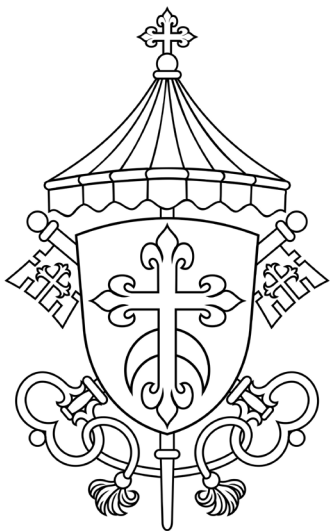


ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



Solemn Vespers and Benediction

The Office of Evening Prayer

THE DEDICATION OF
THE LATERAN BASILICA

Sunday 9 November 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 Lauds and Vespers is a regular part of the life and worship of St Mary's Cathedral.

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

The Lateran Basilica was built by the Emperor Constantine on the Lateran Hill in Rome in about 324. The feast of its dedication has been celebrated in Rome on this date since the twelfth century. In honour of the basilica, "the mother and head of all the churches of the City and the World," the feast has been extended to the whole Roman Rite as a sign of unity and love towards the See of Peter, which, as St Ignatius of Antioch said in the second century, "presides over the whole assembly of charity."

**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.

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
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

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

et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen. Alleluia.

world without end. Amen. Alleluia.

OFFICE HYMN

Urbs Ierusalem beata,
dicta pacis visio,
quæ construitur in cælis
vivis ex lapidibus,
angelisque coronata
sicut sponsa comite,

*Blessed city, heavenly Salem,
vision dear of peace and love,
who of living stones art builded
in the height of heaven above,
and, with angel hosts encircled,
as a bride dost earthward move;*

Nova veniens e cælo,
nuptiali thalamo
præparata, ut intacta
copuletur Domino.
Plateæ et muri eius
ex auro purissimo;

*from celestial realms descending,
bridal glory round thee shed,
meet for him whose love espoused thee,
to thy Lord shalt thou be led;
all thy streets and all thy bulwarks
of pure gold are fashioned.*

Portæ nitent margaritis
adytis patentibus,
et virtute meritorum
illuc introducitur
omnis qui ob Christi nomen
hic in mundo premitur.

*Bright thy gates of pearl are shining;
they are open evermore;
and by virtue of his merits
thither faithful souls do soar,
who for Christ's dear Name in this world
pain and tribulation bore.*

Tursionibus, pressuris
expoliti lapides
suis coaptantur locis
per manum artificis;
disponuntur permansuri
sacris ædificiis.

*Many a blow and biting sculpture
polished well those stones elect,
in their places now compacted
by the heavenly Architect,
who therewith hath willed for ever
that his palace should be decked.*

Gloria et honor Deo
usquequaq'altissimo,
una Patri Filioque
atque Sancto Flamini,
quibus laudes et potestas
per æterna sæcula. Amen.

*Laud and honour to the Father,
laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three, and ever One,
consubstantial, coeternal,
while unending ages run. Amen.*

All sit.

PSALMODY

FIRST ANTIPHON

SANCTIFICAVIT namque tabernaculum suum
Altissimus: Deus in medio eius, non commovebitur.

The Lord has made holy the place where he dwells: God is within, it cannot be shaken.

PSALM 45 (46)

Deus est nobis refugium et virtus, adiutorium in tribulationibus inventus est nimis.	<i>God is for us a refuge and strength, a helper close at hand, in time of distress,</i>
Propterea non timebimus, dum turbabitur terra, et transferentur montes in cor maris.	<i>so we shall not fear though the earth should rock, though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea;</i>
Fremant et intumescant aquæ eius, conturbentur montes in elatione eius.	<i>even though its waters rage and foam, even though the mountains be shaken by its waves.</i>
Fluminis rivi lætificant civitatem Dei, sancta tabernacula Altissimi.	<i>The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place where the Most High dwells.</i>
Deus in medio eius, non commovebitur; adiuvabit eam Deus mane diluculo.	<i>God is within, it cannot be shaken; God will help it at the dawning of the day.</i>
Fremuerunt gentes, commota sunt regna; dedit vocem suam, liquefacta est terra.	<i>Nations are in tumult, kingdoms are shaken: he lifts his voice, the earth shrinks away.</i>
Dominus virtutum nobiscum, refugium nobis Deus Iacob.	<i>The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our stronghold.</i>
Venite et videte opera Domini, quæ posuit prodigia super terram.	<i>Come, consider the works of the Lord, the redoubtable deeds he has done on the earth.</i>
Auferet bella usque ad finem terræ, arcum conteret et confringet arma et scuta comburet igne.	<i>He puts an end to wars over all the earth; the bow he breaks, the spear he snaps. He burns the shields with fire.</i>
Vacate et videte quoniam ego sum Deus: exaltabor in gentibus et exaltabor in terra.	<i>'Be still and know that I am God, supreme among the nations, supreme on the earth!'</i>
Dominus virtutum nobiscum, refugium nobis Deus Iacob.	<i>The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our stronghold.</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.

SECOND ANTIPHON

IN domum Domini lætantes
libimus.

*Let us enter the house of the Lord
with rejoicing.*

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.

THIRD ANTIPHON

LÆTAMINI in Domino et exsultate, iusti;
et gloriamini omnes recti corde.

*Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, you righteous,
and all ye that are upright in heart.*

CANTICLE

Apocalypse 19:1-2. 5-7

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>

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>

Quoniam regnavit Dominus,	<i>The Lord our God,</i>
Deus noster omnipotens:	<i>the Almighty, reigns,</i>
Alleluia.	<i>Alleluia.</i>

Gaudeamus et exsultemus et demus gloriam ei.	<i>let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory.</i>
Alleluia, alleluia.	<i>Alleluia, 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>

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>

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.

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.

SHORT RESPONSORY

Beati qui habitant in domo tua, Domine.	<i>Happy are they that dwell in your house, O Lord.</i>
℣. In sæculum sæculi laudabunt te. ℟.	<i>They will sing your praise for ever.</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

FUNDAMENTA templi huius sapientia sua fundavit Deus, in quo Dominum cæli collaudant angeli; si irruant venti et fluant flumina, non poterunt illud movere umquam: fundatum enim est supra petram.

God has established his wisdom as the foundations of his temple in which the heavenly angels sing the Lord's praises; winds may rage and rivers flood but they will never move it; indeed, it is built on a rock.

MAGNIFICAT

Quarti toni

Francesco Soriano (1548–1621)

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,*

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.

INTERCESSIONS

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

R. 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. **R.**

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. **R.**

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

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. **R.**

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

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

O God, who from living and chosen stones
prepare an eternal dwelling for your majesty,
increase in your Church the spirit of grace you have bestowed,
so that by new growth your faithful people
may build up the heavenly Jerusalem.
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

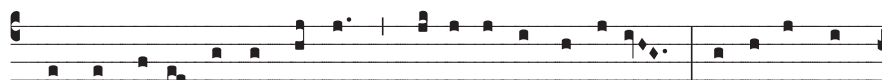
O quam metuendus est locus iste! Vere non est hic aliud nisi domus Dei et porta
coeli.

*Oh, how awe-inspiring is this place! Surely this can be nothing else but the house of God
and the gate of heaven.*

Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548–1611)

All sing

T



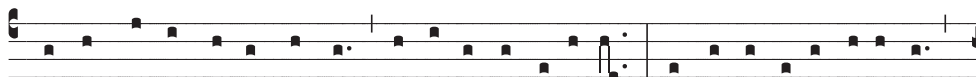
ANTUM er-go Sa-craméntum * Vene-rémur cérnú-i : et an-tí-quum
Therefore we, before him bending, this great Sacrament revere; types and shadows



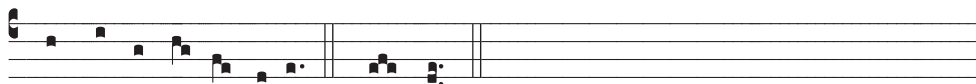
do-cuméntum No-vo ce-dat rí-tu-i : præstet fi-des suppleméntum
have their ending, for the newer rite is here; faith our outward sense befriending,



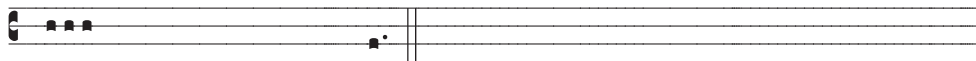
sénsu-um de-féc-tu-i. Ge-ni-tó-ri, Ge-ni-tó-que laus et iu-bi-la-ti-o,
makes our inward vision clear. Glory let us give and blessing to the Father and the Son,



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
mysterries of your Body and Blood, that
we may perceive within ourselves the fruit
of thy redemption; who lives and reigns
for ever and ever.*

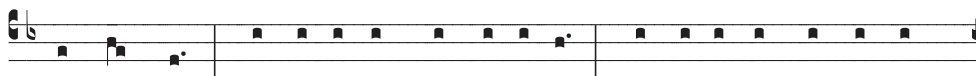
℟ Amen.

BENEDICTION *is given.*

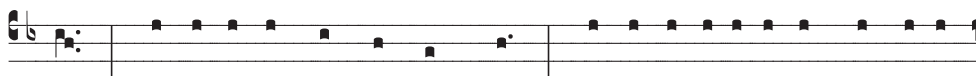
THE DIVINE PRAISES



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



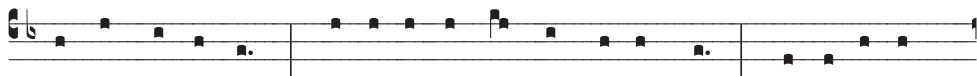
Heart. Blessèd be his Most Precious Blood. Blessèd be Jesus in the Most Holy



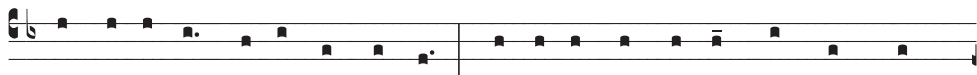
Sacrament of the Al-tar. Blessèd be the Holy Spi-rit, the Pa-raclete. Blessèd be



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

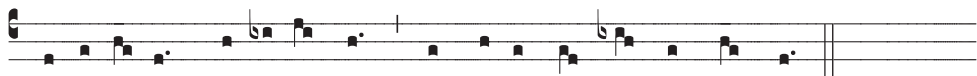


name of Ma-ry, Virgin and Mother. Blessèd be Saint Joseph, her most chaste



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:
laudate eum omnes populi.

*O praise the Lord, all you nations,
acclaim his all you peoples!*

Quoniam confirmata est super nos
misericordia eius:
et veritas Domini manet in æternum.

*Strong is his
love for us;
he is faithful 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.*



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

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 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.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Cantabile

César Franck (1822–1890)

St Mary's Cathedral

St Mary's Road
Sydney NSW 2000

www.stmaryscathedral.org.au



General enquiries

Tel: (02) 9220 0400

Fax: (02) 9223 5208

Email: info@stmaryscathedral.org.au