove precantes, Trinitas. Amen.	<i>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.</i>
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*All sit.*

# PSALMODY

## FIRST ANTIPHON

**S**ACERDOS in æternum Christus Dominus  
secundum ordinem Melchisedech, alleluia.

*Christ the Lord is a priest for ever according to the  
order of Melchizedek, 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 potentiae 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: *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

**D**EUS autem noster in cælo; omnia  
quæcumque voluit, fecit, alleluia.

*Our God is in heaven: he has power to do  
whatever he will, alleluia.*

## PSALM 113B (115)

Non nobis, Domine, non nobis,     *Not to us, Lord, not to us,*  
sed nomini tuo da gloriam     *but to your name give the glory*  
super misericordia tua et veritate tua.     *for the sake of your love and your truth,*

Quare dicent gentes:     *lest the heathen say:*  
«Ubi est Deus eorum?».     *'Where is their God?'*

Deus autem noster in cælo,     *But our God is in the heavens;*  
omnia, quæcumque voluit, fecit.     *he does whatever he wills.*

Simulacra gentium argentum et aurum,     *Their idols are silver and gold,*  
opera manuum hominum.     *the work of human hands.*

Os habent et non loquentur,     *They have mouths but they cannot speak;*  
oculos habent et non videbunt.     *they have eyes but they cannot see;*

Aures habent et non audient,     *they have ears but they cannot hear;*  
nares habent et non odorabunt.     *they have nostrils but they cannot smell.*

Manus habent et non palpabunt,     *With their hands they cannot feel;*  
pedes habent et non ambulabunt;     *with their feet they cannot walk.*  
non clamabunt in gutture suo.     *(No sound comes from their throats.)*

Similes illis erunt, qui faciunt ea,     *Their makers will come to be like them*  
et omnes, qui confidunt in eis.     *and so will all who trust in them.*

Domus Israel speravit in Domino:     *Sons of Israel, trust in the Lord;*  
adiutorium eorum et scutum eorum est.     *he is their help and their shield.*

Domus Aaron speravit in Domino:     *Sons of Aaron, trust in the Lord;*  
adiutorium eorum et scutum eorum est.     *he is their help and their shield.*

Qui timent Dominum, speraverunt in Domino:     *You who fear him, trust in the Lord;*  
adiutorium eorum et scutum eorum est.     *he is their help and their shield.*

Dominus memor fuit nostri et benedicet nobis: *He remembers us, and he will bless us;*  
benedicet domui Israel, *he will bless the sons of Israel.*  
benedicet domui Aaron, *(He will bless the sons of Aaron.)*

benedicet omnibus, qui timent Dominum, *The Lord will bless those who fear him,*  
pusillis cum maioribus. *the little no less than the great:*

Adiciat Dominus super vos, *to you may the Lord grant increase,*  
super vos et super filios vestros. *to you and all your children.*

Benedicti vos a Domino, *May you be blessed by the Lord,*  
qui fecit cælum et terram. *the maker of heaven and earth.*

Cæli, cæli sunt Domino, *The heavens belong to the Lord*  
terram autem dedit filiis hominum. *but the earth he has given to men.*

Non mortui laudabunt te, Domine, *The dead shall not praise the Lord,*  
neque omnes, qui descendunt in silentium, *nor those who go down into the silence.*

sed nos, qui vivimus, benedicimus Domino *But we who live bless the Lord*  
ex hoc nunc et usque in sæculum. *now and for ever. Amen.*

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

**D**EUS autem noster in cælo; omnia  
quæcumque voluit, fecit, alleluia.

*Our God is in heaven: he has power to do  
whatever he will, alleluia.*

### THIRD ANTIPHON

**L**AUDEM dicite Deo nostro, omnes servi eius, pusilli  
et magni, alleluia.

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

### CANTICLE

#### Apocalypse 19:1-2. 5-7

Alleluia.	<i>Alleluia.</i>
Salus et gloria et virtus Deo nostro:	<i>Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,</i>
Alleluia.	<i>Alleluia.</i>
quia vera et iusta iudicia eius.	<i>his judgements are true and just.</i>
Alleluia, alleluia.	<i>Alleluia, alleluia.</i>
Alleluia.	<i>Alleluia.</i>
Laudem dicite Deo nostro, omnes servi eius:	<i>Praise our God, all you his servants,</i>
Alleluia.	<i>Alleluia.</i>
et qui timetis eum, pusilli et magni!	<i>you who fear him, small and great.</i>
Alleluia, alleluia.	<i>Alleluia, alleluia.</i>
Alleluia.	<i>Alleluia.</i>
Quoniam regnavit Dominus,	<i>The Lord our God,</i>
Deus noster omnipotens:	<i>the Almighty, reigns,</i>
Alleluia.	<i>Alleluia.</i>
Gaudeamus et exultemus et demus gloriam ei.	<i>let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory.</i>
Alleluia, alleluia.	<i>Alleluia, alleluia.</i>
Alleluia.	<i>Alleluia.</i>
Quia venerunt nuptiæ Agni:	<i>The marriage of the Lamb has come,</i>
Alleluia.	<i>Alleluia.</i>
et uxor eius præparavit se.	<i>and his bride has made herself ready.</i>
Alleluia, alleluia.	<i>Alleluia, alleluia.</i>
Alleluia.	<i>Alleluia.</i>
Gloria Patri et Filio:	<i>Glory be to the Father and to the Son</i>
Alleluia.	<i>Alleluia.</i>
et Spiritui Sancto.	<i>and to the Holy Spirit,</i>
Alleluia, alleluia.	<i>Alleluia, alleluia.</i>
Alleluia.	<i>Alleluia.</i>
Sicut erat in principio et nunc et semper	<i>as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,</i>
Alleluia.	<i>Alleluia.</i>
et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.	<i>world without end. Amen.</i>
Alleluia, alleluia.	<i>Alleluia, alleluia.</i>

*The Antiphon is repeated.*



**W**E feel that we must be continually thanking God for you, brothers whom the Lord loves, because God chose you as the first fruits to be saved by the sanctifying Spirit and by faith in the truth. Through the Good News that we brought he called you to this so that you should share the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### SHORT RESPONSORY

Magnus Dominus noster,	<i>Great is our Lord;</i>
Et magna virtus eius.	<i>great is his might.</i>
∩ Et sapientiæ eius	<i>His wisdom</i>
non est numerus. ∩	<i>can never be measured.</i>
∩ Gloria Patri et Filio	<i>Glory be to the Father and to the Son</i>
et Spiritui Sancto. ∩	<i>and to the Holy Spirit.</i>

*All stand.*

### MAGNIFICAT ANTIPHON

**D**OMINE, si tu vis, potes me mundare. Et ait Iesus: Volo, mundare.

*'If you want to,' said the leper, 'you can cure me.' And Jesus said, 'Be cured!'*

## MAGNIFICAT

Primi toni

*Juan de Esquivel Barahona (c.1563–c.1613)*

Magnificat  
anima mea Dominum,  
*My soul  
glorifies the Lord,*

et exsultavit spiritus meus  
in Deo salutari meo,  
*my spirit rejoices  
in God, my Saviour.*

quia respexit humilitatem ancillæ suæ.  
Ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent  
omnes generationes,  
*He looks on his servant in her lowliness;  
henceforth all ages  
will call me blessed.*

quia fecit mihi magna, qui potens est,  
et sanctum nomen eius,  
*The Almighty works marvels for me.  
Holy his name!*

et misericordia eius a progenie in progenies  
timentibus eum.  
*His mercy is from age to age,  
on those who fear him.*

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

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

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

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

sicut locutus est ad patres nostros,  
Abraham et semini eius in sæcula.  
*the mercy promised to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his sons for ever.*

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.*

*The Antiphon is repeated.*

## INTERCESSIONS

Through the gospel, the Lord Jesus calls us to share in his glory. Let us make our prayer with him to our heavenly Father.

℟. **Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.**

We pray for all nations: that they may seek the way that leads to peace, that human rights and freedom may be everywhere respected, and that the world's resources may be generously shared. ℟.

We pray for the Church: that her leaders may be faithful ministers of your word, that all her members may be strong in faith and hope and that you may be recognized in the love she bears to all. ℟.

We pray for our families, and the community in which we live: that we may find you in them. ℟.

We pray for ourselves: that in the coming week we may serve others in our work, and find peace when we rest. ℟.

We pray for the faithful departed: that through your mercy they may rest in peace. ℟.

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-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e- vil.

## COLLECT

**T**O those who love you, Lord, you promise to come with your Son and make your home within them. Come, then, with your purifying grace and make our hearts a place where you can dwell. 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.**


*The Choir sings*

## THE MOTET

**I** will lift up mine eyes unto the hills; from whence cometh my help. My help cometh even from the Lord who hath made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved, and he that keepeth thee will not sleep. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

*Ernest Walker (1870–1949)*


All sing



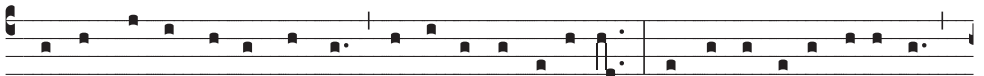
**T**ANTUM er-go Sa-craméntum \* Vene-rémur cérnu-i : et an-tí-quum  
*Therefore we, before him bending, this great Sacrament revere; types and shadows*




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



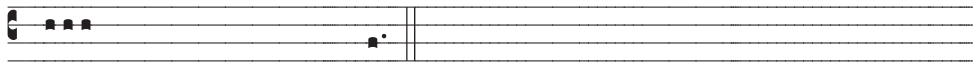
sénsu-um de-féc-tu-i. Ge-ni-tó-ri, Ge-ni-tó-que laus et iu-bi-la-ti-o,  
*makes our inward vision clear. Glory let us give and blessing to the Father and the Son,*



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.

**D**EUS, 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.*

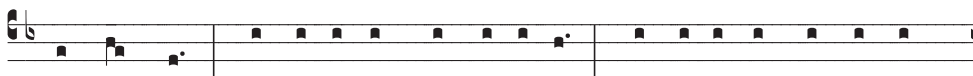
℞ **Amen.**

BENEDICTION *is given.*

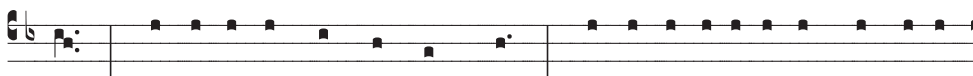
### THE DIVINE PRAISES



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



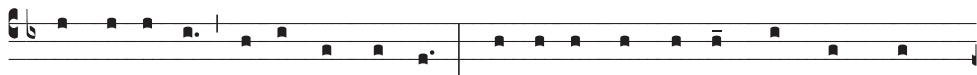
Sacrament of the Al-tar. Blessèd be the Holy Spi-rit, the Pa-raclete. Blessèd be



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

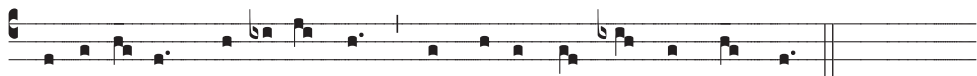


name of Ma-ry, Virgin and Mother. Blessèd be Saint Joseph, her most chaste



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*  
et Spiritui Sancto, *and to the Holy Spirit,*

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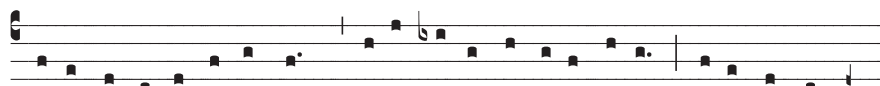
**A-do-ré-mus \* in æ-tér-num Sanc-tís-si-mum Sa-cra-mén-tum.**

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

All sing

## THE ANTIPHON TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**A**



-ve, Re-gí-na cæ-ló-rum, \* **ave, Dómi-na ange-lórum, salve, ra-dix,**  
*Hail, Queen of Heaven, beyond compare, to whom the angels homage pay; Hail, Root of*



**salve, porta, ex qua mundo lux est orta. Gaude, Virgo glo-ri- ó-sa, su-per**  
*Jesse, Gate of Light, that opened for the world's new Day. Rejoice, O Virgin unsurpassed, in whom*



**omnes spe-ci- ó-sa; va-le, o valde de-có-ra, et pro no-bis Christum exó- ra.**  
*our ransom was begun, for all your loving children pray to Christ, our Saviour, and your Son.*

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fugue in C minor (BWV 546ii)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)