

The Sodality of St. Edmund, King and Martyr

(A Catholic Community in the Diocese of Hamilton)



Evensong

(Evening Prayer - Vespers / Compline)

November 27, 2022

The First Sunday of Advent

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:

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

HARK! A herald voice is sounding;
'CHRIST is nigh,' it seems to say;
'Cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day!'

(#63) Tune - MERTON

Wakened by the solemn warning,
Let the earth-bound soul arise;
CHRIST, her Sun, all sloth dispelling,
Shines upon the morning skies.

Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,
Comes with pardon down from heaven;
Let us all, with tears of sorrow,
Pray that we may be forgiven;

That when next he comes with glory,
And the world is wrapped in fear,
With his mercy he may shield us,
And with words of love draw near.

Honour, glory, might, and blessing
To the FATHER and the SON,
With the Everlasting SPIRIT,
While eternal ages run.

Amen.

Sentence from Holy Scripture

The Officiant says, all remain standing

Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

St. Matthew 3.2.

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 are 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, the Officiant, kneeling, 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 Psalms

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

Psalm 111

Confitebor tibi.

VIII. 2.



- 1 I WILL give thanks unto the Lord with my whole **heart** : in the council of the faithful and in the **con-gre-ga-tion**.
- 2 The works of the Lord are **great** : sought out of all them that have **plea-sure** there-in.
- 3 His work is worthy to be praised and had in **hon-our** : and his righteousness endur-**eth** for ev-er.
- 4 The merciful and gracious Lord hath so done his marvellous **works** : that they ought to be had **in** re-mem-brance.
- 5 He hath given meat unto them that **fear** him : he shall ever be mindful **of** his co-veⁿ-nant.
- 6 He hath showed his people the power of his **works** : in giving them the heritage **of** the na-tions.
- 7 The works of his hands are verity and **judge-ment** : all his **pre-cepts** are sure;
- 8 They stand fast for ever and **ev-er** : and are done in **truth** and e-qui^t-ty.
- 9 He sent redemption unto his **peo-ple** : he hath commanded his covenant for ever; holy and rever-**end** is his Name.
- 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of **wis-dom** : a good understanding have all they that do thereafter; his praise endur-**eth** for ev-er.

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 with-**out** end.
A-men.

Psalm 112

Beatus vir.

VII. 5.



- 1 BLESS-ED is the man that **fear**-eth the Lord : that hath great delight in **his** com-mänd-ments.
- 2 His seed shall be **migh**-ty^up-on earth : the generation of the faithful **shall** be blëss-ed.
- 3 Riches and plenteousness shall **be** in his house : and his righteousness en-**dur**-eth^for ëv-er.
- 4 Unto the upright there ariseth up **light** in^the dark-ness : he is merciful, **lov**-ing,^and righ-teous.
- 5 It is well with the man that is merci-**ful** and lend-eth : and ordereth his af-**fairs** with jüs-tice.
- 6 For he shall **nev**-er^be mov-ed : and the righteous shall be had in ever-**last**-ing^re-mëm-brance.
- 7 He will not be afraid of any **e**-vil tid-ings : for his heart standeth fast and be-**liev**-eth in the^Lord.
- 8 His heart is established **and** will not shrink : until he see his desire up-**on** his ën-e^mies.
- 9 He hath dispersed abroad and **giv**-en to^the poor : and his righteousness remaineth for ever; his horn shall be ex-**alt**-ed^with hön-our.
- 10 The ungodly shall see it, and **it** shall grieve him : he shall gnash with his teeth and consume away; the desire of the un-**god**-ly^shall për-ish.
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.

Psalm 113

Laudate, pueri.



- 1 PRAISE THE Lord, ye **ser**-vants : O praise the **Name** of the Lörd.
- 2 Blessed be the Name of the **Lord** : from this time **forth** for ev^e-er-möre.
- 3 The Lord's Name is to be **prais**-ed : from the rising up of the sun unto the going **down** of the säme.
- 4 The Lord is high above all **na**-tions : and his glory a-**bove** the hea-vëns.
- 5 Who is like unto the Lord our **God** : that hath his **dwell**-ing so hìgh,
- 6 And yet humbleth himself to be-**hold** : the things that are in **hea**-ven and eärth?
- 7 He taketh up the poor out of the **dust** : and lifteth the needy **out** of the mïre;
- 8 That he may set him with the **prin**-ces : even with the princes **of** his peo-plë.
- 9 He maketh the barren woman to keep **house** : and to be a joyful mo-**ther** of chil-drën.

Glory be to the Father, and to the **Son** : and **to** the Ho^l-ly Ghöst;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall** be : world with-**out** end.

A-mën.

The First Lesson

The People remain seated for the First Lesson

The First Lesson is written in The Book of the Prophet Isaiah, chapter 2, beginning at the 10th verse:

Enter into the rock,
and hide in the dust
from before the terror of the LORD,
and from the glory of his majesty.

The haughty looks of man shall be brought low,
and the pride of men shall be humbled;
and the LORD alone will be exalted in that day.

For the LORD of hosts has a day
against all that is proud and lofty,
against all that is lifted up and high;
against all the cedars of Lebanon,
lofty and lifted up;
and against all the oaks of Bashan;
against all the high mountains,
and against all the lofty hills;
against every high tower,
and against every fortified wall;
against all the ships of Tarshish,
and against all the beautiful craft.

And the haughtiness of man shall be humbled,
and the pride of men shall be brought low;
and the LORD alone will be exalted in that day.

And the idols shall utterly pass away.
And men shall enter the caves of the rocks
and the holes of the ground,
from before the terror of the LORD,
and from the glory of his majesty,
when he rises to terrify the earth.

In that day men will cast forth
their idols of silver and their idols of gold,
which they made for themselves to worship,
to the moles and to the bats,
to enter the caverns of the rocks
and the clefts of the cliffs,
from before the terror of the LORD,
and from the glory of his majesty,
when he rises to terrify the earth.
Turn away from man
in whose nostrils is breath,
for of what account is he?

Here endeth the First Lesson

Antiphon

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

Fear not Ma-ry, * thou hast found fa- vour with the Lord

be-hold thou shalt conceive and bare a son, al-le-lu-ia

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;

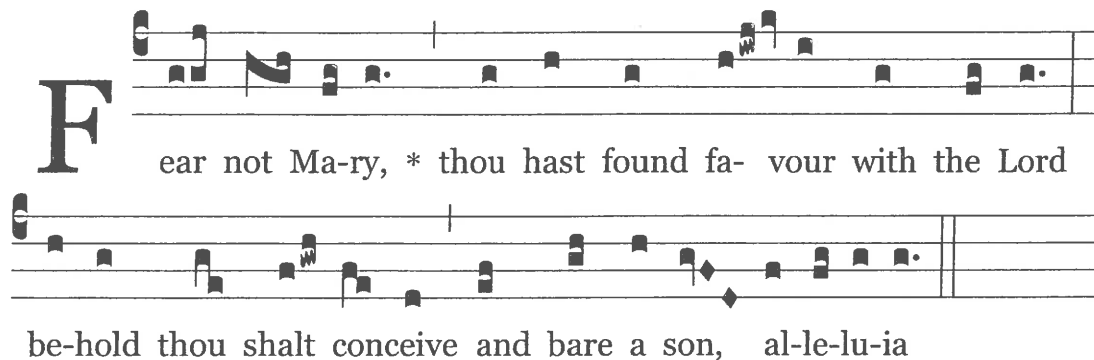
As he promised ' to our ' forefathers : Abraham ' and his ' seed for '
ever.

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)



F ear not Ma-ry, * thou hast found fa- vour with the Lord

be-hold thou shalt conceive and bare a son, al-le-lu-ia

The Second Lesson

The People sit for the Second Lesson

The Second Lesson is written in The First Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians, chapter 5, beginning at the 1st verse:

But as to the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need to have anything written to you.

For you yourselves know well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

When people say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pain come upon a woman with child, and there will be no escape.

But you are not in darkness, brethren, for that day to surprise you like a thief.

For you are all sons of light and sons of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness.

So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.

For those who sleep sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night.

But, since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.

For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

who died for us so that whether we wake or sleep we might live with him.

Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

But we beg you, brethren, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you,

and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.

And we exhort you, brethren, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all.

See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all.

Rejoice always,

pray constantly,

give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Do not quench the Spirit,

do not despise prophesying,

but test everything; hold fast what is good,

abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

Brethren, pray for us.

Greet all the brethren with a holy kiss.

I adjure you by the Lord that this letter be read to all the brethren.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

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, + *A*nd the Life everlasting. Amen.

All kneel

Officiant. O Lord hear our prayer.

People. And let our cry come unto thee.

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

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead; we may rise to the life immortal; through the same 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

O COME, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the SON of GOD appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

(#62) - Tune - VENI EMMANUEL

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell thy people save,
And give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Day-spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by thine Advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, thou LORD of might,
Who to thy tribes, from Sinai's height,
In ancient time didst give the law
In cloud, and majesty, and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

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.*

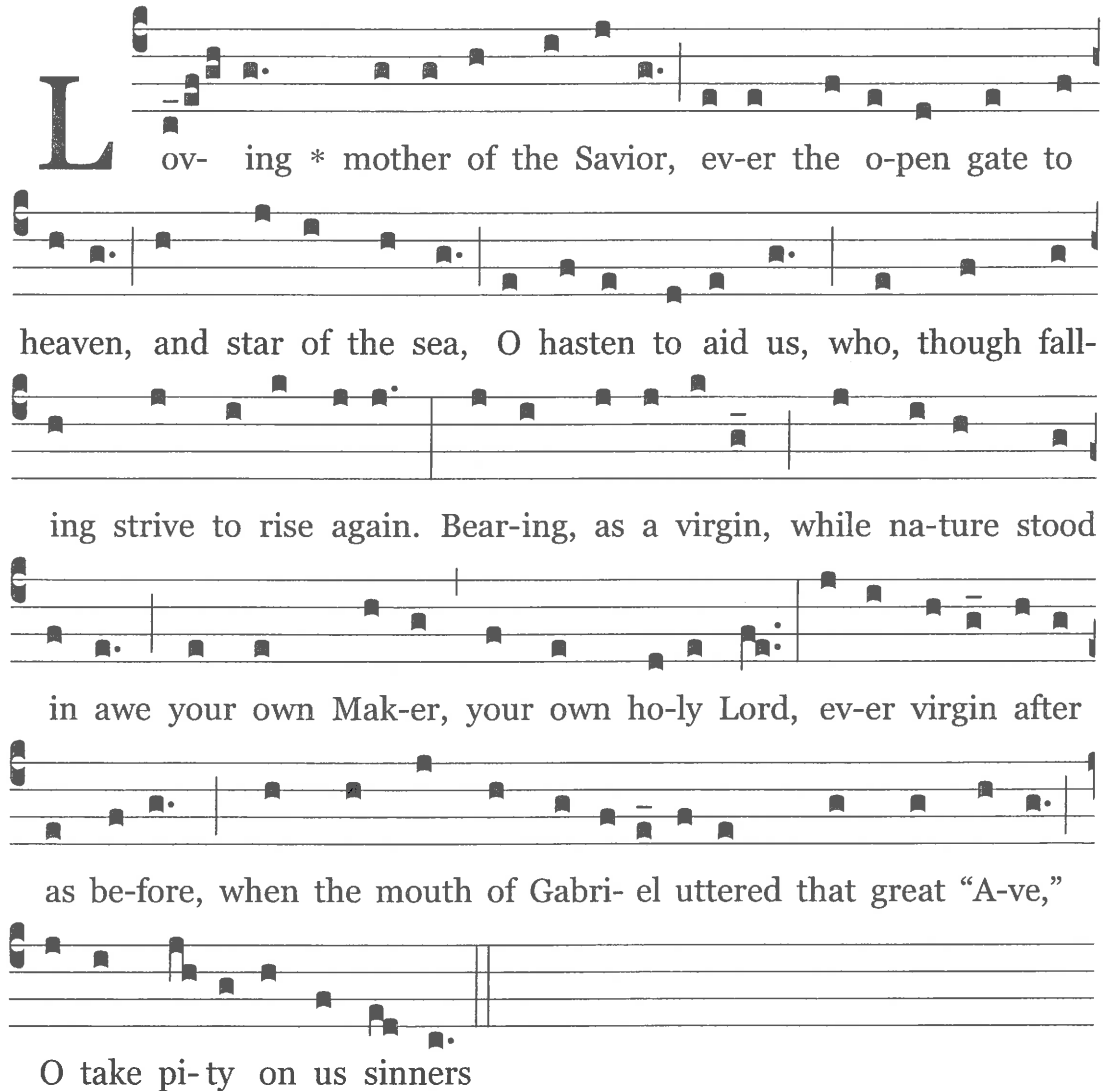
The Grace

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

Alma Redemptoris Mater



Lov- ing * mother of the Savior, ev-er the o-pen gate to
heaven, and star of the sea, O hasten to aid us, who, though fall-
ing strive to rise again. Bear-ing, as a virgin, while na-ture stood
in awe your own Mak-er, your own ho-ly Lord, ev-er virgin after
as be-fore, when the mouth of Gabri-el uttered that great "A-ve,"
O take pi-ty on us sinners

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The Officiant continues, all remain standing

GRACIOUS mother of our Redeemer, for ever abiding Heaven's gateway, and star of ocean, O succour the people, who, through falling, strive to rise again. Thou Maiden who bearest thy holy Creator, to the wonder of all nature; ever Virgin, after, as before thou receivedst that Ave from the mouth of Gabriel: have compassion on us sinners.

Officiant. The Angel of the Lord announced unto Mary.

People. And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Let us pray.

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts: that, as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an Angel, so by his + Cross and Passion we may be brought to the glory of his Resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

All remain standing for the Hymn

Lo! he comes with clouds descending,
Once for favoured sinners slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending
Swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia!
Christ appears on earth to again.

(#60) Tune - HELMSLEY

Now redemption, long expected,
See in solemn pomp appear;
All his saints, by man rejected,
Now shall meet him in the air:
Alleluia!
See the day of GOD appear!

Yea, amen, let all adore thee,
High on thine eternal throne;
SAVIOUR, take the power and glory,
Claim the kingdom for thine own;
Alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.



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