

The Sodality of St. Edmund, King and Martyr

(A Catholic Community in the Diocese of Hamilton)



Evensong
(Vespers / Compline)

January 30, 2022

The Fourth Sunday after The Epiphany

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.

The Pope established 3 Personal 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.

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 - Evensong in accordance with:

- 1) the 1962 Canadian Book of Common Prayer,
- 2) the lessons from the King James Version of the Bible,
- 3) the hymns, and settings from the 1938 Book of Common Praise, and
- 4) the settings for the psalms from The Canadian Psalter, Plainsong Edition.

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

A bit of history:

1) Old English speakers translated the Latin word *vesperas* as *aefensang*, which became 'evensong' in modern English.

2) Evensong (as in the Book of Common Prayer) was created in the mid 16th century and is derived from two monastic offices, namely Vespers and Compline. Vespers would have been (and still is) sung at sunset and includes the *Magnificat*, and Compline would have been (and still is) sung at the end of the day, and includes the *Nunc Dimittis*.

All stand for the Hymn

WORSIP the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
Gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
Bring, and adore him; the LORD is his Name!

Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness;
High on his heart he will bear it for thee,
Comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
Guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

Fear not to enter his courts, in the slenderness
Of the poor wealth thou canst reckon as thine;
Truth in its beauty and love in its tenderness,
These are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
He will accept for the Name that is dear,
Mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
Trust for our trembling, and hope for our fear.

Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
Gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
Bring, and adore him; the LORD is his Name!

Sentence from Holy Scripture

The Officiant says, all remain standing

The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD,
as the waters cover the sea. *Habakkuk 2. 14.*

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, unless a Priest is present

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 Priest, standing, says

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live, hath given power and commandment to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins.

He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel.

Wherefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; 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 Psalms

All sit. It is appropriate to bow, while sitting, at the Gloria Patri.

Psalm 8

Domine, Dominus noster.

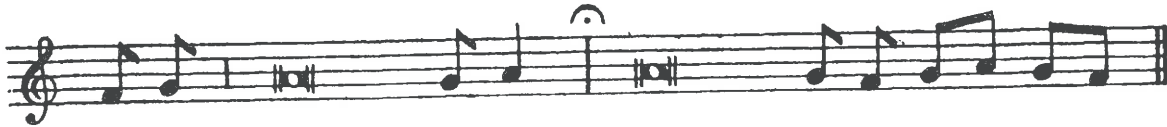


- 1 O LORD our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the **world** : thou that hast set thy glory a**-bove** the hea-vens!
- 2 Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength, because of thine **en-e-mies** : that thou mightest still the enemy and **the** a-veng-er.
- 3 When I consider thy heavens, even the work of thy **fin**-gers : the moon and the stars, which thou **hast** or-dain-ed;
- 4 What is man, that thou art mindful of **him** : and the son of man, that thou **vi**-si-test him?
- 5 Thou hast made him but little lower than the **an**-gels : and dost crown him with glo-ry and wor-ship.
- 6 Thou makest him to have dominion over the works of thy **hands** : and thou hast put all things in subjection **un**-der his feet;
- 7 All sheep and **ox**-en : yea, and the **beasts** of the field;
- 8 The birds of the air, and the fishes of the **sea** : and whatsoever moveth through the **paths** of the seas.
- 9 O Lord our **Go**-vern^{or} : how excellent is thy **Name** in all the[^]world!
Glory be to the Father, and to the **Son** : and **to** the Ho-ly[^]Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall** be : world with-out end.
A-men.

Psalm 84

Quam dilecta!

I. 2.



- 1 O HOW lovely are thy **dwel**-lings : (-) thou Lörd of^hösts!
- 2 My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of **the** Lord : my heart and my flesh rejoice **in** the li-ving Göd.
- 3 Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay **her** young : even thine altars, O Lord of hosts, my **King** and mÿ Göd.
- 4 Blessed are they that dwell in **thy** house : they will be **al**-way präis-ing^hthée.
- 5 Blessed are the men whose strength is **in** thee : in whose heart **are** the pil-grim^{wä}ys;
- 6 Who going through the Vale of Misery use it for **a** well : yea, the early rain covereth **it** with blëss-ings.
- 7 They go from strength **to** strength : and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of **them** in Sï-on.
- 8 O Lord God of hosts, hear **my** prayer : hearken, O **God** of Jä-cöb.
- 9 Behold, O God, **our** shield : and look upon the face of **thine** an-oïnt-éd.
- 10 For one day in **thy** courts : is better **than** a thöu-sänd.
- 11 I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of **my** God : than to dwell in the tents **of** un-göd-liⁿëss.
- 12 For the Lord God is a light and defënce; the Lord will give grace and **glo**-ry : and no good thing shall he withhold from them that **lead** a göd-ly^hlife.
- 13 O Lord God **of** hosts : blessed is the man that put-**teth** his trüest in^hthée.
Glory be to the Father, and to **the** Son : and **to** the Hö-ly^hGhöst;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall** be : world with-**out** end.
Ä-mën.

The First Lesson

The People remain seated for the First Lesson

The First Lesson is written in the 5th chapter of Micah, beginning at the 2nd verse:

But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, *though* thou be little among the thousands of Judah, *yet* out of thee shall he come forth unto me *that is* to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth *have been* from of old, from everlasting.

Therefore will he give them up, until the time *that* she which travaileth hath brought forth: then the remnant of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God; and they shall abide: for now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth.

And this *man* shall be the peace, when the Assyrian shall come into our land: and when he shall tread in our palaces, then shall we raise against him seven shepherds, and eight principal men.

And they shall waste the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod in the entrances thereof: thus shall he deliver *us* from the Assyrian, when he cometh into our land, and when he treadeth within our borders.

And the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many people as a dew from the LORD, as the showers upon the grass, that tarrieth not for man, nor waiteth for the sons of men.

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. ' A- ' men.

The Second Lesson

The People sit for the Second Lesson

The Second Lesson is written in the 10th chapter of The Gospel according to St. John, beginning at the 1st verse:

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.

And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.

And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.

This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them.

Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.

All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.

I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly.

I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.

The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd, and know my *sheep*, and am known of mine.

As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.

And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, *and* one shepherd.

Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again.

No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my 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-¹ part in¹ peace :
ac-¹ cording¹ to thy¹ word.

For mine eyes have¹ seen thy • sal-¹ vation : which thou hast
prepared be-¹ fore the¹ face of • all¹ people;

To be a light to¹ lighten • the¹ Gentiles : and to be the¹ glory of • thy¹
people¹ Israel.

GLORY be to the Father, and¹ to the¹ Son : and¹ to the¹ Holy¹ Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and¹ ever¹ shall be : world without
¹ end. ¹ A-¹ men.

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

O GOD, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, 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

SONGS of thankfulness and praise,
JESU, LORD, to thee we raise,
Manifested by the star
To the sages from afar;
Branch of royal David's stem
In thy birth at Bethlehem;
Anthems be to thee address,
GOD in Man made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
And at Cana wedding-guest
In thy Godhead manifest;
Manifest in power divine,
Changing water in to wine;
Anthems be to thee address,
GOD in Man made manifest.

Manifest in making whole
Palsied limbs and fainting soul;
Manifest in valiant fight,
Quelling all the devil's might;
Manifest in gracious will,
Ever bringing good from ill;
Anthems be to thee address,
GOD in Man made manifest.

Sun and moon shall darkened be,
Stars shall fall, the heavens shall flee;
CHRIST will then like lightning shine,
All will see his glorious sign;
All will then the trumpet hear,
All will see the Judge appear;
Thou by all wilt be confest,
GOD in Man made manifest.

Grant us grace to see thee, LORD,
Mirrored in thy holy Word;
May we imitate thee now,
And be pure, as pure art thou;
That we like to thee may be
At thy great Epiphany;
And may praise thee, ever blest,
GOD in Man made manifest.

All kneel, the Officiant says

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.*

A Prayer for all Conditions of men.

O GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for the good estate of the Catholic Church; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those, who are any ways afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ his sake. *Amen.*

For Pastoral Charge

ALMIGHTY God, who knowest the needs of thy Church in every place: Look graciously at this time upon the people of this community; and give them a faithful Pastor, who shall feed thy flock according to thy will, and make ready a people acceptable unto thee; 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

THY kingdom come, O GOD,
Thy rule, O CHRIST, begin;
Break with thine iron rod
The tyrannies of sin.

Where is thy reign of peace,
And purity, and love?
When shall all hatred cease,
As in the realms above?

When comes the promised time
That war shall be no more,
And lust, oppression, crime
Shall flee thy face before?

We pray thee, LORD, arise
And come in thy great might;
Revive our longing eyes,
Which languish for thy sight.

Men scorn thy sacred Name,
And wolves devour thy fold;
By many deeds of shame
We learn that love grow cold.

O'er heathen lands afar
Thick darkness broodeth yet;
Arise, O morning Star,
Arise, and never set.



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