The Sodality of St. Edmund, King and Martyr

(A Catholic Community in the Diocese of Hamilton)



Evensong

November 26, 2023

Christ the King

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.

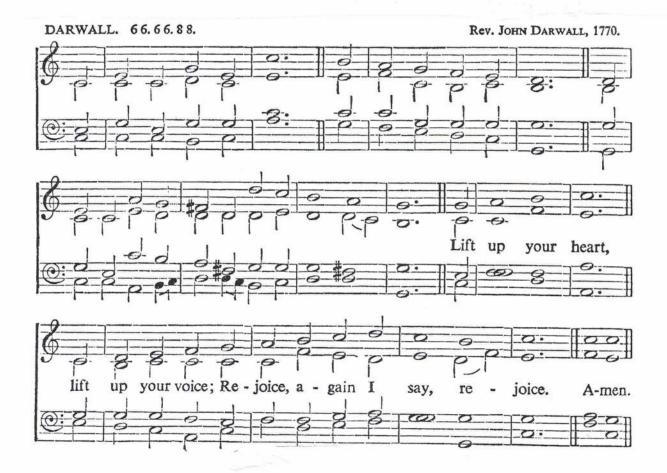
We, initially, intend to have Evensong, monthly, on the last Sunday of the month.

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



REJOICE, the Lord is King, Your Lord and King adore; Rejoice, give thanks and sing, And triumph evermore:

2 Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,
The God of truth and love:
When he had purged our stains,
He took his seat above:

Rev. Charles Wesley, 1746.

- 3 His kingdom cannot fail;
 He rules o'er earth and heaven;
 The keys of death and hell
 Are to our Jesus given:
- 4 He sits at God's right hand Till all his foes submit, And bow to his command, And fall beneath his feet:

Sentence from Holy Scripture

The Officiant says, all remain standing

NOW unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory, for ever and ever.

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 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 ev-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 plen-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 Malachi, chapter 3, beginning at the 1^{st} verse: (1-6, and 4)

"Behold, I send my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.

But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

"For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap;

he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, till they present right offerings to the LORD.

Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

"Then I will draw near to you for judgment; I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

"For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed.

"For behold, the day comes, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch.

But for you who fear my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go forth leaping like calves from the stall.

And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

"Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and ordinances that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

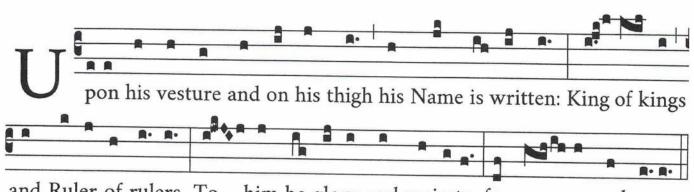
"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes.

And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a curse."

Here endeth the First Lesson.

Antiphon

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



and Ruler of rulers. To him be glory and majesty for ev- er and ever.

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 \bullet with 'good things : and the rich he 'hath sent 'empty \bullet a- 'way.

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

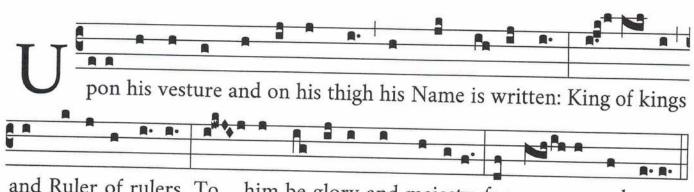
As he promised 'to our 'forefathers : Abraham 'and his 'seed for 'ever.

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)



and Ruler of rulers. To him be glory and majesty for ever and ever.

The Second Lesson

The People sit for the Second Lesson

The Second Lesson is written in The Letter to the Hebrews, chapter 11, beginning at the 17th verse: (11;17 – 12;2)

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was ready to offer up his only-begotten son,

of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your descendants be named."

He considered that God was able to raise men even from the dead; hence he did receive him back, and this was a symbol.

By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau.

By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff.

By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his burial.

By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful; and they were not afraid of the king's edict.

By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter,

choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.

He considered abuse suffered for the Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he looked to the reward.

By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king; for he endured as seeing him who is invisible.

By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the first-born might not touch them.

By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land; but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned.

By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days.

By faith Rahab the harlot did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given friendly welcome to the spies.

And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets —

who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life.

Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment.

They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated —

of whom the world was not worthy — wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised,

since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

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, whose will it is to restore all things in thy well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; 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



THE LORD is King! lift up thy voice, O earth; and all ye heavens, rejoice; From world to world one song shall ring: The LORD omnipotent is King.

- 2 The LORD is King! who then shall dare Resist his will, distrust his care, Or murmur at his wise decrees, Or doubt his royal promises?
- 3 The Lord is King! child of the dust, The Judge of all the earth is just; Holy and true are all his ways: Let every creature speak his praise.

Josiah Conder, 1824.

- 4 He reigns! ye saints, exalt your strains; Your God is King, your Father reigns; And he is at the Father's side, The Man of love, the Crucified.
- 5 Come, make your wants, your burdens known,
 He will present them at the throne;
 And angel-bands are waiting there
 His messages of love to bear.
- 6 The Lord is King! lift up thy voice, O earth; and all ye heavens, rejoice; From world to world one song shall ring: The Lord omnipotent is King.

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; especially Bob and Marie; 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.*

If a Priest is <u>not</u> present, the Officiant, kneeling, says

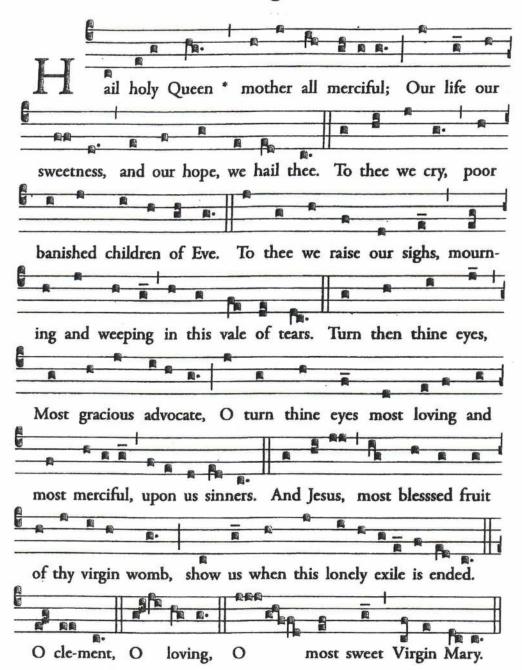
The Grace

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



The Officiant continues, all remain standing

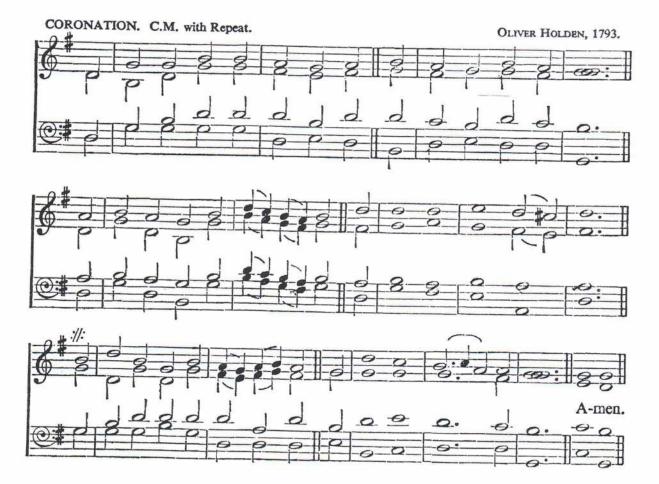
Officiant. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

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. Edward Perronet, 1785.

ALL hail the power of Jesus' Name; Let angels prostrate fall; Bring forth the royal diadem And crown him LORD of all.

- 3 Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, Ye ransomed of the fall, Hail him who saves you by his grace, And crown him Lord of all.
- 4 Hail him, ye heirs of David's line, Whom David Lord did call, The God Incarnate, Man Divine, And crown him Lord of all.
- 2 Crown him, ye martyrs of your God, Who from his altar call; Praise him whose blood-stained path ye trod, And crown him LORD of all.
 - 5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
 The wormwood and the gall,
 Go spread your trophies at his feet,
 And crown him LORD of all.
 - 6 Let every tribe and every tongue Before him prostrate fall, Join in the universal song, And crown him Lord of all.



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