The Sodality of St. Edmund, King and Martyr

(A Catholic Community in the Diocese of Hamilton)



Evensong

August 27, 2023

The Twelfth 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.

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



CITY of God, how broad and far Outspread thy walls sublime!
The true thy chartered freemen are Of every age and clime.

- 2 One holy Church, one army strong,One steadfast, high intent;One working band, one harvest-song,One King omnipotent.
- 3 How purely hath thy speech come down From man's primeval youth!

Rev. Samuel Johnson, 1864. How grandly hath thine empire grown, Of freedom, love, and truth!

- 4 How gleam thy watch-fires through the With never-fainting ray! [night How rise thy towers, serene and bright, To meet the dawning day!
- 5 In vain the surge's angry shock, In vain the drifting sands: Unharmed upon the eternal Rock The eternal City stands.

Sentence from Holy Scripture

The Officiant says, all remain standing

Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as the incense, and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice.

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 Psalms

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

Psalm 19



- 1 THE HEA-vens declare the **glo**-ry of God: and the firmament showeth **his** han-dy-work.
- 2 One day tell-eth an-oth-er: and one night certifieth an-o-ther.
- 3 There is neither speech nor lan-guage: their voice can-not be heard;
- 4 Yet their sound is gone out in-to all lands: and their words into the ends of the world.
- 5 In them hath he set a taber-na-cle^for the sun: which cometh forth as a bride-groom out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant to run his^course.
- 6 It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, and runneth about unto the end of it a-gain: and there is nothing hid from the heat there of.
- 7 The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, re-stor-ing the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the sim-ple.
- 8 The precepts of the Lord are right, and re-joice the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light un-to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean, and endur-eth for ev-er: the judgements of the Lord are true, and righteous al-to-ge-ther.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey, and the hon-ey-comb.
- 11 Moreover, by them **is** thy ser-vant taught: and in keeping of them there **is** great re-ward.
- 12 Who can tell how oft **he** of-fend-eth? : O cleanse thou me from **my** se-cret[^]faults.
- 13 Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the do-min-ion^o-ver me: so shall I be undefiled and innocent from the great of-fence.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be alway ac-cept-a-ble-in thy sight: O Lord, my strength and my re-deem-er.
 - Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Ho-ly^Ghost;
 - As it was in the beginning, is now, and ev-er shall be: world without end. A-men.

Psalm 46

Deus noster refugium.



- 1 GOD IS our hope and strength: a very present help in trou-ble.
- 2 Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be **chang**-ed: and though the hills be carried into the **midst** of the sea;
- 3 Though the waters thereof rage and swell: and though the mountains shake at the tem-pest of the same.
- 4 The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our re-fuge.
- 5 There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the city of **God**: the holy place of the tabernacle **of** the Most High.
- 6 God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be **mov**-ed: God shall help her, and **that** right ear-ly.
- 7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are **mov**-ed: but God uttereth his voice, and the **earth** doth melt a-way.
- 8 The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our re-fuge.
- 9 O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord: what wonders he hath wrought up-on the earth.
- 10 He maketh wars to cease in all the **world**: he breaketh the bow, and snappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the **cha**-ri-ots in the fire.
- 11 Be still then, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the nations, and I will be ex-alt-ed in the earth.
- 12 The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our re-fuge.

 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Ho-ly^Ghost;

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

 A-men.

The First Lesson

The People remain seated for the First Lesson

The First Lesson is written in The Book of Proverbs, chapter 8, beginning at the 1st verse:

Does not wisdom call, does not understanding raise her voice?

The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old.

Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water.

Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth;

before he had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world.

When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep,

when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command,

when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master workman;

and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always,

rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the sons of men.

And now, my sons, listen to me: happy are those who keep my ways.

Hear instruction and be wise, and do not neglect it.

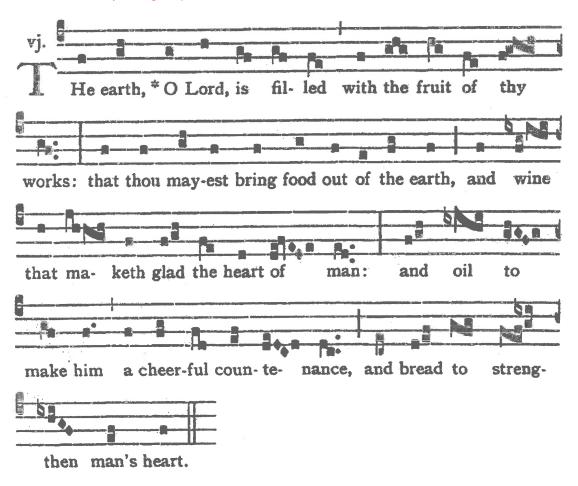
Happy is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting beside my doors.

For he who finds me finds life and obtains favor from the LORD;

but he who misses me injures himself; all who hate me love death."

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.

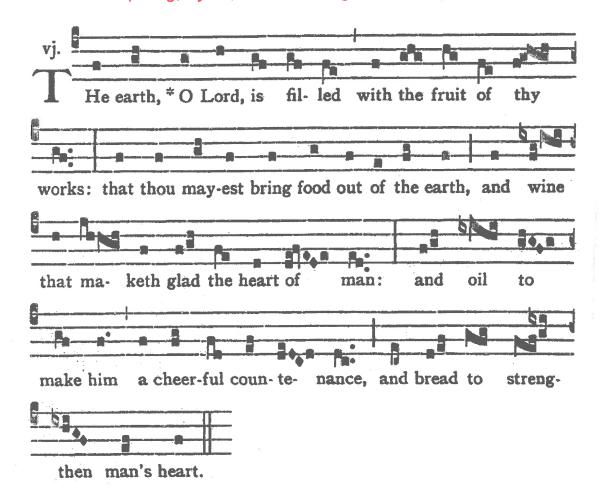
He hath put down the mighty ' from their ' seat : and hath ex- ' alted • the humble • and ' meek.

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 Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter 5, beginning at the 21st verse:

"You have heard that it was said to the men of old, 'You shall not kill; and whoever kills shall be liable to judgment.'

But I say to you that every one who is angry with his brother shall be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother shall be liable to the council, and whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be liable to the hell of fire.

So if you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you,

leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

Make friends quickly with your accuser, while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison;

truly, I say to you, you will never get out till you have paid the last penny.

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.'

But I say to you that every one who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and throw it away; it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell.

And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.'

But I say to you that every one who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, makes her an adulteress; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

"Again you have heard that it was said to the men of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.'

But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God,

or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King.

And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black.

Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from the Evil One.

"You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.'

But I say to you, Do not resist one who is evil. But if any one strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also;

and if any one would sue you and take your coat, let him have your cloak as well;

and if any one forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles.

Give to him who begs from you, and do not refuse him who would borrow from you.

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'

But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?

And if you salute only your brethren, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?

You, therefore, must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

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

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more that either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of 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



Sir John Bowring, 1825.

IN the Cross of Christ I glory, Towering o'er the wrecks of time; All the light of sacred story Gathers round its head sublime.

3 When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the Cross the radiance streaming
Adds more lustre to the day.

- 2 When the woes of life o'ertake me, Hopes deceive, and fears annoy, Never shall the Cross forsake me; Lo! it glows with peace and joy.
- 4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, By the Cross are sanctified; Peace is there that knows no measure, Joys that through all time abide.

5 In the Cross of CHRIST I glory,
Towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

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 General Thanksgiving

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, We thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks For all thy goodness and loving-kindness To us and to all men; We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; But above all for thine inestimable love In the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; For the means of grace, And for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, That our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, And that we show forth thy praise, Not only with our lips, but in our lives; By giving up ourselves to thy service, And by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, To whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *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.**

If a Priest is present, standing, he says

May the Lord grant a peaceful night and a perfect end to us and to all our absent sisters and brothers. *Amen.*

Priest. The Lord be with you.

People. And with thy spirit.

May Almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

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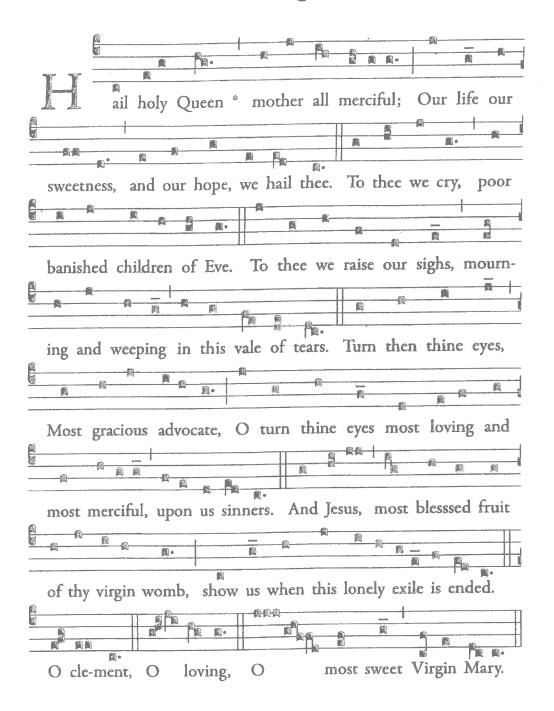
The Grace

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.

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





Rev. Charles Wesley, 1749.

FORTH in thy Name, O LORD, I go, My daily labour to pursue; Thee, only thee, resolved to know, In all I think, or speak, or do.

- 2 The task thy wisdom hath assigned O let me cheerfully fulfil; In all my works thy presence find, And prove thy good and perfect will.
- 3 Thee may I set at my right hand, Whose eyes my inmost substance see,

And labour on at thy command, And offer all my works to thee.

- 4 Give me to bear thy easy yoke, And every moment watch and pray, And still to things eternal look, And hasten to thy glorious day;
- 5 For thee delightfully employ Whate'er thy bounteous grace hath given, And run my course with even joy, And closely walk with thee to heaven.



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