

The Sodality of St. Edmund, King and Martyr

(A Catholic Community in the Diocese of Hamilton)



Evensong

(Evening Prayer - Vespers / Compline)

April 24, 2022

The Second Sunday of Easter

(Divine Mercy 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, 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 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*.

For information about The Sodality: visit our website – www.stedmund.ca, or email us – info@stedmund.ca

All stand for the Hymn

The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it our abroad;
The Passover of gladness,
The Passover of GOD!
From death to life eternal,
From earth unto the sky,
Our CHRIST hath brought us over
With hymns of victory.

(#164) Tune - LANCASTER

Our hearts be pure from evil,
That we may see aright
The LORD in rays eternal
Of resurrection light;
And, listening to his accents,
May hear so calm and plain
His own 'All Hail', and, hearing,
May raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful,
Let earth her song begin,
The round world keep high triumph,
And all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen
Their notes of gladness blend,
For CHRIST the LORD is risen,
Our Joy that hath no end.

Sentence from Holy Scripture

The Officiant says, all remain standing

This is the day which the Lord hath made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

The Exhortation

The Officiant continues

DEARLY beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, 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, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

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;
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent;
according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus 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.

If a Priest is present he says

May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit.

Amen.

All stand and sign the Sign of the Cross on their lips with the right thumb.

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.

Officiant and People. 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.

Officiant. Praise ye the Lord;

People. The Lord's Name be praised.

Officiant and People. Alleluia.

The Psalms

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

Psalm 111

Confitebor tibi.

VIII. 2.



- 1 I WILL give thanks unto the Lord with my whole **heart** : in the council of the faithful and in the **con-gre-ga-tion**.
 - 2 The works of the Lord are **great** : sought out of all them that have **plea-sure** there-in.
 - 3 His work is worthy to be praised and had in **hon-our** : and his righteousness endur-**eth** for ev-er.
 - 4 The merciful and gracious Lord hath so done his marvellous **works** : that they ought to be had **in** re-mem-brance.
 - 5 He hath given meat unto them that **fear** him : he shall ever be mindful **of** his co-veⁿant.
 - 6 He hath showed his people the power of his **works** : in giving them the heritage **of** the na-tions.
 - 7 The works of his hands are verity and **judge-ment** : all his **pre-cepts** are sure;
 - 8 They stand fast for ever and **ev-er** : and are done in **truth** and e-qui^{ty}.
 - 9 He sent redemption unto his **peo-ple** : he hath commanded his covenant for ever; holy and rever-**end** is his Name.
 - 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of **wis-dom** : a good understanding have all they that do thereafter; his praise endur-**eth** for ev-er.
- 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 with-**out** end.
- A-men.

Beatus vir.

- Glory be to the **Fa**-ther, and to the Son : and **to** the Hö-ly Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and **ev**-er shall be : world with-**out** end.
Ä-men.

Psalm 113

Laudate, pueri



- 1 PRAISE THE Lord, ye **ser**-vants : O praise the **Name** of the Lörd.
- 2 Blessed be the Name of the **Lord** : from this time **forth** for ev^{er}-möre.
- 3 The Lord's Name is to be **prais**-ed : from the rising up of the sun unto the going **down** of the säme.
- 4 The Lord is high above all **na**-tions : and his glory a-**bove** the hea-vëns.
- 5 Who is like unto the Lord our **God** : that hath his **dwell**-ing so hïgh,
- 6 And yet humbleth himself to be-**hold** : the things that are in **hea**-ven and eärth?
- 7 He taketh up the poor out of the **dust** : and lifteth the needy **out** of the mïre;
- 8 That he may set him with the **prin**-ces : even with the princes **of** his peo-plë.
- 9 He maketh the barren woman to keep **house** : and to be a joyful mo-**ther** of chil-drën.
- Glory be to the Father, and to the **Son** : and **to** the Ho^{ly} Ghöst;
- As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall** be : world with-**out** end.
- A-mën.

The First Lesson

The People remain seated for the First Lesson

The First Lesson is written in The First Book of the Kings, chapter 17, beginning at the 8th verse:

Then the word of the LORD came to him,

"Arise, go to Zar'ephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you."

So he arose and went to Zar'ephath; and when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks; and he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink."

And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand."

And she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a cruse; and now, I am gathering a couple of sticks, that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die."

And Eli'jah said to her, "Fear not; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make for yourself and your son.

For thus says the LORD the God of Israel, 'The jar of meal shall not be spent, and the pitcher of oil shall not fail, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.'"

And she went and did as Eli'jah said; and she, and he, and her household ate for many days.

The jar of meal was not spent, neither did the pitcher of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD which he spoke by Eli'jah.

After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill; and his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him.

And she said to Eli'jah, "What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to cause the death of my son!"

And he said to her, "Give me your son." And he took him from her bosom, and carried him up into the upper chamber, where he lodged, and laid him upon his own bed.

And he cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, hast thou brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son?"

Then he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, let this child's soul come into him again."

And the LORD listened to the voice of Eli'jah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived.

And Eli'jah took the child, and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house, and delivered him to his mother; and Eli'jah said, "See, your son lives."

And the woman said to Eli'jah, "Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth."

Here endeth the First Lesson

Magnificat

St Luke 1. 46



Sung by all, standing

+ MY soul doth ¹ magnify • the ¹ LORD : and my spirit hath re-¹joiced •
in ¹ God my ¹ Saviour.

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

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

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 ¹ from their ¹ seat : and hath ex- ¹alted •
the humble • and ¹ meek.

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

He re-¹membering • his¹ mercy : hath¹ holpen • his¹ servant¹ Israel;

As he promised ¹ to our ¹ forefathers : Abraham ¹ and his ¹ seed for ¹ 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 24th chapter of The Gospel according to Luke, beginning at the 36th verse:

As they were saying this, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you."

But they were startled and frightened, and supposed that they saw a spirit.

And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do questionings rise in your hearts?

See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself; handle me, and see; for a spirit has not flesh and bones as you see that I have."

And when he had said this he showed them his hands and his feet.

And while they still disbelieved for joy, and wondered, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?"

They gave him a piece of broiled fish,
and he took it and ate before them.

Then he said to them, "These are my words which I spoke to you, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and the psalms must be fulfilled."

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,

and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,

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.

Officiant and People.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

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. Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

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

ALMIGHTY Father, who hast given thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness; that we may always serve thee in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of the same 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 all 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. *Amen.*

All stand for the Hymn

YE choirs of new Jerusalem,
Your sweetest notes employ,
The Paschal victory to hymn
In strains of holy joy.

(#169) *Tune – ST. FULBERT*

For Judah's Lion bursts his chains,
Crushing the serpent's head;
And cries aloud through death's domains
To wake the imprisoned dead.

Devouring depths of hell their prey
At his command restore;
His ransomed hosts pursue their way
Where JESUS goes before.

Triumphant in his glory now
To him all power is given;
To him in one communion bow
All saints in earth and heaven.

While we, his soldiers, praise our King,
His mercy we implore,
Within his palace bright to bring
And keep us evermore.

All glory to the FATHER be,
All glory to the SON,
All glory, HOLY GHOST, to thee,
While endless ages run.

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 Pope, Clergy, and People

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift: Send down upon Francis, our Pope, Douglas and Wayne our Bishops, all bishops, priests, and deacons, and upon 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

Officiant. Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

THIS is the day the LORD hath made,
He calls the hours his own;
Let heaven rejoice, let earth be glad,
And praise surround the throne.

(#51) *Tune - NATIVITY*

To-day he rose and left the dead,
And Satan's empire fell;
To-day the saints his triumph spread,
And all his wonders tell.

Hosanna to the anointed King,
To David's holy Son!
Help us, O LORD, descend and bring
Salvation from thy throne.

Hosanna in the highest strains
The Church on earth can raise;
The highest heavens in which he reigns
Shall give him nobler praise.



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