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

(A Catholic Community in the Diocese of Hamilton)



**Evensong** 

**December 18, 2022** 

**The Fourth 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.

Pope Benedict 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 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

## Come Thou Long-expected Jesus

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## **Sentence from Holy Scripture**

The Officiant says, all remain standing

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

Isaiah 40:5

#### 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 <u>not</u> 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 thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

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.

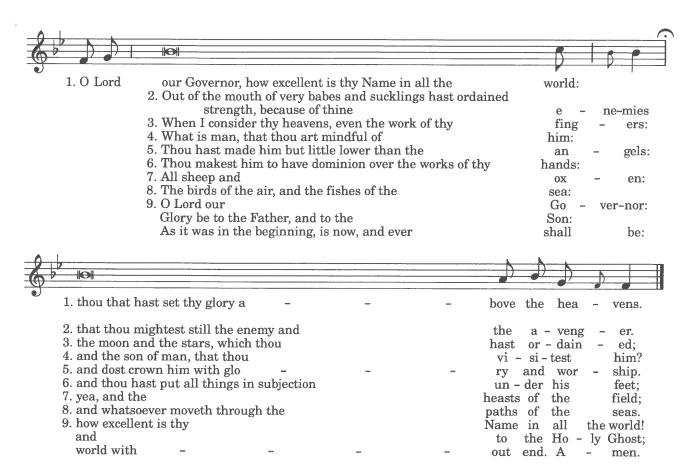
#### The Psalms

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

#### Psalm 8

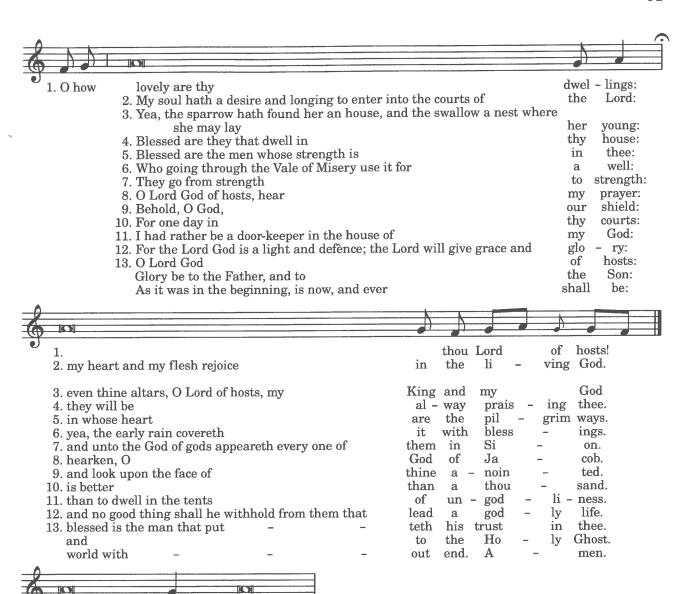
Domine, Dominus noster.

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#### Psalm 84

#### Quam dilecta!



12. ... light and de - fence; the Lord will ...

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#### The First Lesson

## The People remain seated for the First Lesson

The First Lesson is written in The Book of the Prophet Isaiah, chapter 40, beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse:

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

#### A voice cries:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;

the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry!"

And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All flesh is grass,

and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

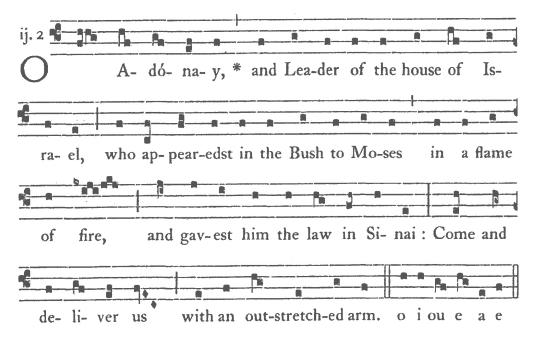
The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people is grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, fear not;
say to the cities of Judah,
"Behold your God!"
Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
behold, his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.
He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
he will carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead those that are with young.

Here endeth the First Lesson





# 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-lalted the humble and meek.

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

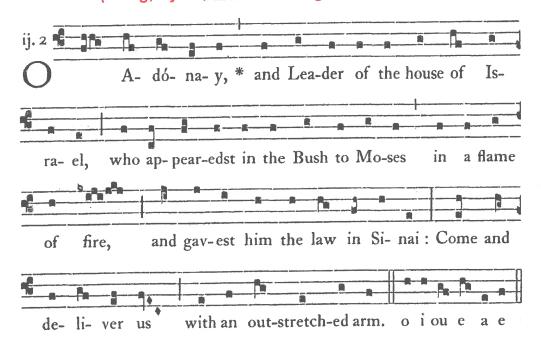
He re- 'membering • his 'mercy : hath 'holpen • his 'servant 'Israel;

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, <u>after</u> the Magnificat, **standing**)



#### The Second Lesson

## The People sit for the Second Lesson

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

This is now the second letter that I have written to you, beloved, and in both of them I have aroused your sincere mind by way of reminder; that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles.

First of all you must understand this, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own passions

and saying, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things have continued as they were from the beginning of creation."

They deliberately ignore this fact, that by the word of God heavens existed long ago, and an earth formed out of water and by means of water,

through which the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished.

But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist have been stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

The Lord is not slow about his promise as some count slowness, but is forbearing toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and the works that are upon it will be burned up.

Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of persons ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness,

waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be kindled and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire!

But according to his promise we wait for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Therefore, beloved, since you wait for these, be zealous to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

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. 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

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God: that we, who through our ancient bondage are held beneath the yoke of sin, may by the new birth of thine Only Begotten Son in the flesh obtain deliverance; 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.* 

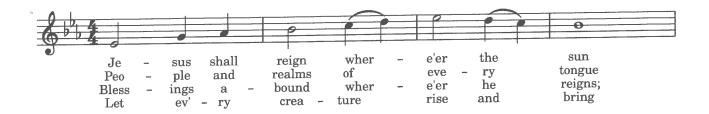
## The Third Collect: For Aid against All Perils

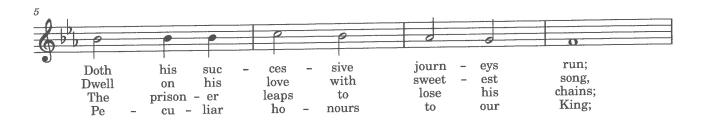
LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.* 

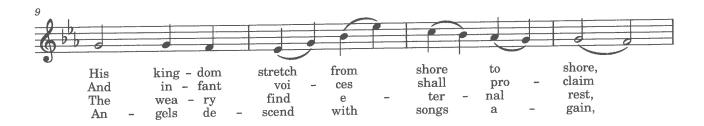
## All stand for the Hymn

## Jesus Shall Reign

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## 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.* 

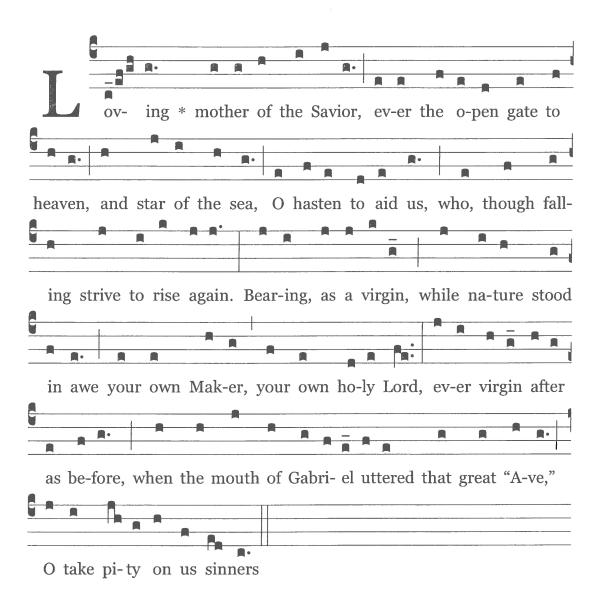
#### The Grace

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



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## The Officiant continues, all remain standing

Officiant. The Angel of the Lord announced unto Mary.

People. And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

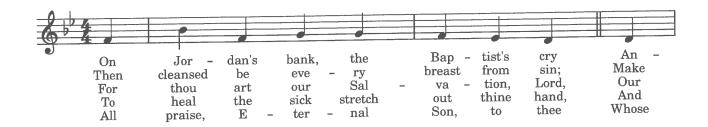
Let us pray.

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.* 

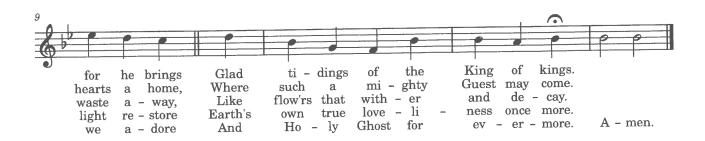
## All remain standing for the Hymn

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