

The Sodality of St. Edmund, King and Martyr

(A Catholic Community in the Diocese of Hamilton)



Evensong
(Vespers / Compline)

March 27, 2022

The Fourth Sunday in Lent
(Laetare Sunday)

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*.

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All stand for the Hymn

SINFUL, sighing to be blest;
Bound, and longing to be free;
Weary, waiting for my rest:
GOD be merciful to me.

(#106) *Tune - ST. BEES*

Goodness I have none to plead,
Sinfulness in all I see,
I can only bring my need:
GOD be merciful to me.

Broken heart and downcast eyes
Dare not lift themselves to thee;
Yet thou canst interpret sighs:
GOD be merciful to me.

From this sinful heart of mine
To thy bosom I would flee:
I am not mine own, but thine:
GOD be merciful to me.

There is One beside the throne,
And my only hope and plea
Are in him, and him alone:
GOD be merciful to me.

He my cause will undertake,
My Interpreter will be;
He's my all; and for his sake
GOD be merciful to me.

Sentence from Holy Scripture

The Officiant says, all remain standing

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

Psalm 51. 17.

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 19

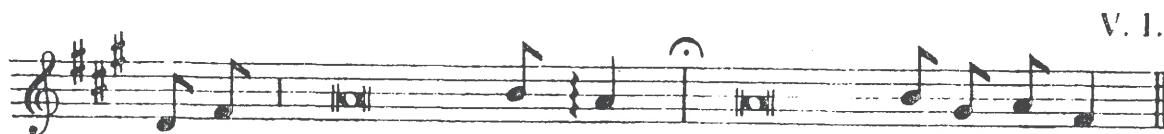
Caeli enarrant.

III. 4.



- 1 THE HEA-vens declare the **glo-ry** of God : and the firmament showeth **his** han-dy[^]work.
- 2 One day tell-**eth** an-oth-er : and one night certifieth **an-o**-ther.
- 3 There is neither **speech** nor lan-guage : their voice can-**not** be heard;
- 4 Yet their sound is gone out **in**-to all lands : and their words into the ends **of** the world.
- 5 In them hath he set a taber-**na**-cle[^]for the sun : which cometh forth as a bride-groom out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant **to** run his[^]course.
- 6 It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, and runneth about unto the **end** of[^]it a-gain : and there is nothing hid from **the** heat there[^]of.
- 7 The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, **re-stor**-ing the soul : the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom unto **the** sim-ple.
- 8 The precepts of the Lord are right, **and** re[^]joice the heart : the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light un-**to** the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean, and endur-**eth** for ev-er : the judgements of the Lord are true, and righteous al-**to**-ge-ther.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, **yea**, than[^]much fine gold : sweeter also than honey, and **the** hon-ey[^]comb.
- 11 Moreover, by them **is** thy[^]ser-vant taught : and in keeping of them there **is** great re[^]ward.
- 12 Who can tell how oft **he** of-fend-eth? : O cleanse thou me from **my** se-cret[^]faults.
- 13 Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the do-**min**-ion[^]o-ver me : so shall I be undefiled and innocent from **the** great of-fence.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be alway ac-**cept**-a[^]ble[^]in thy sight : O Lord, my strength and my **re**-deem-er.
Glory be to the Father, **and** to the Son : and to **the** Ho-ly[^]Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and **ev**-er shall be : world without **end**.
A-men.

Psalm 46
Deus noster refugium.



- 1 GOD IS our hope and **strength** : a very present **help** in trou-ble.
- 2 Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be **chang**-ed : and though the hills be carried into the **midst** of the sea;
- 3 Though the waters thereof rage and **swell** : and though the mountains shake at the **tem**-pest of the^same.
- 4 The Lord of hosts is **with** us : the God of Jacob **is** our re-fuge.
- 5 There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the city of **God** : the holy place of the tabernacle **of** the Most High.
- 6 God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be **mov**-ed : God shall help her, and **that** right ear-ly.
- 7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are **mov**-ed : but God uttereth his voice, and the **earth** doth melt a^way.
- 8 The Lord of hosts is **with** us : the God of Jacob **is** our re-fuge.
- 9 O come hither, and behold the works of the **Lord** : what wonders he hath **wrought** up-on the^earth.
- 10 He maketh wars to cease in all the **world** : he breaketh the bow, and snappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the **cha**-ri^ots in the^fire.
- 11 Be still then, and know that I am **God** : I will be exalted among the nations, and I will be **ex-alt**-ed in the^earth.
- 12 The Lord of hosts is **with** us : the God of Jacob **is** our re-fuge.
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.

The First Lesson

The People remain seated for the First Lesson

The First Lesson is written in the 45th chapter of the First Book of Moses, called Genesis, beginning at the 16th verse:

And the fame thereof was heard in Pharaoh's house, saying, Joseph's brethren are come: and it pleased Pharaoh well, and his servants.

And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Say unto thy brethren, This do ye; lade your beasts, and go, get you unto the land of Canaan;

And take your father and your households, and come unto me: and I will give you the good of the land of Egypt, and ye shall eat the fat of the land.

Now thou art commanded, this do ye; take you wagons out of the land of Egypt for your little ones, and for your wives, and bring your father, and come.

Also regard not your stuff; for the good of all the land of Egypt *is* yours.

And the children of Israel did so: and Joseph gave them wagons, according to the commandment of Pharaoh, and gave them provision for the way.

To all of them he gave each man changes of raiment; but to Benjamin he gave three hundred *pieces* of silver, and five changes of raiment.

And to his father he sent after this *manner*, ten asses laden with the good things of Egypt, and ten she asses laden with corn and bread and meat for his father by the way.

So he sent his brethren away, and they departed: and he said unto them, See that ye fall not out by the way.

And they went up out of Egypt, and came into the land of Canaan unto Jacob their father,

And told him, saying, Joseph *is* yet alive, and he *is* governor over all the land of Egypt. And Jacob's heart fainted, for he believed them not.

And they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said unto them: and when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived:

And Israel said, *It is enough*; Joseph my son *is* yet alive: I will go and see him before I die.

And Israel took his journey with all that he had, and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices unto the God of his father Isaac.

And God spake unto Israel in the visions of the night, and said, Jacob, Jacob. And he said, Here *am* I.

And he said, I *am* God, the God of thy father: fear not to go down into Egypt; for I will there make of thee a great nation:

I will go down with thee into Egypt; and I will also surely bring thee up *again*: and Joseph shall put his hand upon thine eyes.

And Jacob rose up from Beersheba: and the sons of Israel carried Jacob their father, and their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons which Pharaoh had sent to carry him.

And they took their cattle, and their goods, which they had gotten in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt, Jacob, and all his seed with him:

His sons, and his sons' sons with him, his daughters, and his sons' daughters, and all his seed brought he with him into Egypt.

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 23rd chapter of The Gospel according to St. Luke, beginning at the 1st verse:

And the whole multitude of them arose, and led him unto Pilate.

And they began to accuse him, saying, We found this *fellow* perverting the nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Caesar, saying that he himself is Christ a King.

And Pilate asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And he answered him and said, Thou sayest *it*.

Then said Pilate to the chief priests and to the people, I find no fault in this man.

And they were the more fierce, saying, He stirreth up the people, teaching throughout all Jewry, beginning from Galilee to this place.

When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked whether the man were a Galilaean.

And as soon as he knew that he belonged unto Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who himself also was at Jerusalem at that time.

And when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceeding glad: for he was desirous to see him of a long *season*, because he had heard many things of him; and he hoped to have seen some miracle done by him.

Then he questioned with him in many words; but he answered him nothing.

And the chief priests and scribes stood and vehemently accused him.

And Herod with his men of war set him at nought, and mocked *him*, and arrayed him in a gorgeous robe, and sent him again to Pilate.

And the same day Pilate and Herod were made friends together: for before they were at enmity between themselves.

And Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people,

Said unto them, Ye have brought this man unto me, as one that perverteth the people: and, behold, I, having examined *him* before you, have found no fault in this man touching those things whereof ye accuse him:

No, nor yet Herod: for I sent you to him; and, lo, nothing worthy of death is done unto him.

I will therefore chastise him, and release *him*.

(For of necessity he must release one unto them at the feast.)

And they cried out all at once, saying, Away with this *man*, and release unto us Barabbas:

(Who for a certain sedition made in the city, and for murder, was cast into prison.)

Pilate therefore, willing to release Jesus, spake again to them.

But they cried, saying, Crucify *him*, crucify him.

And he said unto them the third time, Why, what evil hath he done? I have found no cause of death in him: I will therefore chastise him, and let *him* go.

And they were instant with loud voices, requiring that he might be crucified. And the voices of them and of the chief priests prevailed.

And Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they required.

And he released unto them him that for sedition and murder was cast into prison, whom they had desired; but he delivered Jesus to their will.

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

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 have ¹ seen thy • sal- ¹ vation : which thou hast
prepared be- ¹ fore the ¹ face of • all ¹ people;

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

GLORY be to the Father, and ¹ to the ¹ Son : and ¹ to the ¹ Holy ¹ Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ' ever ' shall be : world without
' end. ' A- ' 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

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God: that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace, may mercifully be relieved; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, 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

SING of Mary, pure and lowly,
Virgin-Mother undefiled.
Sing of GOD's own SON most holy,
Who became her little child.
Fairest child of fairest Mother,
GOD the LORD who came to earth,
Word made Flesh, our very Brother,
Takes our nature by his birth.

(#807 - 1,2,5) Tune - HYMN TO JOY

Sing of JESUS, Son of Mary,
In the home at Nazareth.
Toil and labour cannot weary
Love enduring unto death.
Constant was the love he gave her,
Though it drove him from her side,
Forth to preach, and heal, and suffer,
Till on Calvary he died.

Glory be to GOD the FATHER;
Glory be to GOD the SON;
Glory be to GOD the SPIRIT;
Glory to the THREE in ONE.
From the heart of blessed Mary,
From all saints the song ascends,
And the Church the strain re-echoes
Unto earth's remotest ends.

Amen.

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

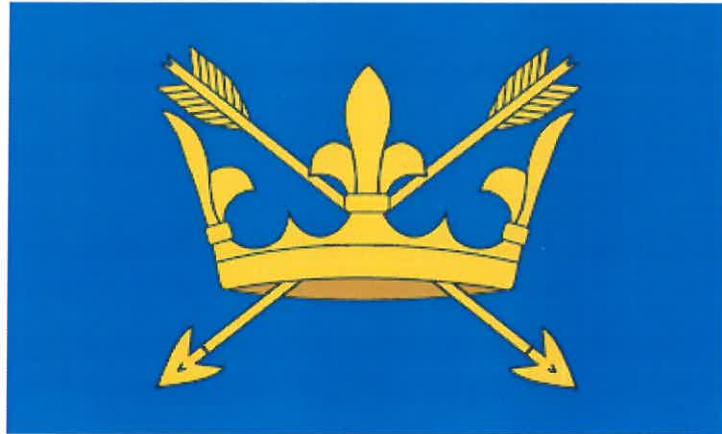
O JESUS, I have promised
To serve thee to the end;
Be thou for ever near me,
My Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
If thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If thou wilt be my Guide.

(#572) Tune - AURELIA

O let me feel thee near me:
The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
The tempting sounds I hear;
My foes are ever near me,
Around me and within;
But, JESUS, draw thou nearer,
And shield my soul from sin.

O JESUS, thou hast promised
To all who follow thee,
That where thou art in glory
There shall thy servant be;
And, JESUS, I have promised
To serve thee to the end!
O give me grace to follow,
My Master and my Friend.

O let me see thy footmarks,
And in them plant mine own:
My hope to follow duly
Is in thy strength alone.
O guide me, call me, draw me,
Uphold me to the end;
And then in heaven receive me,
My SAVIOUR and my Friend.



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