The Sodality of St. Edmund, King and Martyr

(A Catholic Community in the Diocese of Hamilton)



Evensong

(Evening Prayer - Vespers / Compline)

October 30, 2022

The Twentieth 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

UNTO the hills around do I lift up My longing eyes,

(#520) Tune - SANDON

O whence for me shall my salvation come, From whence arise?

From GOD the LORD doth come my certain aid, From GOD the LORD, who heaven and earth hath made.

He will not suffer that thy foot be moved:

Safe shalt thou be.

No careless slumber shall his eyelids close, Who keepeth thee.

Behold our GOD the LORD, he slumbereth ne'er, Who keepeth Israel in his holy care.

JEHOVAH is himself thy keeper true, Thy changeless shade;

JEHOVAH thy defense on thy right hand Himself hath made.

And thee no sun by day shall ever smite,

No moon shall harm thee in the silent night.

From every evil shall he keep thy soul, From every sin:

JEHOVAH shall preserve thy going out, Thy coming in.

Above thee watching, he whom we adore Shall keep thee henceforth, yea, forevermore.

Sentence from Holy Scripture

The Officiant says, all remain standing

God is love; and he that abideth in love abideth in God and God in him.

1 John 4. 16.

The Exhortation

The Officiant continues

DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our Heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy.

And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together 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 those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul.

Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as a re here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace.

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; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu 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, standing, he says

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live, and hath given power and commandment to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins.

He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel.

Wherefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

If a Priest is not present, all kneeling, the Officiant says

GRANT, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace; that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

All stand and make 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. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

People. 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 145

Exaltabo te, Deus.



- I WILL magnify **thee**, my God^and King: and I will praise thy Name for **ev-**er^and ëv-er.
- 2 Every day will I give **thanks** un-to thee: and praise thy Name for **ev**-er^and ëv-er.
- 3 Great is the Lord, and highly to be prais-ed: there is no end of his great-ness.
- 4 One generation shall praise thy works un-to^an-o-ther: and de-clare thy migh-ty^deeds.



- 5 As for me, I will be talking of thy wor-ship: thy glory, thy praise, and won-drous works.
- 6 And men shall speak of the might of thy **mar**-vel-lous acts: and I will also **tell** of thy great-ness.
- 7 The memorial of thy abundant kindness **shall** be show-ed: and men shall sing **of** thy righ-teous-ness.
- 8 The Lord is gra-cious and mer-ci-ful: long-suffering and of great kind-ness.
- 9 The Lord is lov-ing un-to all: and his mercies are o-ver all his works.
- 10 All thy works praise thee, O Lord: and thy saints give thanks un-tö thee.
- 11 They show the glory of thy king-dom: and talk of thy power;
- 12 That thy power, thy glory, and the mightiness of thy king-dom: might be known un-tö men.
- 13 Thy kingdom is an ever-last-ing king-dom: and thy dominion endureth through-out all ä-ges.
- 14 The Lord is faith-ful in all his words: and gra-cious in all his deeds.
- 15 The Lord upholdeth all such as fall: and lifteth up all those that are down.
- 16 The eyes of all wait up-on thee: and thou givest them their meat in due sëa-son.
- 17 Thou o-pen-est thy hand: and fillest all things liv-ing with plën-teous-ness.
- 18 The Lord is righ-teous in all his ways: and gra-cious in all his works.
- 19 The Lord is nigh unto all them that **call** up-on him: yea, all such as call up-on him fäith-ful-ly.
- 20 He will fulfil the desire of **them** that fear him: and he will hear their cry, **and** will help them.
- 21 The Lord preserveth all **them** that love him: but scattereth abroad **all** the ungöd-ly.
- 22 My mouth shall speak the **praise** of the Lord: and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name for **ev**-er^and ëv-er.
 - Glory be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son: and to the Hö-ly Ghost;
 - As it was in the beginning, is now, and ev-er shall be: world with-out end. Ä-men.

The First Lesson

The People remain seated for the First Lesson

The First Lesson is written in The Book of Ruth, chapter 2, beginning at the 1st verse:

Now Naomi had a kinsman of her husband's, a man of wealth, of the family of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz.

And Ruth the Moabitess said to Naomi, "Let me go to the field, and glean among the ears of grain after him in whose sight I shall find favor." And she said to her, "Go, my daughter."

So she set forth and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers; and she happened to come to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech.

And behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem; and he said to the reapers, "The LORD be with you!" And they answered, "The LORD bless you."

Then Boaz said to his servant who was in charge of the reapers, "Whose maiden is this?"

And the servant who was in charge of the reapers answered, "It is the Moabite maiden, who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab.

She said, 'Pray, let me glean and gather among the sheaves after the reapers.' So she came, and she has continued from early morning until now, without resting even for a moment."

Then Boaz said to Ruth, "Now, listen, my daughter, do not go to glean in another field or leave this one, but keep close to my maidens.

Let your eyes be upon the field which they are reaping, and go after them. Have I not charged the young men not to molest you? And when you are thirsty, go to the vessels and drink what the young men have drawn."

Then she fell on her face, bowing to the ground, and said to him, "Why have I found favor in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, when I am a foreigner?"

But Boaz answered her, "All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told me, and how you left your father and mother and your native land and came to a people that you did not know before.

The LORD recompense you for what you have done, and a full reward be given you by the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge!"

Then she said, "You are most gracious to me, my lord, for you have comforted me and spoken kindly to your maidservant, though I am not one of your maidservants."

And at mealtime Boaz said to her, "Come here, and eat some bread, and dip your morsel in the wine." So she sat beside the reapers, and he passed to her parched grain; and she ate until she was satisfied, and she had some left over.

When she rose to glean, Boaz instructed his young men, saying, "Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not reproach her.

And also pull out some from the bundles for her, and leave it for her to glean, and do not rebuke her."

So she gleaned in the field until evening; then she beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley.

And she took it up and went into the city; she showed her mother-inlaw what she had gleaned, and she also brought out and gave her what food she had left over after being satisfied.

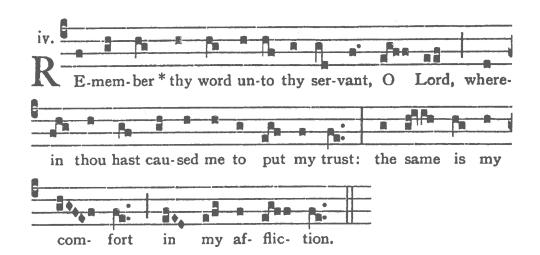
And her mother-in-law said to her, "Where did you glean today? And where have you worked? Blessed be the man who took notice of you." So she told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked, and said, "The name of the man with whom I worked today is Boaz."

And Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, "Blessed be he by the LORD, whose kindness has not forsaken the living or the dead!"

Here endeth the First Lesson

Antiphon

(Sung, by all, before 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.

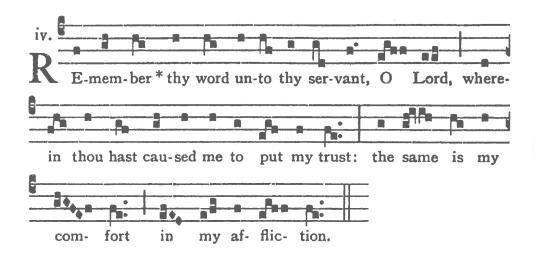
He hath filled the 'hungry • with 'good things: and the rich he hath sent 'empty • a- way.

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 (Sung, by all, after the Magnificat, standing)



The Second Lesson

The People sit for the Second Lesson

The Second Lesson is written in The Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians, chapter 4, beginning at the 1st verse:

Therefore, my brethren, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in this way in the Lord, my beloved.

I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord.

And I also ask you, who are a true co-worker, help these women, for they have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand.

Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me; you were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity.

Not that I complain of want; for I have learned, in whatever state I am, to be content.

I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound; in any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and want.

I can do all things in him who strengthens me.

Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble.

And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving except you only;

for even in Thessalonica you sent me help once and again.

Not that I seek the gift; but I seek the fruit which increases to your credit.

I have received full payment, and more; I am filled, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God.

And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren who are with me greet you.

All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

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. The Lord be with you;

People. And with thy spirit.

Officiant. 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. And evermore mightily defend us.

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 ALMIGHTY and most merciful God: of thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech thee, from all things that may hurt us; that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things which thou commandest; 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 our 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

WORSIP the LORD in the beauty of holiness; Bow down before him, his glory proclaim; Gold of obedience and incense of lowliness Bring, and adore him; the LORD is his Name! (#98) Tune - UTTINGEN

Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness;
High on his heart he will bear it for thee,
Comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
Guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

Fear not to enter his courts, in the slenderness Of the poor wealth thou canst reckon as thine; Truth in its beauty and love in its tenderness, These are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness, He will accept for the Name that is dear, Mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness, Trust for our trembling, and hope for our fear.

Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; Bow down before him, his glory proclaim; Gold of obedience and incense of lowliness Bring, and adore him; the LORD is his Name!

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 and Clergy, and 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.*

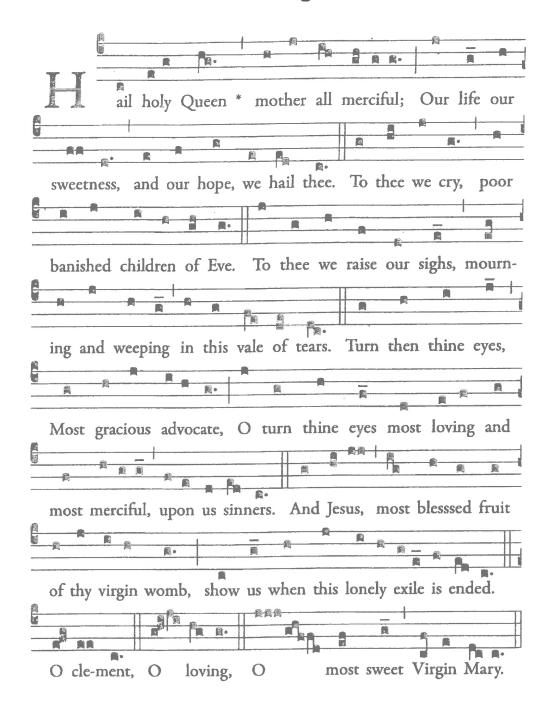
The Grace

2 Corinthians 13:14

+ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

All stand

Salve Regina



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

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

The Officiant continues, all remain standing

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 remain standing for the Hymn

Before the ending of the day, Creator of the world, we pray That with thy wonted favour thou Wouldst be our Guard and Keeper now. (#819) Tune - MELCOMBE

From all ill dreams defend our eyes, From nightly fears and fantasies; Tread under foot our ghostly foe, That no pollution we may know.

O FATHER, that we ask be done, Through JESUS CHRIST, thine only SON; Who, with the HOLY GHOST and thee, Doth live and reign eternally.

Amen.



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