The Sodality of St. Edmund, King and Martyr

(A Catholic Community in the Diocese of Hamilton)



December 30, 2018

Evensong

for the Feast of

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Background:

Our goal, as a Catholic Community, is to join the North American Ordinariate once we are established!

On November 4, 2009, Pope Benedict XVI promulgated the **Apostolic Constitution**, *Anglicanorum coetibus*, and thereby formally responded to requests of many who embraced an Anglican patrimony to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church within the Latin Rite.

Pope Benedict established three Ordinariates:

The Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham (England, Wales, and Scotland)

The Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter (USA, and Canada) **The Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross** (Australia, and Japan)

Members of a personal ordinariate are full members of the Roman Catholic Church with all the rights, privileges and obligations of any other Catholic.

Here in the Diocese of Hamilton, Bishop Douglas Crosby formally received members of The Sodality of St. Edmund into the full communion of the Church on January 1, 2012.

Evensong (Evening Prayer) is one of the gifts of the Anglican patrimony that has been approved by the Holy See. We follow the guidelines of the North American Ordinariate:

- 1) Evensong is from the 1962 Canadian Book of Common Prayer,
- 2) the lessons are from the King James Version of the Bible, and
- 3) the hymns, and settings are from the 1938 Book of Common Praise.

We, initially, intend to have Evensong, monthly, on the last Sunday of the month.

After Evensong, please join us in the Parish Hall for a social time.

For more information, questions, comments, please email us at: **StEdmund@pwi-insurance.ca**

Thanks to Father Toby Collins CR, the Pastor of St. Mary Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows, for allowing us the use of his church.

All stand for the Hymn

Opening Hymn - Unto us a boy is born! (PUER NOBIS NASCITUR) #738

Sentence from Holy Scripture

The Officiant says, all remain standing

Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. St. Luke 2, 10, 11.

The Exhortation

The Officiant continues

DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy.

And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul.

Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace.

All kneel

A general Confession

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, (*all*) We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, We have offended against thy holy laws, We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them all that are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Officiant says

GRANT, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace; that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The People shall answer here, and at the end of all other prayers:

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

OUR Father (*all*) 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 daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

Officiant. + O Lord, open thou our lips;

People. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant. + O God, make speed to save us;

People. O Lord, make haste to help us.

All stand

Officiant. GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

People. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Officiant. Praise ye the Lord;

People. The Lord's Name be praised.

The Psalm

The Psalm is said responsorially, <u>all sitting</u>, with the Officiant saying the first verse and the People saying the second verse, and so on. It is appropriate to bow, while sitting, at the **Gloria Patri**.

Psalm 34

Benedicam Domino.

Officiant. I WILL alway give thanks unto the LORD; / his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

People. My soul shall make her boast in the LORD; / the humble shall hear thereof and be glad.

O. O praise the LORD with me, / and let us magnify his Name together.

P. I sought the LORD, and he heard me; / yea, he delivered me out of all my fears.

O. O look unto him and be lightened; / and your faces shall not be ashamed.

P. This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him; / yea, and saved him out of all his troubles.

O. The angel of the LORD tarrieth round about them that fear him, / and delivereth them.

P. O taste and see how gracious the LORD is: / blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

O. O fear the LORD, ye that are his saints; / for they that fear him lack nothing.

P. The lions do lack, and suffer hunger; / but they who seek the LORD shall want no manner of thing that is good.

O. COME, ye children, and hearken unto me; / I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

P. What man is he that desireth to live, / and would fain see good days?

O. Keep thy tongue from evil, / and thy lips, that they speak no guile.

P. Depart from evil, and do good; / seek peace, and pursue it.

O. The eyes of the LORD are over the righteous, / and his ears are open unto their prayers.

P. The countenance of the LORD is against them that do evil, / to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

O. The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth them, / and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

P. The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart, / and will save such as be of an humble spirit.

O. Great are the troubles of the righteous; / but the LORD delivereth him out of all.

P. He keepeth all his bones, / so that not one of them is broken.

O. But misfortune shall slay the ungodly; / and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.

P. The LORD delivereth the souls of his servants; / and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.

Officiant. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, / and to the Holy Ghost;

People. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, / world without end. Amen.

The First Lesson

The People remain seated for the First Lesson

The First Lesson is written in The Book of the Prophet Isaiah, the 12th chapter, beginning at the 1st verse:

And in that day thou shalt say, O LORD, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me.

Behold, God *is* my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH *is* my strength and *my* song; he also is become my salvation.

Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.

And in that day shall ye say, Praise the LORD, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted.

Sing unto the LORD; for he hath done excellent things: this *is* known in all the earth.

Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great *is* the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

Here endeth the First Lesson.

Magnificat (The Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary) St Luke 1. 46



Sung by all, standing

+ MY soul doth ' magnify • the ' LORD : and my spirit hath re- ' joiced • in ' God my ' Saviour.

For 'he hath • re- 'garded : the 'lowli-ness 'of his 'hand-maiden.

For be- 'hold from 'henceforth : all gene- 'rations • shall 'call me ' blessèd.

For he that is mighty hath ' magni- • fied ' me : and ' holy ' is his ' Name.

And his mercy is on ' them that ' fear him : throughout 'all ' gene-' rations.

He hath showed ' strength • with his ' arm : he hath scattered the proud in the imagi- ' nation ' of their ' hearts.

He hath put down the mighty ' from their ' seat : and hath ex- ' alted • the humble • and ' meek.

He hath filled the 'hungry • with 'good things : and the rich he 'hath sent 'empty • a- 'way.

He re- 'membering • his 'mercy : hath 'holpen • his 'servant 'Israel;

As he promised ' to our ' forefathers : Abraham ' and his ' seed for ' ever.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Second Lesson

The People sit for the Second Lesson

The Second Lesson is written in The Epistle of St. Paul the Apostle to the Philippians, the 2nd chapter, beginning at the 1st verse:

If *there be* therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,

Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind.

Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth;

And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

Nunc Dimittis (The Song of Simeon) St Luke 2. 29



Sung by all, standing

+ LORD, now lettest thou thy servant de- ' part in ' peace : ac- ' cording ' to thy 'word.

For mine eyes have ' seen thy • sal- 'vation : which thou hast prepared be- ' fore the ' face of • all ' people;

To be a light to ' lighten • the ' Gentiles : and to be the ' glory of • thy ' people ' Israel.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Confession of the Faith (called the Apostles' Creed)

Said by all, standing

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, (*all*) Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the + Life everlasting. Amen.

All kneel

Officiant. O Lord hear our prayer;

People. And let our cry come unto thee.

Officiant. Let us pray.

Lesser Litany

Officiant. Lord, have mercy upon us.

People. Christ, have mercy upon us.

Officiant. Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer

OUR Father (*all*) 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 daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

All remain kneeling

Suffrages

Officiant. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

People. And grant us thy salvation.

Officiant. O Lord, save the Queen;

People. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Officiant. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

People. And make thy chosen people joyful.

Officiant. O Lord, save thy people;

People. And bless thine inheritance.

Officiant. Give peace in our time, O Lord;

People. And evermore mightily defend us.

Officiant. O God, make clean our hearts within us;

People. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Collects

The Officiant says

The Collect of the Day – The Holy Family

O LORD Jesus Christ, who by thy wondrous holiness didst adorn a human home, and by the subjection to Mary and Joseph didst consecrate the order of earthly families: grant that we, being enlightened by the example of their life with thee in thy Holy Family, and assisted by their prayers, may at last be joined with them in thine eternal fellowship; who livest and reignest with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen*.

The Second Collect, for Peace

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

The Third Collect, for Aid against all Perils

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

All stand for the Hymn

Hymn - Sing of Mary, pure and lowly (HYMN TO JOY) #807

A Prayer for the Queen and the Commonwealth

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless our Sovereign Lady, Queen *ELIZABETH*, the Parliaments of the Commonwealth, and all who are set in authority under her; that they may order all things in wisdom, righteousness, and peace, to the honour of thy holy Name, and the good of thy Church and people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Clergy and People

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift: Send down upon our Bishops and Clergy, and all Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For the Recovery of a Sick Person

ALMIGHTY and immortal God, the giver of life and health: We beseech thee to hear our prayers for thy servants *Jeff* and *Raymond*, for whom we implore thy mercy, that by thy blessing upon them and upon those who minister to them of thy healing gifts, they may be restored, according to thy gracious will, to health of body and mind, and give thanks to thee in thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Other prayers and thanksgivings, for specific causes, may be added here.

A Prayer of Saint Chrysostom

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

The Grace

2 Corinthians 13.14

+ THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

All stand for the Hymn

Closing Hymn - Once in royal David's city (IRBY)

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A few words about to-day's Feast:

The **Feast of the Holy Family** was instituted by Pope Leo XIII in 1893. Formal devotion to the Holy Family can be traced back to 17th century Québec when the first bishop of New France: Blessed François de Laval expanded the role of the Confraternity of the Holy Family, an association with roots going back to the very founding of Montréal. Beginning at paragraph #1655, the Catechism of the Catholic Church says this of the Holy Family and the Church:

"Christ chose to be born and grow up in the bosom of the holy family of Joseph and Mary. The Church is nothing other than 'the family of God.' From the beginning, the core of the Church was often constituted by those who had become believers 'together with all their household' Acts 11:14. When they were converted, they desired that 'their whole household' Acts 16:15,31 should also be saved. These families who became believers were islands of Christian life in an unbelieving world. In our own time, in a world often alien and even hostile to faith, believing families are of primary importance as centers of living, radiant faith. For this reason the Second Vatican Council, using an ancient expression, calls the family the Ecclesia Domestica (the Domestic Church)."

The Sodality of St. Edmund, King and Martyr is incorporated in the Province of Ontario, and is a Registered Canadian Charity.