

# **The Sodality of St. Edmund, King and Martyr**

**(A Catholic Community in the Diocese of Hamilton)**



## **Evensong**

**(Evening Prayer - Vespers / Compline)**

**August 28, 2022**

**The Eleventh 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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*

IMMORTAL, invisible, GOD only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.

(#401) Tune – ST. DENO

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest – to both great and small;  
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on a tree,  
And wither and perish – but nought changeth thee.

Great FATHER of Glory, pure FATHER of Light,  
Thine Angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
All laud we would render: O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

## **Sentence from Holy Scripture**

*The Officiant says, all remain standing*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

*Revelation 4:8*

## **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 34

*Benedicam Domino.*



- 1 I WILL alway give thanks unto the **Lord** : his praise shall ever **be** in my mouth.
- 2 My soul shall make her boast in the **Lord** : the humble shall hear there-**of** and be glad.
- 3 O praise the Lord with **me** : and let us magnify his **Name** to-geth-er.
- 4 I sought the Lord, and he **heard** me : yea, he delivered me **out** of all my fears.
- 5 O look unto him and be **light**-en-ed : and your faces shall not **be** a-sham-ed.
- 6 This poor man cried, and the Lord **heard** him : yea, and saved him out of **all** his trou-bles.
- 7 The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that **fear** him : and de-**liv**-er-eth them.
- 8 O taste and see how gracious the Lord **is** : blessed is the man that **trust**-eth in him.
- 9 O fear the Lord, ye that are his **saints** : for they that fear **him** lack no-thing.
- 10 The lions do lack, and suffer **hun**-ger : but they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of **thing** that is good.
- 11 Come, ye children, and hearken unto **me** : I will teach you the **fear** of the Lord.
- 12 What man is he that desireth to **live** : and would **fain** see good days?
- 13 Keep thy tongue from **e**-vil : and thy lips, **that** they speak no-guile.
- 14 Depart from e-vil, and do **good** : seek peace, **and** pur-sue it.
- 15 The eyes of the Lord are over the **righ**-teous : and his ears are open **un**-to their prayers.
- 16 The countenance of the Lord is against them that do **e**-vil : to root out the remembrance of **them** from the earth.

- 17 The righteous cry, and the Lord **hear**-eth<sup>^</sup>them : and delivereth them out of **all** their trou-bles.
- 18 The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite **heart** : and will save such as be of an **hum**-ble spi-rit.
- 19 Great are the troubles of the **righ**-teous : but the Lord delivereth **him** out of all.
- 20 He keepeth all his **bones** : so that not one of **them** is bro-ken.
- 21 But misfortune shall slay the un-**god**-ly : and they that hate the righteous **shall** be de-so<sup>^</sup>late.
- 22 The Lord delivereth the souls of his **ser**-vants : and all they that put their trust in him shall **not** be des-ti<sup>^</sup>tute.
- Glory be to the Father, and to the **Son** : and **to** the Ho-ly<sup>^</sup>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 Second Book of Kings, chapter 17, beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse:

In the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah Hoshea the son of Elah began to reign in Samaria over Israel, and he reigned nine years.

And he did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, yet not as the kings of Israel who were before him.

Against him came up Shalmaneser king of Assyria; and Hoshea became his vassal, and paid him tribute.

But the king of Assyria found treachery in Hoshea; for he had sent messengers to So, king of Egypt, and offered no tribute to the king of Assyria, as he had done year by year; therefore the king of Assyria shut him up, and bound him in prison.

Then the king of Assyria invaded all the land and came to Samaria, and for three years he besieged it.

In the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Assyria captured Samaria, and he carried the Israelites away to Assyria, and placed them in Halah, and on the Habor, the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.

And this was so, because the sons of Israel had sinned against the LORD their God, who had brought them up out of the land of Egypt from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods

and walked in the customs of the nations whom the LORD drove out before the sons of Israel, and in the customs which the kings of Israel had introduced.

And the sons of Israel did secretly against the LORD their God things that were not right. They built for themselves high places at all their towns, from watchtower to fortified city;

they set up for themselves pillars and Asherim on every high hill and under every green tree;

and there they burned incense on all the high places, as the nations did whom the LORD carried away before them. And they did wicked things, provoking the LORD to anger,

and they served idols, of which the LORD had said to them, "You shall not do this."

Yet the LORD warned Israel and Judah by every prophet and every seer, saying, "Turn from your evil ways and keep my commandments and my statutes, in accordance with all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets."

But they would not listen, but were stubborn, as their fathers had been, who did not believe in the LORD their God.

They despised his statutes, and his covenant that he made with their fathers, and the warnings which he gave them. They went after false idols, and became false, and they followed the nations that were round about them, concerning whom the LORD had commanded them that they should not do like them.



And they forsook all the commandments of the LORD their God, and made for themselves molten images of two calves; and they made an Asherah, and worshiped all the host of heaven, and served Baal.

And they burned their sons and their daughters as offerings, and used divination and sorcery, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, provoking him to anger.

Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight; none was left but the tribe of Judah only.

Judah also did not keep the commandments of the LORD their God, but walked in the customs which Israel had introduced.

And the LORD rejected all the descendants of Israel, and afflicted them, and gave them into the hand of spoilers, until he had cast them out of his sight.

When he had torn Israel from the house of David they made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king. And Jeroboam drove Israel from following the LORD and made them commit great sin.

The sons of Israel walked in all the sins which Jeroboam did; they did not depart from them,


until the LORD removed Israel out of his sight, as he had spoken by all his servants the prophets. So Israel was exiled from their own land to Assyria until this day.

Here endeth the First Lesson

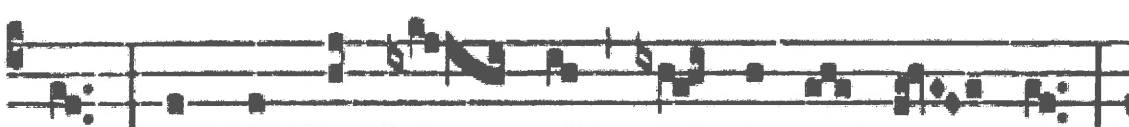
## Antiphon

*(Sung before the Magnificat, standing)*


vj.




**H** O-nour thou the Lord\* with all thy sub-




stance, and with the first-fruits of all thine in-crease:



so shall thy barns be well fil-led with boun-ti-ful plen-



ty, and thy pres-ses shall be run-ning o-ver with



new wine.

# 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.

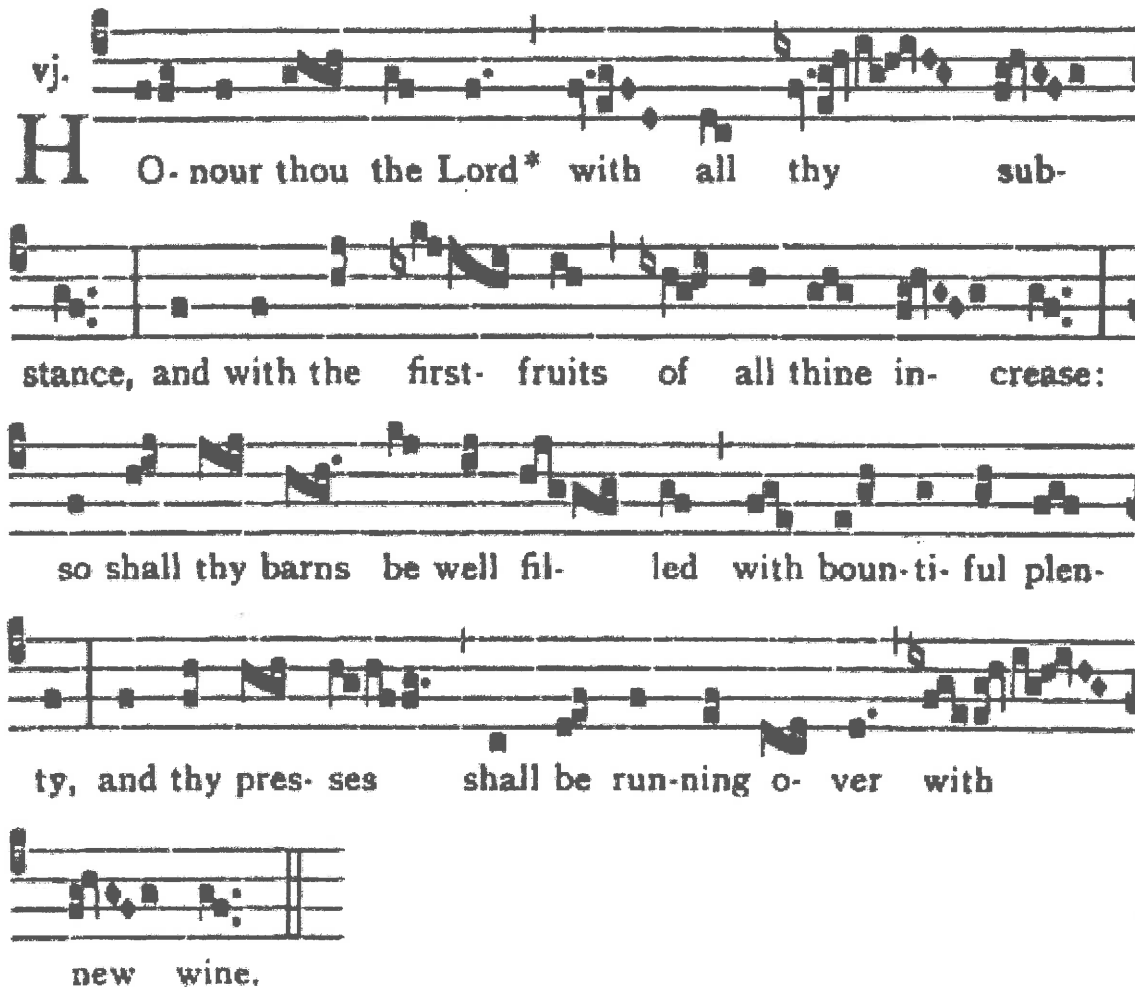
He re- ' membering • his ' mercy : hath ' holpen • his ' servant ' Israel;  
As he promised ' to our ' forefathers : Abraham ' and his ' seed for '   
ever.

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

*(Sung after the Magnificat, standing)*



The musical score is written on five staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature (C). The melody is written in a simple, folk-like style. The lyrics are written below the staves, with a large initial 'H' for the first line. The lyrics are: 'H O-nour thou the Lord\* with all thy sub- stance, and with the first-fruits of all thine in- crease: so shall thy barns be well fil- led with boun-ti- ful plen- ty, and thy pres- ses shall be run-ning o- ver with new wine.'

vj.  
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ty, and thy pres- ses shall be run-ning o- ver with  
new wine.

## The Second Lesson

*The People sit for the Second Lesson*

The Second Lesson is written in The Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians, chapter 1, beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse:

Paul an apostle - not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead - and all the brethren who are with me,

To the churches of Galatia:

Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ,

who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father;

to whom be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and turning to a different gospel -

not that there is another gospel, but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ.

But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to that which we preached to you, let him be accursed.

As we have said before, so now I say again, If any one is preaching to you a gospel contrary to that which you received, let him be accursed.

Am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I trying to please men? If I were still pleasing men, I should not be a servant of Christ.

Brethren, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel.

For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the Church of God violently and tried to destroy it;

and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers.

But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace,

was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood,

nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus.

Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days.

But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother. (In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie!)

Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia.

And I was still not known by sight to the churches of Christ in Judea; they only heard it said, "He who once persecuted us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy."

And they glorified God because of me.

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 GOD, who declarest thy almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace; that we, running the way of thy commandments, may obtain thy gracious promises, and be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; 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*

THE LORD's my Shepherd, I'll not want,  
He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; he leadeth me  
The quiet waters by.

(#547) Tune – CRIMOND

My soul he doth restore again;  
And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness,  
Even for his own Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,  
Yet will I fear none ill;  
For thou art with me; and thy rod  
And staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnishèd  
In presence of my foes;  
My head thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me;  
And in GOD's house evermore  
My dwelling-place shall be.

*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.

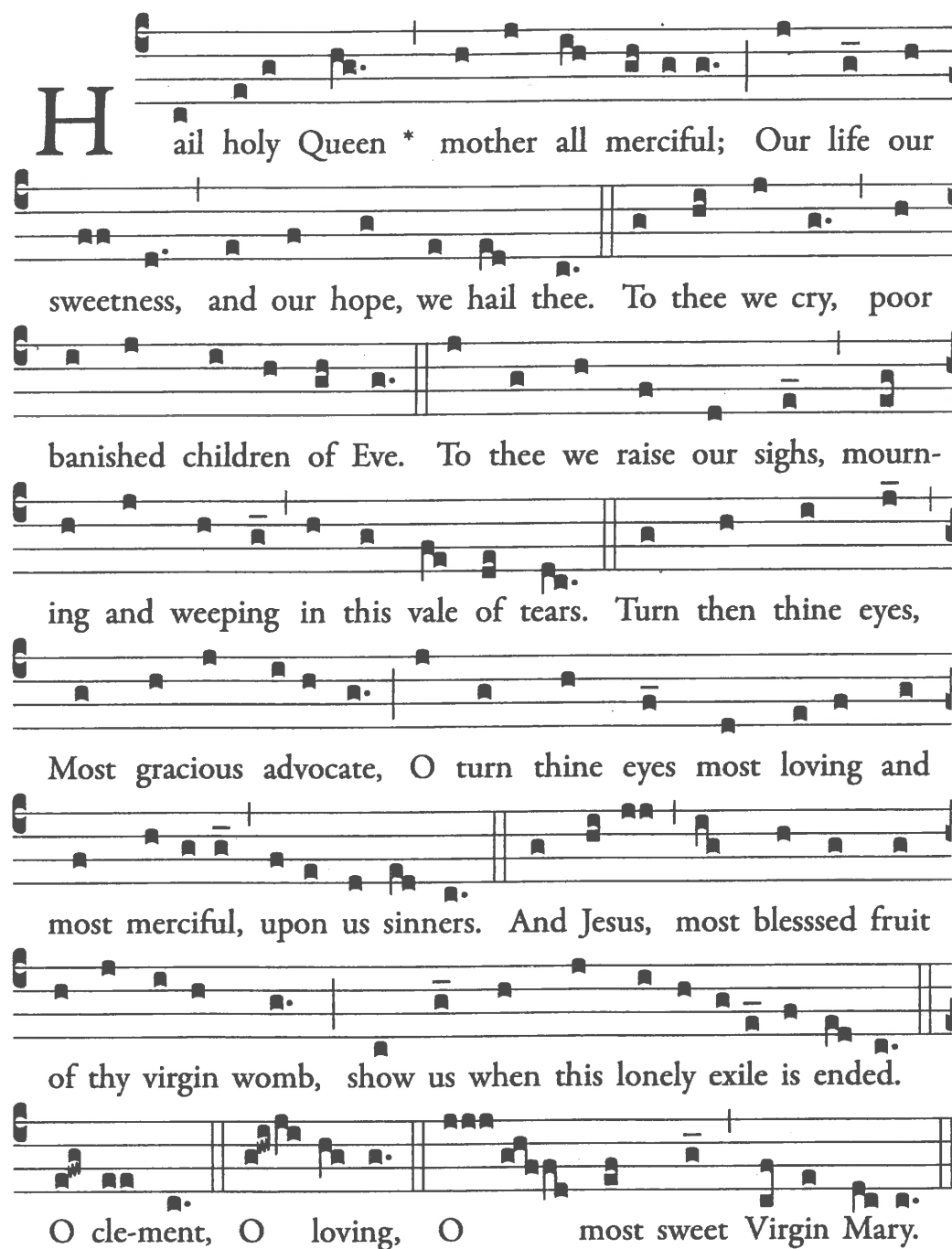
**People.** Thanks be to God.

## **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



**H**ail holy Queen \* mother all merciful; Our life our  
sweetness, and our hope, we hail thee. To thee we cry, poor  
banished children of Eve. To thee we raise our sighs, mourn-  
ing and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then thine eyes,  
Most gracious advocate, O turn thine eyes most loving and  
most merciful, upon us sinners. And Jesus, most blessed fruit  
of thy virgin womb, show us when this lonely exile is ended.  
O cle-ment, O loving, O most sweet Virgin Mary.

**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*

THE day thou gavest, LORD, is ended,  
The darkness falls at thy behest;  
To thee our morning hymns ascended,  
Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

(#27) Tune – ST. CLEMENT

We thank thee that thy Church unsleeping,  
While earth rolls onward into light,  
Through all the world her watch is keeping,  
And rests not now by day or night.

As o'er each continent and island  
The dawn leads on another day,  
The voice of prayer is never silent,  
Nor dies the strain of praise away.

The sun that bids us rest is waking  
Our brethren 'neath the western sky,  
And hour by hour fresh lips are making  
Thy wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, LORD; thy throne shall never,  
Like earth's proud empires, pass away;  
Thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,  
Till all thy creatures own thy sway.



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