

The Sodality of St. Edmund, King and Martyr

(A Catholic Community in the Diocese of Hamilton)



Evensong

(Evening Prayer - Vespers / Compline)

May 29, 2022

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Background:

Our goal, as a Catholic Community, is to join the North American Ordinariate.

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*.

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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 the 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.

Sentence from Holy Scripture

The Officiant says, all remain standing

Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:57

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 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 Book of the Prophet Isaiah, chapter 62, beginning at the 1st verse:

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication goes forth as brightness,
and her salvation as a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
which the mouth of the LORD will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My delight is in her,
and your land Married;
for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
For as a young man marries a virgin,
so shall your sons marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.
Upon your walls, O Jerusalem,
I have set watchmen;
all the day and all the night
they shall never be silent.
You who put the LORD in remembrance,
take no rest,
and give him no rest
until he establishes Jerusalem
and makes it a praise in the earth.

The LORD has sworn by his right hand
and by his mighty arm:
“I will not again give your grain
to be food for your enemies,
and foreigners shall not drink your wine
for which you have labored;
but those who garner it shall eat it
and praise the LORD,
and those who gather it shall drink it
in the courts of my sanctuary.”
Go through, go through the gates,
prepare the way for the people;
build up, build up the highway,
clear it of stones,
lift up an ensign over the peoples.
Behold, the LORD has proclaimed
to the end of the earth:
Say to the daughter of Zion,
“Behold, your salvation comes;
behold, his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.”
And they shall be called The holy people,
The redeemed of the LORD;
and you shall be called Sought out,
a city not forsaken.

Here endeth the First Lesson

Antiphon

(Sung before and after the Magnificat, standing)

These things have I told you, that when the hour cometh: ye may remember that I told you of them, alleluia.

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.

Antiphon

These things have I told you, that when the hour cometh: ye may remember that I told you of them, alleluia.

The Second Lesson

The People sit for the Second Lesson

The Second Lesson is written in The Revelation to John, chapter 5, beginning at the 1st verse:

And I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals;

and I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?"

And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it,

and I wept much that no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it.

Then one of the elders said to me, "Weep not; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."

And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders, I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth;

and he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne.

And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and with golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints;

and they sang a new song, saying,

“Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals,
for you were slain and by your blood you ransomed men for God
from every tribe and tongue and people and nation,
and have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,
and they shall reign on earth.”

Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,

saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”

And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all therein, saying, “To him who sits upon the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might for ever and ever!”

And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

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

To be a light to ¹ lighten • the ¹ Gentiles : and to be the ¹ glory of • thy ¹ people ¹ 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. ' 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

O GOD, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: we beseech thee, leave us not comfortless; but send to us thy Holy Spirit to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same 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

GUIDE me, O thou great JEHOVAH,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
Hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more.

(#406) Tune – CWM RHONNDDA

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong Deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Bear me through the swelling current,
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.

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 the Faithful Departed

INCLINE thine ear, O Lord, unto the Prayers wherewith we humbly entrust thy mercy: that the soul of thy servant Kenneth, which thou hast bidden to depart this life, may by thee be set in the abode of peace and light, and made partaker of the eternal fellowship of thine elect; 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.*

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.*

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.*

Regina Caeli

O QUEEN of heaven, be joyful, alleluia; Because he whom so meetly thou barest, alleluia, Hath risen, as he promised, alleluia: Pray for us to the Father, alleluia

Officiant. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

People. For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who, by the Resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ didst vouchsafe to give gladness unto the world: grant we beseech thee, that we, being holpen by the Virgin Mary, his Mother, may attain unto the joys of everlasting life; through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

All stand for the Hymn

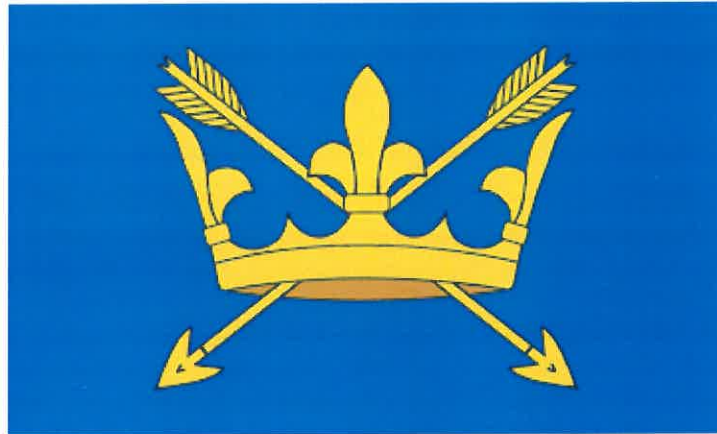
SAVIOUR, again to thy dear Name we raise
With one accord our parting hymn of praise;
We stand to bless thee ere our worship cease,
Then, lowly kneeling, wait thy word of peace.

(#41) Tune - ELLERS

Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way;
With thee began, with thee shall end the day;
Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
That in this house have called upon thy Name.

Grant us thy peace, LORD, through the coming night;
Turn thou for us its darkness into light;
From harm and danger keep thy children free,
For dark and light both alike to thee.

Grant us thy peace throughout our earthly life,
Our balm in sorrow, and our stay in strife;
Then, when thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,
Call us, O LORD, to thine eternal peace.



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