The Sodality of St. Edmund, King and Martyr

(A Catholic Community in the Diocese of Hamilton)



Evensong

February 26, 2023

The First Sunday in Lent

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 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*.

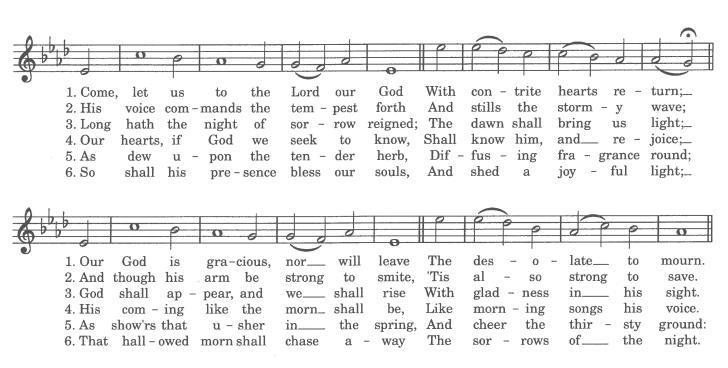
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All stand for the Hymn

Come, Let us to the Lord our God

Rev. John Morrison WM. Gardiner



Sentence from Holy Scripture

The Officiant says, all remain standing

O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

Psalm 96. 9.

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 <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;

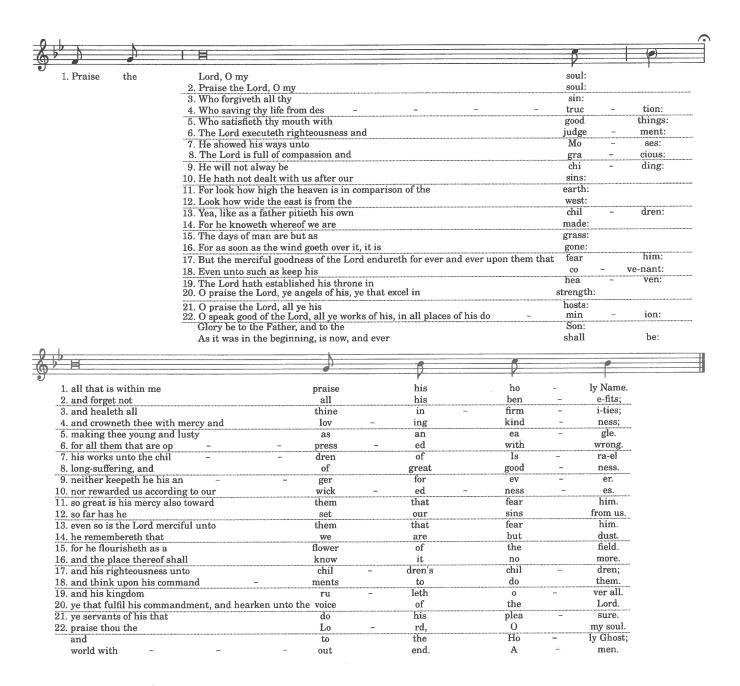
People. The Lord's Name be praised.

The Psalm

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

Psalm 103

Benedic, anima mea.



The First Lesson

The People remain seated for the First Lesson

The First Lesson is written in The Book of Genesis, chapter 8, beginning at the 15th verse:

Then God said to Noah,

"Go forth from the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you.

Bring forth with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh - birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth - that they may breed abundantly on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply upon the earth."

So Noah went forth, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him.

And every beast, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves upon the earth, went forth by families out of the ark.

Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

And when the LORD smelled the pleasing odor, the LORD said in his heart, "I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I ever again destroy every living creature as I have done.

While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease."

And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.

The fear of you and dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every bird of the air, on everything that creeps on the ground, and all the fish of the sea; into your hand they are delivered.

Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you; and as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything.

Only you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood.

For your lifeblood I will surely require a reckoning; of every beast I will require it and of man; of every man's brother I will require the life of man.

Whoever sheds the blood of man, by a man shall his blood be shed; for God made man in his own image.

And you, be fruitful and multiply, bring forth abundantly on the earth and multiply in it."

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him,

"Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your descendants after you,

and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark.

I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth."

And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations:

I set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds,

I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

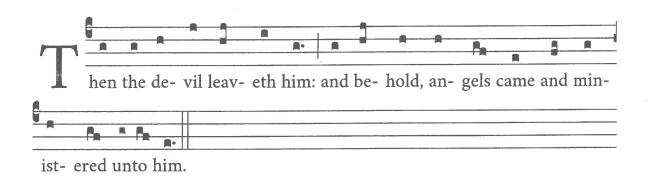
When the bow is in the clouds, I will look upon it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth."

God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth."

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.

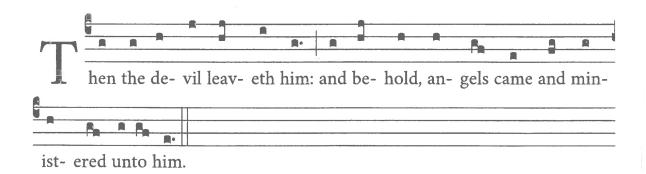
He hath put down the mighty 'from their' seat: and hath ex-'alted • the humble • and 'meek.

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



The Second Lesson

The People sit for the Second Lesson

The Second Lesson is written in The Gospel according to Saint Mark, chapter 14, beginning at the 1st verse:

It was now two days before the Passover and the feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to arrest him by stealth, and kill him;

for they said, "Not during the feast, lest there be a tumult of the people."

And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the jar and poured it over his head.

But there were some who said to themselves indignantly, "Why was the ointment thus wasted?

For this ointment might have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and given to the poor." And they reproached her.

But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me.

For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you will, you can do good to them; but you will not always have me.

She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burying.

And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is preached in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her."

Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them.

And when they heard it they were glad, and promised to give him money. And so he sought an opportunity to betray him.

And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, "Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?"

And he sent two of his disciples, and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him,

and wherever he enters, say to the householder, 'The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I am to eat the Passover with my disciples?'

And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us."

And so the disciples set out and went to the city, and found it as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover.

And when it was evening he came with the Twelve.

And as they were at table eating, Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me."

They began to be sorrowful, and to say to him one after another, "Is it I?"

He said to them, "It is one of the Twelve, one who is dipping bread in the same dish with me.

For the Son of man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born."

And as they were eating, he took bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body."

And then he took a chalice, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it.

And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.

Truly, I say to you, I shall not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

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 those who 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

O LORD, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights: give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness, to thy honour and glory; who livest and reignest with the Father, 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*.

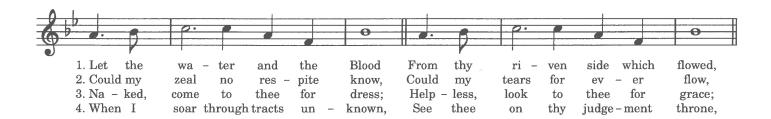
All stand for the Hymn

Rock of ages, cleft for me

Rev. A. M. Toplady

Thomas Hastings







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 the 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*.

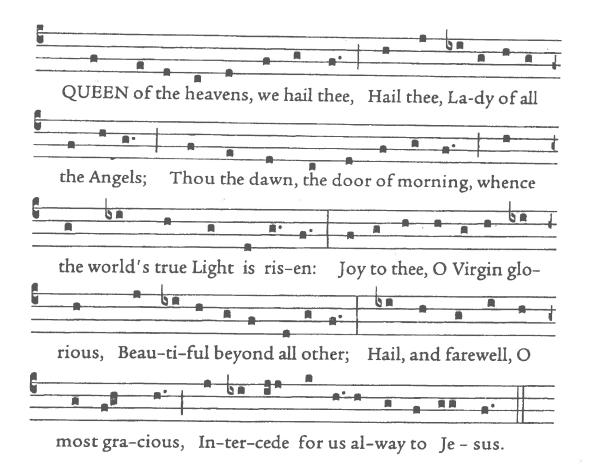
The Grace

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

Ave Regina Caelorum



The Officiant continues, all remain standing

Officiant. Vouchsafe that I may praise thee, O holy Virgin.

People. Give me strength against thine enemies.

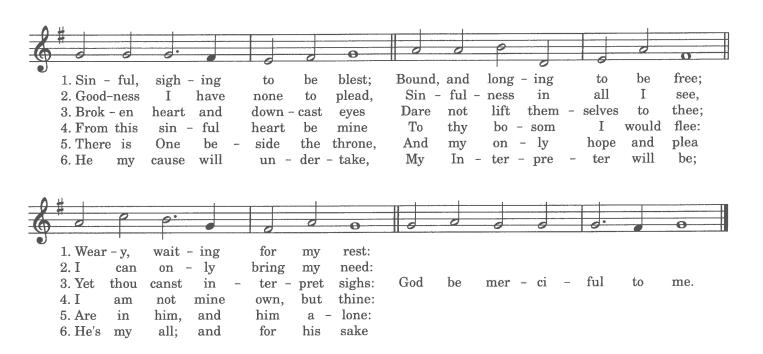
Let us pray.

GRANT us, O merciful God, protection in our weakness: that we who celebrate the memory of the holy Mother of God may, through the aid of her intercession, rise again from our sins; through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

All remain standing for the Hymn

Sinful, sighing to be Blest

Rev. J. S. B. Monsell





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