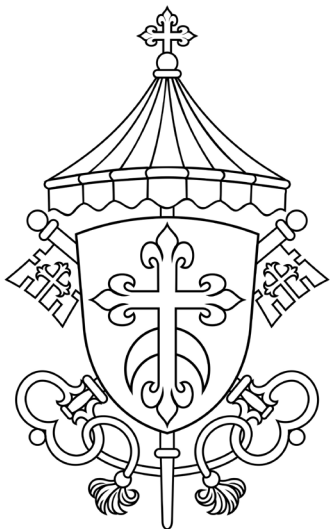


ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



Vespers

The Office of Evening Prayer

SAINT BARNABAS

Wednesday
WEEK II

11 June 2025
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 Vespers is a regular part of the life and worship of St Mary's Cathedral.

SAINT BARNABAS

Saint Barnabas was born in Cyprus. He was one of the early converts in Jerusalem and vouched for St Paul when he appeared before the elders there. He accompanied Paul on his first missionary journey and later went to Cyprus with his cousin John Mark (Mark the evangelist) to preach the gospel there. He was probably martyred at Salamis in Cyprus, some time before the year 61.

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

ORDER OF VESPERS

At the sound of the Sacristy bell all stand.

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	<i>Glory be to the Father and to the Son</i>
et Spiritui Sancto.	<i>and to the Holy Spirit,</i>
Sicut erat in principio	<i>as it was in the beginning,</i>
et nunc et semper	<i>is now, and ever shall be,</i>
et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen. Alleluia.	<i>world without end. Amen. Alleluia.</i>

OFFICE HYMN

Bárnabæ clarum cólimus tropæum, quo micat celsus mérita corónā, multa pro Christi veheménter usque passus amóre.	<i>Greatly we honor the exalted triumph of Christ's Apostle, crowned with all his merits; faithful to Jesus, Barnabas once suffered violence and torment.</i>
Abdicans agro, generósus urget ut, fide vivax ope caritátis, nóminis plebes nova christiáni læta viréscat.	<i>Gracious and noble, he renounced his farmlands that a new people might about and prosper first known as Christian, strong in faith and kindness loving and joyful.</i>
Quam libens noscit, petit atque defert máximum Paulum, sócio labóre Spíritus nutu péragrans fidélis lítora multa!	<i>Gladly observing Paul in all his greatness, he found and brought him to combine their labours moved by the Spirit, they traversed wide regions faithful companions.</i>
Nil sibi parcit cupidúsque Christo plúrimos affert, bonus atque pascit, donec effúso rútila probátur sáanguine palma.	<i>He spared no labour, seeking Christ with fervour, baptising many, fostering them with goodness, till he proved worthy of the palm of victory, shedding his life-blood.</i>
Da, Deus, tanto fámulo rogánte, nos sequi fortes iter ad salútem, ut domo ætéRNA tibi concinámus cántica laudis. Amen.	<i>Through the petitions of so great servant, give us the strength, Lord, to pursue salvation, that we may ever sing your praise together dwelling in heaven. Amen.</i>

All sit.

PSALMODY

FIRST ANTIPHON

IUSTE et pie vivamus, exspectantes beatam
Ispem et adventum Domini.

*We are waiting in hope for the blessings of the
glorious coming of our Saviour.*

PSALM 61 (62)

In Deo tantum quiesce, anima mea,
ab ipso enim salutare meum.

*In God alone is my soul at rest;
my help comes from him.*

Verumtamen ipse refugium meum et salutare meum,
præsidium meum, non movebor amplius.

*He alone is my rock, my stronghold,
my fortress: I stand firm.*

Quousque irruitis in hominem,
contunditis universi vos
tamquam parietem inclinatum
et maceriam depulsam?

*How long will you all attack one man
to break him down,
as though he were a tottering wall,
or a tumbling fence?*

Verumtamen de excelso suo
cogitaverunt depellere;
delectabantur mendacio.

*Their plan is only to destroy:
they take pleasure in lies.
With their mouth they utter blessing
but in their heart they curse.*

Ore suo benedicebant et corde suo maledicebant.

In Deo tantum quiesce, anima mea,
quoniam ab ipso patientia mea.

*In God alone be at rest, my soul;
for my hope comes from him.*

Verumtamen ipse Deus meus et salutare meum,
præsidium meum, non movebor.

*He alone is my rock, my stronghold,
my fortress: I stand firm.*

In Deo salutare meum et gloria mea;
Deus fortitudinis meæ,
et refugium meum in Deo est.

*In God is my safety and glory,
the rock of my strength.
Take refuge in God, all you people.*

Sperate in eo, omnis congregatio populi,
effundite coram illo corda vestra;
Deus refugium nobis.

*Trust him at all times.
Pour out your hearts before him
for God is our refuge.*

Verumtamen vanitas filii Adam,
mendacium filii hominum.

*Common folk are only a breath,
great men an illusion.*

In stateram si conscendant,
super fumum leves sunt omnes.

*Placed in the scales, they rise;
they weigh less than a breath.*

Nolite sperare in violentia
et in rapina nolite decipi;
divitiæ si affluent, nolite cor apponere.

*Do not put your trust in oppression
nor vain hopes on plunder.
Do not set your heart on riches
even when they increase.*

Semel locutus est Deus,
duo hæc audiui:

quia potestas Deo est,
et tibi, Domine, misericordia;
quia tu reddes unicuique iuxta opera sua.

Gloria Patri et Filio,
et Spiritui Sancto.

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

*For God has said only one thing:
only two do I know:*

*that to God alone belongs power
and to you, Lord, love;
and that you repay each man according to his deeds.*

*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.*

The Antiphon is repeated.

SECOND ANTIPHON

Illuminet vultum suum super vos.

Let your face shed its light upon us.

PSALM 66 (67)

Deus misereatur nostri et benedicat nobis;
illuminet vultum suum super nos,

ut cognoscatur in terra via tua,
in omnibus gentibus salutare tuum.

Confiteantur tibi populi, Deus;
confiteantur tibi populi omnes.

Lætentur et exsultent gentes,
quoniam iudicas populos in æquitate
et gentes in terra dirigis.

Confiteantur tibi populi, Deus,
confiteantur tibi populi omnes.

Terra dedit fructum suum;
benedicat nos Deus, Deus noster,

benedicat nos Deus,
et metuant eum omnes fines terræ.

Gloria Patri et Filio,
et Spiritui Sancto.

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

*O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.*

*So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help.*

*Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.*

*Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth.*

*Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.*

*The earth has yielded its fruit
for God, our God, has blessed us.*

*May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him.*

*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.*

The Antiphon is repeated.

THIRD ANTIPHON

CHRISTO datus est principatus et honor regni: omnes
populi, tribus et linguae servient ei in aeternum.

*To Christ was given dominion, and glory, and a kingdom: all
peoples, tribes, and languages shall serve him for ever.*

CANTICLE

cf. Colossians 1:12-20

Gratias agamus Deo Patri: qui idoneos nos fecit in partem sortis sanctorum in lumine;	<i>Let us give thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.</i>
qui eripuit nos de potestate tenebrarum: et transtulit in regnum Filii dilectionis suæ,	<i>He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,</i>
in quo habemus redemptionem: remissionem peccatorum;	<i>in whom we have redemption, for the forgiveness of sins.</i>
qui est imago Dei invisibilis: primogenitus omnis creaturæ,	<i>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation,</i>
quia in ipso condita sunt universa in cælis et in terra: visibilia et invisibilia,	<i>for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible.</i>
sive throni sive dominationes: sive principatus sive potestates.	<i>whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers.</i>
Omnia per ipsum et in ipsum creata sunt, et ipse est ante omnia: et omnia in ipso constant.	<i>All things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.</i>
Et ipse est caput corporis ecclesiæ; qui est principium, primogenitus ex mortuis: ut sit in omnibus ipse primatum tenens,	<i>He is the head of the body, the Church; he is the beginning, firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent,</i>
quia in ipso complacuit omnem plenitudinem habitare: et per eum reconciliare omnia in ipsum,	<i>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things,</i>
pacificans per sanguinem crucis eius: sive quæ in terris sive quæ in cælis sunt.	<i>whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.</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>

WE have never failed to remember you in our prayers and to give thanks for you to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ever since we heard about your faith in Christ Jesus and the love that you show towards all the saints because of the hope which is stored up for you in heaven. It is only recently that you heard of this, when it was announced in the message of the truth. The Good News which has reached you is spreading and bearing fruit all over the world.

SHORT RESPONSORY

Annuntiate inter gentes	<i>Tell of the glory of the Lord;</i>
Gloriam Domini.	<i>announce it among the nations.</i>
℣ In omnibus populis	<i>Speak of his wonderful deeds</i>
mirabilia eius. ℟	<i>to all the peoples.</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

TRADENT enim vos in conciliis, et in synagogis suis flagellabunt vos; et ante reges et præsidēs ducemini propter me, in testimonium illis et gentibus.

They will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles.

MAGNIFICAT

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
timentibus eum. *His mercy is from age to age,
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,
recordatus misericordiæ suæ,

sicut locutus est ad patres nostros,
Abraham et semini eius in sæcula.

Gloria Patri et Filio,
et Spiritui Sancto.

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

The Antiphon is repeated.

INTERCESSIONS

O God the Father of light, you called us to the true faith through the gospel of your Son. We pray to him now for all his holy people, saying:

℟. **Remember your Church, O Lord.**

Father, you raised your Son from the dead to be the Shepherd of a huge flock; make us his witnesses to the ends of the earth. ℟.

You sent your Son into the world to proclaim the good news to the poor; grant that we may bring his gospel into the darkness of people's lives. ℟.

You sent your Son to plant in people's hearts the seed of imperishable life; may we labour to sow his word and reap a harvest of joy. ℟.

You sent your Son to reconcile the world with yourself by the shedding of his blood; let us become his fellow workers in restoring mankind to your friendship. ℟.

You placed your Son at your own right hand in heaven; receive the dead into the happiness of your kingdom. ℟.

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

LORD God,
You filled Saint Barnabas with faith and the Holy Spirit
and set him apart for the conversion of the nations.
Grant that the gospel of Christ,
which he preached so strenuously,
may, in our day, be faithfully proclaimed
by word and deed.
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-rá-mus,
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 le-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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