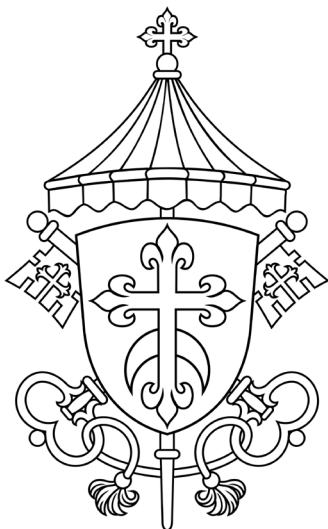


# ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



## Solemn Vespers and Benediction

The Office of Evening Prayer

PENTECOST SUNDAY

24 May 2026  
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	<i>as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,</i>
et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen. Alleluia.	<i>world without end. Amen. Alleluia.</i>

## OFFICE HYMN

Veni, creator Spiritus, mentes tuorum visita, imple superna gratia, quæ tu creasti, pectora.	<i>Come, Holy Spirit, Creator blest, and in our souls take up thy rest; come with thy grace and heavenly aid to fill the hearts which thou hast made.</i>
Qui diceris Paraclitus, altissimi donum Dei, fons vivus, ignis, caritas et spiritualis unctio.	<i>O comforter, to thee we cry, O heavenly gift of God Most High, O fount of life and fire of love, and sweet anointing from above.</i>
Tu septiformis munere, digitus paternæ dexteræ, tu rite promissum Patris sermone ditans guttura.	<i>Thou in thy sevenfold gifts are known; Thou, finger of God's hand we own; Thou, promise of the Father, thou Who dost the tongue with power imbue.</i>
Accende lumen sensibus, infunde amorem cordibus, infirma nostri corporis virtute firmans perpeti.	<i>Kindle our sense from above, and make our hearts o'erflow with love; with patience firm and virtue high the weakness of our flesh supply.</i>
Hostem repellas longius pacemque dones protinus; ductore sic te prævio vitemus omne noxium.	<i>Far from us drive the foe we dread, and grant us thy peace instead; so shall we not, with thee for guide, turn from the path of life aside.</i>
Per te sciamus da Patrem noscamus atque Filium, teque utriusque Spiritum credamus omni tempore.	<i>Oh, may thy grace on us bestow the Father and the Son to know; and thee, through endless times confessed, of both the eternal Spirit blest.</i>
Deo Patri sit gloria, et Filio, qui a mortuis surrexit, ac Paraclito, in sæculorum sæcula. Amen.	<i>Now to the Father and the Son, Who rose from death, be glory given, with thou, O Holy Comforter, henceforth by all in earth and heaven. Amen.</i>

# PSALMODY

## FIRST ANTIPHON

**S**PIRITUS Domini replevit orbem  
terrarum, alleluia.

*The Spirit of the Lord has filled the  
whole world. 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 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 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

**C**ONFIRMA hoc, Deus, quod operatus es in nobis, a templo sancto tuo, quod est in Ierusalem, alleluia.

*Send forth your power, Lord, from your holy temple in Jerusalem, and bring to perfection your work among us. Alleluia.*

### PSALM 113A (114)

In exitu Israel de Ægypto,      *When Israel came forth from Egypt,*  
domus Iacob de populo barbaro,      *Jacob's sons from an alien people,*

factus est Iuda sanctuarium eius,      *Judah became the Lord's temple,*  
Israel potestas eius.      *Israel became his kingdom.*

Mare vidit et fugit,      *The sea fled at the sight:*  
Iordanis conversus est retrorsum;      *the Jordan turned back on its course,*

montes saltaverunt ut arietes,      *the mountains leapt like rams*  
et colles sicut agni ovium.      *and the hills like yearling sheep.*

Quid est tibi, mare, quod fugisti?      *Why was it, sea, that you fled,*  
Et tu, Iordanis,      *that you turned back, Jordan,*  
quia conversus es retrorsum?      *on your course?*

Montes, quod saltastis sicut arietes,      *Mountains, that you leapt like rams;*  
et colles, sicut agni ovium?      *hills, like yearling sheep?*

A facie Domini contremisce, terra,      *Tremble, O earth, before the Lord,*  
a facie Dei Iacob,      *in the presence of the God of Jacob,*

qui convertit petram      *who turns the rock*  
in stagna aquarum      *into a pool*  
et silicem in fontes aquarum.      *and flint into a spring of water.*

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

**R**EPLETI sunt omnes Spiritu Sancto,  
et cœperunt loqui, alleluia.

*They were all filled with the Holy Spirit  
and began to speak. Alleluia.*

### CANTICLE

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

Salus et gloria et virtus Deo nostro: *Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,*  
Alleluia. *Alleluia.*  
quia vera et iusta iudicia eius. *his judgements are true and just.*  
Alleluia, alleluia. *Alleluia, alleluia.*

Laudem dicite Deo nostro, omnes servi eius: *Praise our God, all you his servants,*  
Alleluia. *Alleluia.*  
et qui timetis eum, pusilli et magni! *you who fear him, small and great.*  
Alleluia, alleluia. *Alleluia, alleluia.*

Quoniam regnavit Dominus, *The Lord our God,*  
Deus noster omnipotens: *the Almighty, reigns,*  
Alleluia. *Alleluia.*  
Gaudeamus et exultemus et demus gloriam ei. *let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory.*  
Alleluia, alleluia. *Alleluia, alleluia.*

Quia venerunt nuptiæ Agni: *The marriage of the Lamb has come,*  
Alleluia. *Alleluia.*  
et uxor eius præparavit se. *and his bride has made herself ready.*  
Alleluia, alleluia. *Alleluia, alleluia.*

Gloria Patri et Filio: *Glory be to the Father and to the Son*  
Alleluia. *Alleluia.*  
et Spiritui Sancto. *and to the Holy Spirit,*  
Alleluia, alleluia. *Alleluia, alleluia.*

Sicut erat in principio et nunc et semper *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,*  
Alleluia. *Alleluia.*  
et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen. *world without end. Amen.*  
Alleluia, alleluia. *Alleluia, alleluia.*

*The Antiphon is repeated.*

**C**HRISt has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place forever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying.

### SHORT RESPONSORY

Spiritus Domini replevit orbem terrarum, Alleluia, alleluia.	<i>The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world, alleluia, alleluia.</i>
℣ Et hoc quod continet omnia, scientiam habet vocis. ℞	<i>It is he who holds all things in being and understands every word that is spoken.</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

**H**ODIE completi sunt dies Pentecostes, alleluia; hodie Spiritus Sanctus in igne discipulis apparuit, et tribuit eis charismatum dona; misit eos in universum mundum prædicare et testificari: Qui crediderit et baptizatus fuerit, salvus erit, alleluia.

*This is the day of Pentecost, alleluia. Today the Holy Spirit appeared to the disciples in the form of fire and gave to them his special gifts; he sent them into the world to proclaim that whoever believes and is baptized will be saved. Alleluia.*

## MAGNIFICAT

Primi toni

Diego Ortiz (c.1510–c.1570)

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

We know that the Father is with us because of the Spirit he has given us. With this confidence we turn to you in prayer.



✠ Exaudire digneris. ✠ **Te, rogamus, audi nos.**

Father, you want to unite all people by baptism in the Spirit; draw all believers together in mind and heart. ✠

You sent the Spirit to fill the earth with your love; let people build the human city in justice and peace. ✠

Lord God, Father of all people, bring to your scattered children unity of faith: make the world alive with the power of your Spirit. ✠

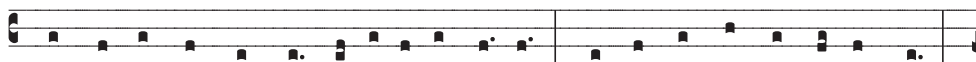
By the work of the Spirit you create all minds afresh: heal the sick, comfort the afflicted, and bring all people to salvation. ✠

Through the Holy Spirit you raised your Son from the dead. Raise us by the power of your Spirit when we come to your kingdom. ✠

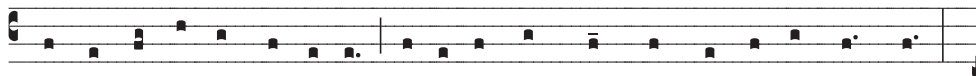
At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

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

## COLLECT

**L**ORD God,  
You sanctify your Church in every race and nation  
by the mystery we celebrate on this day.  
Pour out the gifts of the Holy Spirit on all mankind,  
and fulfil now in the hearts of your faithful  
what you accomplished when the Gospel was first preached on earth.  
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*

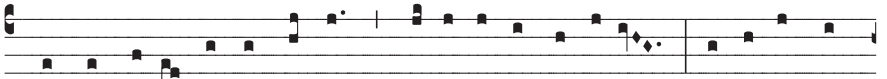
## THE MOTET

**L**OQUEBANTUR variis linguis apostoli, alleluia, magnalia Dei, alleluia. Repleti sunt omnes Spiritu Sancto et ceperunt loqui magnalia Dei, alleluia. Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto. Alleluia.

*The apostles began to speak in foreign languages, alleluia, about the marvels of God, alleluia. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they began to speak about the marvels of God, alleluia. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Alleluia.*

*Thomas Tallis (1505–1585)*


All sing



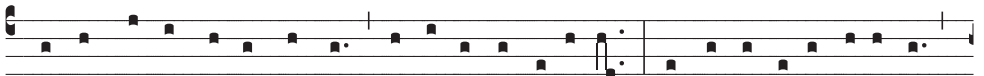
**T** ANTUM er-go Sa-craméntum \* Vene-rémur cérnu- i : et an-tí-quum  
*Therefore we, before him bending, this great Sacrament revere; types and shadows*



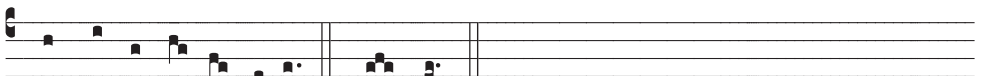
do-cuméntum No-vo ce-dat rí-tu- i : præstet fi-des suppleméntum  
*have their ending, for the newer rite is here; faith our outward sense befriending,*



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,*



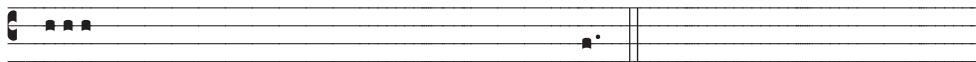
sa-lus, honor, virtus quoque sit et be-ne-dícti- o : pro-ce-dénti ab utró-que  
*honour, thanks, and praise addressing while eternal ages run; ever too his love confessing,*



compar sit lau-dá-ti- o. A- men.  
*who from both with both is One.*



∇ Panem de cælo præstitisti eis, allelú- ia.  
*You gave them bread from heaven.*



∞ **Omne delectaméntum in se habéntem, allelú- ia.**  
*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 this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption; who lives and reigns for ever and ever.*

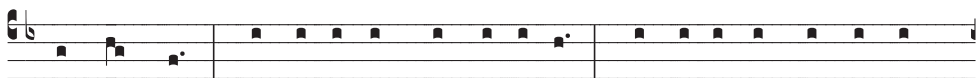
∞ **Amen.**

BENEDICTION *is given.*

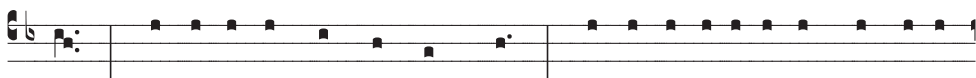
### THE DIVINE PRAISES



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.**

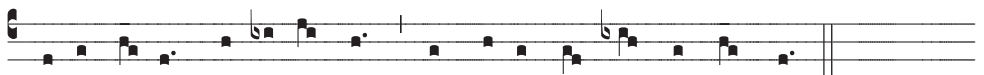
*Let us adore for ever the most Holy Sacrament.*

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,*

sicut erat in principio, et nunc et semper: *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,*  
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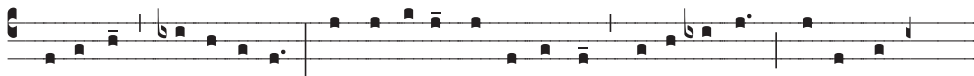
All sing

## THE ANTIPHON TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

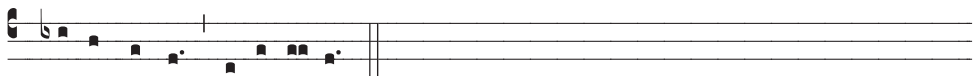


**R**

E-gí-na cæ-li, \* læ-tá-re, al-le-lú-ia, qui-a quem me-ru-ís-ti  
*Queen of Heaven, rejoice, for he whom you did merit*



portá-re, al-le-lú-ia, re-surréxit sic-ut di-xit, al-le-lú-ia; o-ra pro  
*to bear, has risen, as he said; pray for*



nobis De-um, al-le-lú-ia.  
*us to God.*

### ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Komm Heiliger geist, herre Gott (BWV 651)

*Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)*

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