The Sodality of St. Edmund, King and Martyr

(A Catholic Community in the Diocese of Hamilton)



Evensong

(Evening Prayer - Vespers / Compline)

June 26, 2022

The Second Sunday after Trinity

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

(#360) Tune - HANOVER

O WORSHIP the King,
All glorious above;
O gratefully sing
His power and his love;
Our Shield and Defender,
The Ancient of days,
Pavilioned in splendour,
And girded with praise.

O tell of his might,
O sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light,
Whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath
The deep thunder-clouds form,
And dark is his path
On the wings of the storm.

The earth, with its store
Of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power
Hath founded of old,
Hath stablished it fast
By a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast,
Like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care
What tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air,
It shines in the light;
It streams from the hills,
It descends to the plain,
And sweetly distils
In the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust,
And feeble as frail,
In thee do we trust,
Nor find thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender,
How firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender,
Redeemer, and Friend.

O measureless Might,
Ineffable Love,
While angels delight
To hymn thee above,
The humbler creation,
Though feeble their lays,
With true adoration
Shall sing to thy praise.

Sentence from Holy Scripture

The Officiant says, all remain standing

For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, and the Word, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are One. 1 John 5:7

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.

The Psalm

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

Psalm 103

Benedic, anima mea.



- 1 PRAISE THE Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me praise his holy Name.
- 2 Praise the Lord, O my soul: and forget not all his ben-e-fits;
- 3 Who forgiveth all thy sin: and healeth all thine in-firm-icities;
- 4 Who saveth thy life from des-truc-tion: and crowneth thee with mercy and lov-ing kind-ness;
- 5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with **good** things: making thee young and lusty as an ea-gle.
- 6 The Lord executeth righteousness and judge-ment: for all them that are op-press-ed with wrong.
- 7 He showed his ways unto Mo-ses: his works unto the chil-dren of Is-ra-el.
- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and gra-cious: long-suffering, and of great good-ness.
- 9 He will not alway be chi-ding: neither keepeth he his an-ger for ev-er.
- 10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins: nor rewarded us according to our wick-ed-ness-es.
- 11 For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the **earth**: so great is his mercy also toward **them** that fear him.
- 12 Look how wide also the east is from the west: so far hath he set our sins from us.
- 13 Yea, like as a father pitieth his own chil-dren: even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him.
- 14 For he knoweth whereof we are made: he remembereth that we are but dust.
- 15 The days of man are but as grass: for he flourisheth as a flower of the field.
- 16 For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is **gone**: and the place thereof shall **know** it no more.

- 17 But the merciful goodness of the Lord endureth for ever and ever upon them that fear him: and his righteousness unto chil-dren's chil-dren;
- 18 Even unto such as keep his co-ve-nant: and think upon his command-ments to do them.
- 19 The Lord hath established his throne in hea-ven: and his kingdom ru-leth o-ver^all.
- 20 O praise the Lord, ye angels of his, ye that excel in strength: ye that fulfil his commandment, and hearken unto the voice of his word.
- 21 O praise the Lord, all ye his hosts: ye servants of his that do his plea-sure.
- 22 O speak good of the Lord, all ye works of his, in all places of his do-min-ion: praise thou the Lörd, O my soul.

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 First Book of the Kings, chapter 8, beginning at the 22nd verse:

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven;

and said, "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and showing mercy to your servants who walk before you with all their heart;

who have kept with your servant David my father what you declared to him; yes, you spoke with your mouth, and with your hand have fulfilled it this day.

Now therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep with your servant David my father what you have promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a man before me to sit upon the throne of Israel, if only your sons take heed to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.'

Now therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you have spoken to your servant David my father.

"But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you; how much less this house which I have built!

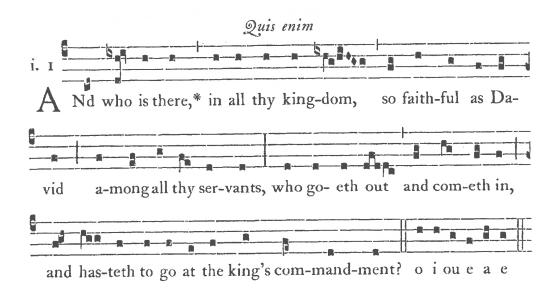
Yet have regard to the prayer of your servant and to his supplication, O LORD my God, listening to the cry and to the prayer which your servant prays before you this day;

that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you have said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may listen to the prayer which your servant offers toward this place.

And hear the supplication of your servant and of your people Israel, when they pray toward this place; yes, hear in heaven your dwelling place; and when you hear, forgive.

Here endeth the First Lesson

Antiphon (Sung before and after the Magnificat, standing)



Magnificat (The Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

St Luke 1. 46



+ 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.

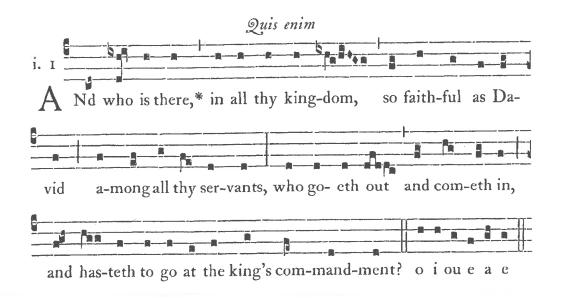
He hath filled the 'hungry • with 'good things: and the rich he hath sent 'empty • a- way.

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



The Second Lesson

The People sit for the Second Lesson

The Second Lesson is written in The Gospel according to Saint John, chapter 13, beginning at the 21st verse:

When Jesus had thus spoken, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, "Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me."

The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he spoke.

One of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was lying close to the breast of Jesus;

so Simon Peter beckoned to him and said, "Tell us who it is of whom he speaks."

So lying thus, close to the breast of Jesus, he said to him, "Lord, who is it?"

Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I shall give this morsel when I have dipped it." So when he had dipped the morsel, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot.

Then after the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "What you are going to do, do quickly."

Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him.

Some thought that, because Judas had the money box, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the feast"; or, that he should give something to the poor.

So, after receiving the morsel, he immediately went out; and it was night.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of man glorified, and in him God is glorified;

if God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and glorify him at once.

Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.'

A new commandment I give to you, that you also love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another."

By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus answered, "Where I am going, you cannot follow me now; but you shall follow afterward."

Peter said to him, "Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you."

Jesus answered, "Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly, I say to you, the cock will not crow, till you have denied me three times.

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.' 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.

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. 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 LORD, who never failest to help and govern them whom thou dost bring up in thy steadfast fear and love: keep us, we beseech thee, under the protection of thy good providence; and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy Name; 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 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

O FOR a closer walk with GOD, A calm and heavenly frame; A light to shine upon the road That lends me to the Lamb!

(#582) Tune - CAITHNESS

What peaceful hours I once enjoyed!
How sweet their memory still!
But they have left an aching void
The world can never fill.

Return, O holy Dove, return,
Sweet messenger of rest:
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
And drove thee from my breast.

The dearest idol I have known,
Whate're that idol be,
Help me to tear it from thy throne,
And worship only thee.

So shall my walk be close with GOD, Calm and serene my frame; So purer light shall mark the road That leads me to the Lamb.

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*.

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.

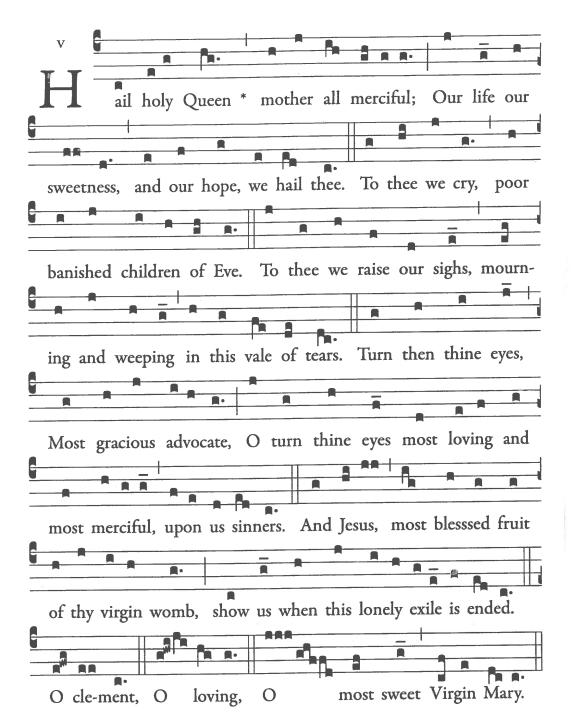
People. Thanks be to God.

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.*

Salve Regina



Officiant. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

People. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who by the co-operation of the Holy Ghost, didst prepare the body and soul of the glorious Virgin Mother Mary to become a habitation meet for thy Son: grant that as we rejoice in her commemoration, we may be delivered by her loving intercession from our present evils and from eternal death; through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

All stand for the Hymn

HE who would valiant be
'Gainst all disaster,
Let him in constancy
Follow the Master.
There's no discouragement
Shall make him once relent
His first avowed intent
To be a pilgrim.

Who so beset him round
With dismal stories,
Do but themselves confound His strength the more is.
No foes shall stay his might,
Though he with giants fight:
He will make good his right
To be a pilgrim.

Since, LORD, thou dost defend
Us with thy SPIRIT,
We know we at the end
Shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away!
I'll fear not what men say,
I'll labour night and day
To be a pilgrim.

(#427) Tune – MONKS GATE



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