

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

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



## **Evensong**

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

**September 25, 2022**

**The Fifteenth 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*

SOLDIERS of the Cross, arise!  
Gird you with your armour bright;  
Mighty are your enemies,  
Hard the battle ye must fight.

(#274) Tune - ST. ETHELWALD

O'er a faithless fallen world  
Raise your banner in the sky;  
Let it float there, wide unfurled;  
Bear it onward; lift it high.

'Mid the homes of want and woe,  
Strangers to the living WORD,  
Let the SAVIOUR'S herald go,  
Let the voice of hope be heard.

Where the shadows deepest lie,  
Carry truth's unsullied ray;  
Where the crimes of blackest dye,  
There the saving sign display.

To the weary and the worn  
Tell of realms where sorrows cease;  
To the outcast and forlorn  
Speak of mercy and of peace.

Guard the helpless; seek the strayed;  
Comfort troubles; banish grief;  
In the might of GOD arrayed  
Scatter sin and unbelief.

Be the banner still unfurled,  
Still unsheathed the SPIRIT'S sword,  
Till the kingdoms of the world  
Are the kingdom of the LORD.

## **Sentence from Holy Scripture**

*The Officiant says, all remain standing*

The Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth stand in awe of him.

*Habakkuk 2. 20.*

## **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.

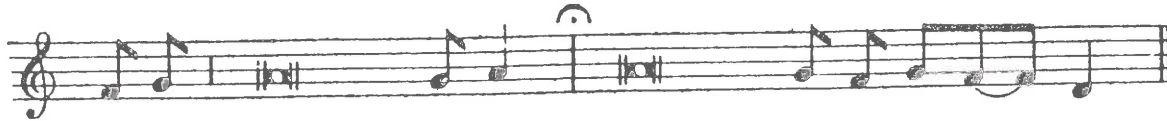
## The Psalms

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

### Psalm 114

*In exitu Israel.*

I. 8.

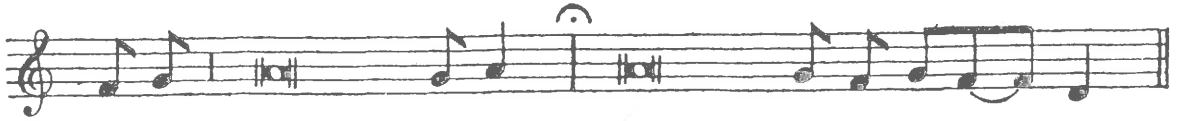


- 1 WHEN IS-rael came out of **E**-gypt : and the house of Jacob from among **the** strange pëo-ple,
- 2 Judah was his sanctu-**a**-ry : and Israel **his** dom-în-ion.
- 3 The sea saw that, **and** fled : Jor-**dan** was dri-ven^back.
- 4 The mountains skipped **like** rams : and the little **hills** like yöung sheep.
- 5 What aileth thee, O thou sea, that thou **fled**-dest : and thou Jordan, that **thou** wast dri-ven^back?
- 6 Ye mountains, that ye skipped **like** rams : and ye little **hills**, like yöung sheep?
- 7 Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of **the** Lord : at the presence of the **God** of Jä-cob;
- 8 Who turned the hard rock into a standing **wa**-ter : and the flint-stone in-**to** a spring-ing^well.  
Glory be to the Father, and to **the** Son : and **to** the Hö-ly^Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall** be : world with-**out** end.  
Ä-men.

## Psalm 115

*Non nobis, Domine.*

I. 8.



- 1 NOT UN-to us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy Name give **the** praise : for thy loving mercy and **for** thy truth's sake.
- 2 Wherefore should the na-**tions** say : '**Where** is nōw their<sup>^</sup>God?'
- 3 As for our God, he is in **hea**-ven : he hath done whatso-**ev**-er plēas-ed<sup>^</sup>him.
- 4 Their idols are silver **and** gold : even the **work** of mēn's hands.
- 5 They have mouths, and **speak** not : eyes have **they**, and sēe not.
- 6 They have ears, and **hear** not : noses have **they**, and smēll not.
- 7 They have hands, and handle nōt; feet have they, and **walk** not : neither **speak** they through their<sup>^</sup>throat.
- 8 They that make them are like un-**to** them : and so are all such as **put** their trūst in<sup>^</sup>them.
- 9 But thou, house of Israel, trust thou in **the** Lord : he is their **suc**-cour änd de<sup>^</sup>fence.
- 10 Ye house of Aaron, put your trust in **the** Lord : he is their helper **and** de-fēnd-er.
- 11 Ye that fear the Lord, put your trust in **the** Lord : he is their helper **and** de-fēnd-er.
- 12 The Lord hath been mindful of us, and he shall **ble**ss us : even he shall bless the house of Israel; he shall bless the **house** of Aä-ron.
- 13 He shall bless them that fear **the** Lord : (-) both smäll and<sup>^</sup>great.
- 14 May the Lord increase you more **and** more : you **and** your chil-dren.
- 15 Blessed be ye of **the** Lord : who hath made **hea**-ven änd earth.
- 16 All the whole heavens are **the** Lord's : but the earth hath he given to the **chil**-dren öf men.
- 17 The dead praise not thee, **O** Lord : neither all they that go down **in**-to Si-lence.
- 18 But we will praise **the** Lord : from this time forth for **ev**-er-more. Präise the<sup>^</sup>Lord.  
Glory be to the Father, and to **the** Son : and **to** the Hö-ly<sup>^</sup>Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall** be : world with-**out** end.  
Ä-men

## The First Lesson

### *The People remain seated for the First Lesson*

The First Lesson is written in The Book of Ezra, chapter 1, beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse:

In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom and also put it in writing:

“Thus says Cyrus king of Persia: The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah.

Whoever is among you of all his people, may his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and rebuild the house of the LORD, the God of Israel - he is the God who is in Jerusalem;

and let each survivor, in whatever place he sojourns, be assisted by the men of his place with silver and gold, with goods and with beasts, besides freewill offerings for the house of God which is in Jerusalem.”

Then rose up the heads of the fathers' houses of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests and the Levites, every one whose spirit God had stirred to go up and rebuild the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem.

and all who were about them aided them with vessels of silver, with gold, with goods, with beasts, and with costly wares, besides all that was freely offered.

Cyrus the king also brought out the vessels of the house of the LORD which Nebuchadnezzar had carried away from Jerusalem and placed in the house of his gods.

Cyrus king of Persia brought these out in charge of Mithredath the treasurer, who counted them out to Sheshbazzar the prince of Judah.

Here endeth the First Lesson



## Antiphon

*(Said, by all, before the Magnificat, standing)*

The Bread that I will give is my Flesh: which I will give for the life of the world.

## Magnificat

**(The Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary)**

*St Luke 1. 46*



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

For <sup>1</sup> he hath • re- <sup>1</sup> garded : the <sup>1</sup> lowli-ness <sup>1</sup> of his <sup>1</sup> hand-maiden.

For be- <sup>1</sup> hold from <sup>1</sup> henceforth : all gene- <sup>1</sup> rations • shall <sup>1</sup> call me <sup>1</sup>  
blessèd.

For he that is mighty hath <sup>1</sup> magni- • fied <sup>1</sup> me : and <sup>1</sup> holy <sup>1</sup> is his <sup>1</sup>  
Name.

And his mercy is on <sup>1</sup> them that <sup>1</sup> fear him : throughout <sup>1</sup> all <sup>1</sup> gene- <sup>1</sup>  
rations.

He hath showed <sup>1</sup> strength • with his <sup>1</sup> arm : he hath scattered the  
proud in the imagi- <sup>1</sup> nation <sup>1</sup> of their <sup>1</sup> hearts.

He hath put down the mighty <sup>1</sup> from their <sup>1</sup> seat : and hath ex- <sup>1</sup> alted •  
the humble • and <sup>1</sup> meek.

He hath filled the <sup>1</sup> hungry • with <sup>1</sup> good things : and the rich he <sup>1</sup> hath  
sent <sup>1</sup> empty • a- <sup>1</sup> 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**

*(Said, by all, after the Magnificat, standing)*

The Bread that I will give is my Flesh: which I will give for the life of the world.

## The Second Lesson

### *The People sit for the Second Lesson*

The Second Lesson is written in The First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians, chapter 3, beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse:

But I, brethren, could not address you as spiritual men, but as men of the flesh, as infants in Christ.

I fed you with milk, not solid food; for you were not ready for it; and even yet are not ready,

for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving like ordinary men?

For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely man?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each.

I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.

So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.

He who plants and he who waters are equal, and each shall receive his wages according to his labor.

For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.

According to the commission of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it.

For no other foundation can any one lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw -

each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done.

If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward.

If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

If any one destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are.

Let no one deceive himself. If any one among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise.

For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written,

"He catches the wise in their craftiness,"

and again,

"The Lord knows that the thoughts of the wise are futile."

So let no one boast of men. For all things are yours,

whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future, all are yours,

and you are Christ's; and Christ is God's.

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-<sup>1</sup> part in<sup>1</sup> peace :  
ac-<sup>1</sup> cording<sup>1</sup> to thy<sup>1</sup> word.

For mine eyes have<sup>1</sup> seen thy • sal-<sup>1</sup>vation : which thou hast  
prepared be-<sup>1</sup> fore the<sup>1</sup> face of • all<sup>1</sup> people;

To be a light to<sup>1</sup> lighten • the<sup>1</sup> Gentiles : and to be the<sup>1</sup> glory of • thy<sup>1</sup>  
people<sup>1</sup> Israel.

GLORY be to the Father, and<sup>1</sup> to the<sup>1</sup> Son : and<sup>1</sup> to the<sup>1</sup> Holy<sup>1</sup> Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and<sup>1</sup> ever<sup>1</sup> shall be : world without  
<sup>1</sup> end. <sup>1</sup> A-<sup>1</sup> 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 King.

**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**

KEEP, we beseech thee, o Lord, they Church with thy perpetual mercy: and, because the frailty of man without thee cannot but fall; keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable t our salvation; 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*

TAKE up thy cross, the SAVIOUR said,  
If thou wouldst my disciple be;  
Deny thyself, the world forsake,  
And humbly follow after me.

(#589) Tune - Breslau

Take up thy cross; let not its weight  
Fill thy weak spirit with alarm;  
His strength shall bear thy spirit up,  
And brace thy heart, and nerve thine arm.

Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame,  
Nor let thy foolish pride rebel;  
The LORD for thee the Cross endured,  
To save thy soul from death and hell.

Take up thy cross then in his strength,  
And calmly every danger brave;  
'Twill guide thee to the better home,  
And lead to victory o'er the grave.

Take up thy cross and follow CHRIST,  
Nor think till death to lay it down;  
For only he who bears the cross  
May hope to wear the glorious crown.

To thee, great LORD, the ONE in THREE,  
All praise for evermore ascend;  
O grant us in our home to see  
The heavenly life that knows no end.

*All kneel, the Officiant says*

### **A Prayer for the King and the Commonwealth**

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless our Sovereign Lord, King *CHARLES*, the Parliaments of the Commonwealth, and all who are set in authority under him; 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.

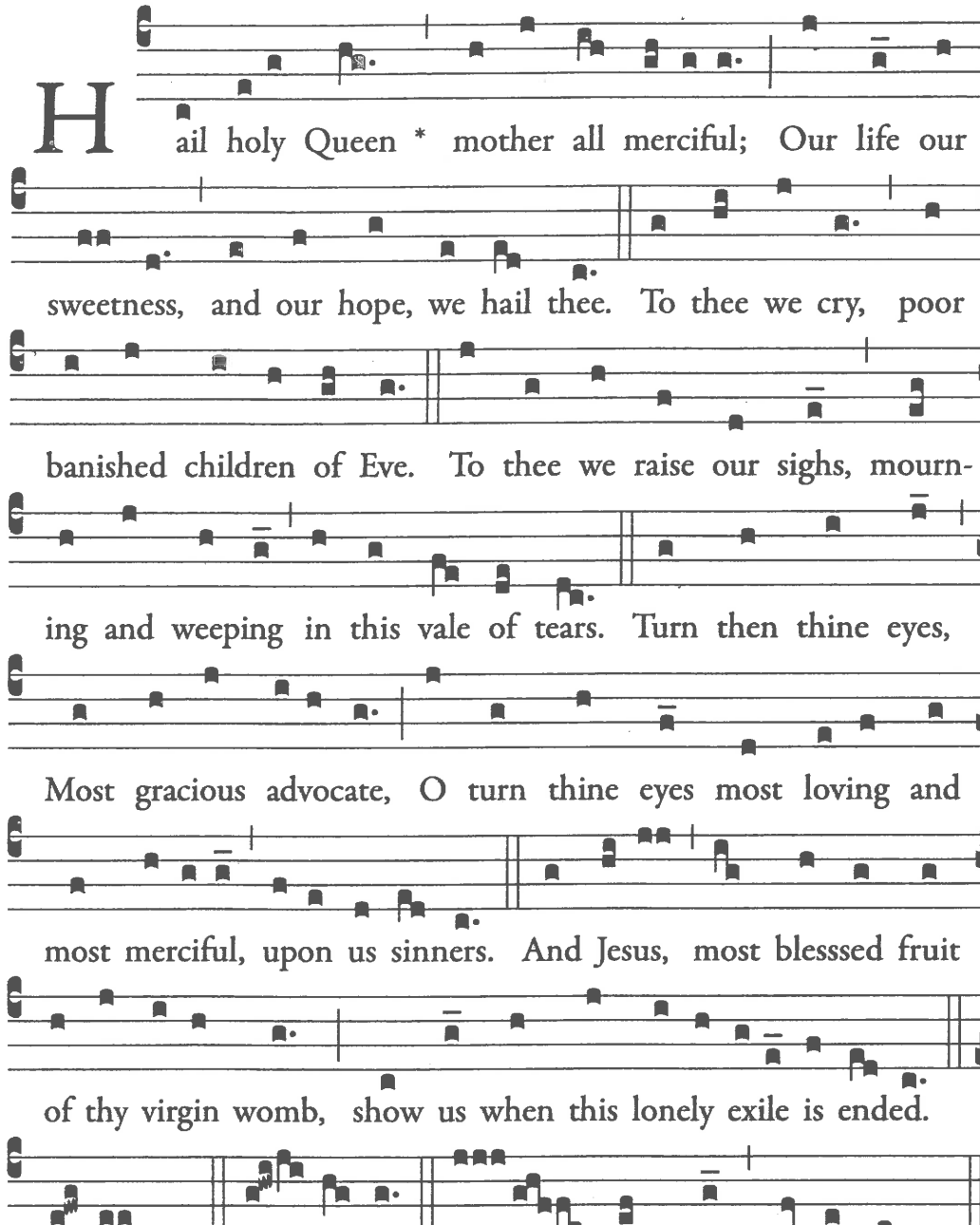
**People.** Thanks be to God.

## **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.

The musical score is written on ten staves. The first staff begins with a large 'H' for the first line of text. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the staves, with some lines of text spanning across multiple staves. The final line of the score, 'O cle-ment, O loving, O most sweet Virgin Mary.', is written below the tenth staff.

**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*

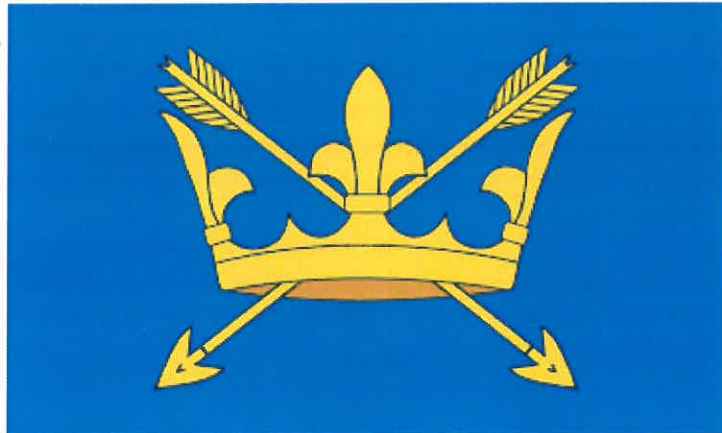
GLORIOUS things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our GOD;  
He, whose word cannot be broken,  
Formed thee for his own abode.  
On the Rock of ages founded,  
What can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

(#618) - Tune AUSTRIA

See, the streams of living waters,  
Springing from eternal love,  
Well supply thy sons and daughters,  
And all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint, when such a river  
Ever flows their thirst to assuage;  
Grace, which like the LORD, the Giver,  
Never fails from age to age?

Round each habitation hovering,  
See the cloud and fire appear  
For a glory and a covering -  
Showing that the LORD is near.  
Thus they march, the pillar leading,  
Light by night and shade by day;  
Daily on the manna feeding  
Which he gives them when they pray.

SAVIOUR, since of Zion's city  
I, through grace, a member am,  
Let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in thy Name.  
Fading is the world's best pleasure,  
All its boasted pomp and show;  
Solid joys and lasting treasure  
None but Zion's children know.



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