

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

**(A Catholic Community in the Diocese of Hamilton)**



## **Evensong**

**September 24, 2023**

## **The Sixteenth 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 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

HANOVER. 5 5. 5 5. 6 5. 6 5.

Probably by Wm. Croft, 1708.



Str Robert Grant, 1833.

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| <p><b>O</b> WORSHIP the King,<br/>All glorious above;<br/>O gratefully sing<br/>His power and his love;<br/>Our Shield and Defender,<br/>The Ancient of days,<br/>Pavilioned in splendour,<br/>And girded with praise.</p> <p>2 O tell of his might,<br/>O sing of his grace,<br/>Whose robe is the light,<br/>Whose canopy space;<br/>His chariots of wrath<br/>The deep thunder-clouds form,<br/>And dark is his path<br/>On the wings of the storm.</p> <p>3 The earth, with its store<br/>Of wonders untold,<br/>Almighty, thy power<br/>Hath founded of old,<br/>Hath stablished it fast<br/>By a changeless decree,<br/>And round it hath cast,<br/>Like a mantle, the sea.</p> | <p>4 Thy bountiful care<br/>What tongue can recite?<br/>It breathes in the air,<br/>It shines in the light;<br/>It streams from the hills,<br/>It descends to the plain,<br/>And sweetly distils<br/>In the dew and the rain.</p> <p>5 Frail children of dust,<br/>And feeble as frail,<br/>In thee do we trust,<br/>Nor find thee to fail:<br/>Thy mercies how tender,<br/>How firm to the end,<br/>Our Maker, Defender,<br/>Redeemer, and Friend.</p> <p>6 O measureless Might,<br/>Ineffable Love,<br/>While angels delight<br/>To hymn thee above,<br/>The humbler creation,<br/>Though feeble their lays,<br/>With true adoration<br/>Shall sing to thy praise.</p> |
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## Sentence from Holy Scripture

*The Officiant says, all remain **standing***

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.

*Psalm 122. 1.*

## **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 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.

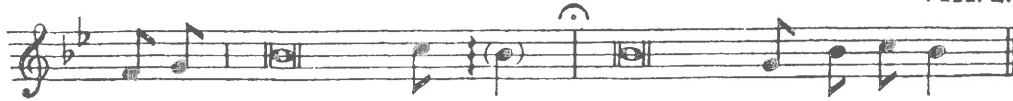
## The Psalm

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

### Psalm 103

*Benedic, anima mea.*

VIII. 2.



- 1 PRAISE THE Lord, O my **soul** : and all that is within me **praise** his ho-ly<sup>^</sup>Name.
- 2 Praise the Lord, O my **soul** : and forget not **all** his ben-e<sup>^</sup>fits;
- 3 Who forgiveth all thy **sin** : and healeth all **thine** in-firm-i<sup>^</sup>ties;
- 4 Who saveth thy life from des-**truc**-tion : and crowneth thee with mercy and **lov**-ing kind-ness;
- 5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with **good** things : making thee young and lusty **as** an ea-gle.
- 6 The Lord executeth righteousness and **judge**-ment : for all them that are op-**press**-ed with wrong.
- 7 He showed his ways unto **Mo**-ses : his works unto the chil-**dren** of Is-ra<sup>^</sup>el.
- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and **gra**-cious : long-suffering, and **of** great good-ness.
- 9 He will not alway be **chi**-ding : neither keepeth he his an-**ger** for ev-er.
- 10 He hath not dealt with us after our **sins** : nor rewarded us according to our **wick**-ed-ness-es.
- 11 For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the **earth** : so great is his mercy also toward **them** that fear him.
- 12 Look how wide also the east is from the **west** : so far hath he **set** our sins from<sup>^</sup>us.
- 13 Yea, like as a father pitieth his own **chil**-dren : even so is the Lord merciful unto **them** that fear him.
- 14 For he knoweth whereof we are **made** : he remembereth that **we** are but dust.
- 15 The days of man are but as **grass** : for he flourisheth as a **flower** of the field.
- 16 For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is **gone** : and the place thereof shall **know** it no more.
- 17 But the merciful goodness of the Lord endureth for ever and ever upon them that **fear** him : and his righteousness unto **chil**-dren's chil-dren;
- 18 Even unto such as keep his **co**-ve<sup>^</sup>nant : and think upon his command-**ments** to do them.



- 19 The Lord hath established his throne in **hea**-ven : and his kingdom **ru**-leth o-ver^all.
- 20 O praise the Lord, ye angels of his, ye that excel in **strength** : ye that fulfil his commandment, and hearken unto the **voice** of his word.
- 21 O praise the Lord, all ye his **hosts** : ye servants of his that **do** his plea-sure.
- 22 O speak good of the Lord, all ye works of his, in all places of his do-**min**-ion : praise thou the **Lörd**, O my^soul.
- 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 Job, chapter 2, beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse:

Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD.

And the LORD said to Satan, "From where have you come?" Satan answered the LORD, "From going back and forth on the earth, and from walking up and down on it."

And the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil? He still holds fast his integrity, although you moved me against him, to destroy him without cause."

Then Satan answered the LORD, "Skin for skin! All that a man has he will give for his life.

But put forth your hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face."

And the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, he is in your power; only spare his life."



So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD, and afflicted Job with loathsome sores from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.

And he took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes.

Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God, and die."

But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women would speak. Shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that had come upon him, they came each from his own place, Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite. They made an appointment together to come to condole with him and comfort him.

And when they saw him from afar, they did not recognize him; and they raised their voices and wept; and they tore their robes and sprinkled dust upon their heads toward heaven.


And they sat with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his suffering was very great.

Here endeth the First Lesson.

## Antiphon

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

viii.



**O** Lord,\* I will make men-tion of thy righ-teous-ness  
on- ly: thou, O God, hast taught me from my youth  
up un- til now: for-sake me not in mine old  
age, O God, when I am grey-hea- ded.

# 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

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on- ly: thou, O God, hast taught me from my youth  
up un- til now: for-sake me not in mine old  
age, O God, when I am grey-hea- ded.

## The Second Lesson

*The People **sit** for the Second Lesson*

The Second Lesson is written in The Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter 7, beginning at the 15<sup>th</sup> verse:

"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves.

You will know them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorns, or figs from thistles?

So, every sound tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears evil fruit.

A sound tree cannot bear evil fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit.

Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

Thus you will know them by their fruits.

“Not every one who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’

And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you evildoers.’

“Every one then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house upon the rock;

and the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat upon that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.

And every one who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house upon the sand;

and the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell; and great was the fall of it.”

And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching,

for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.

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, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church: and, because she cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve her evermore by thy help and goodness; through 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

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A - men.

ROCK of ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in thee;  
Let the water and the Blood  
From thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure,  
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

2 Not the labours of my hands  
Can fulfil thy law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears for ever flow,  
All for sin could not atone,  
Thou must save, and thou alone.

Rev. A. M. Toplady, 1775.

3 Nothing in my hand I bring;  
Simply to thy Cross I cling;  
Naked, come to thee for dress;  
Helpless, look to thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly;  
Wash me, SAVIOUR, or I die.

4 While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When mine eyelids close in death,  
When I soar through tracts unknown,  
See thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in thee.

*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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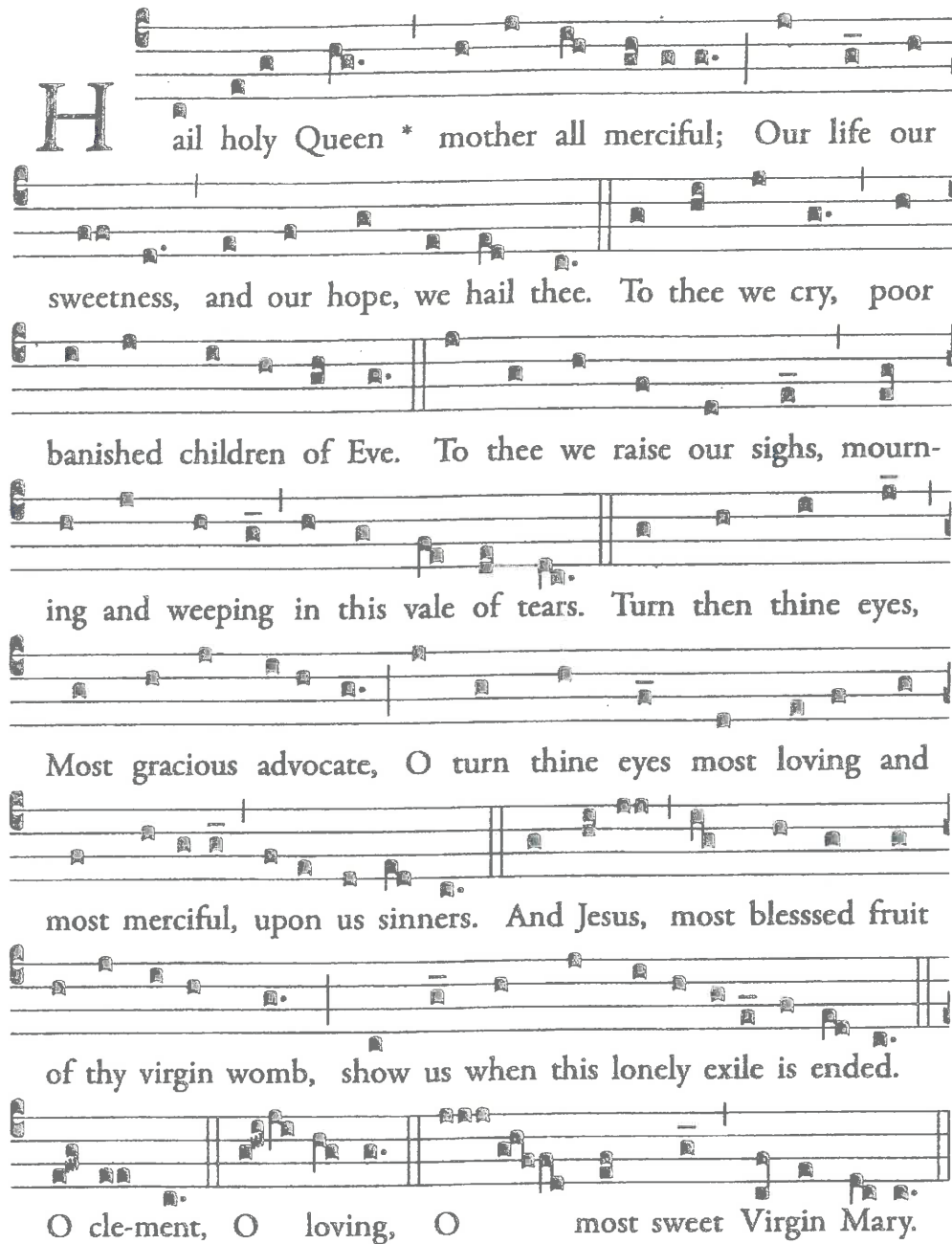
### **The Grace**

*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*



**H**ail holy Queen \* mother all merciful; Our life our  
sweetness, and our hope, we hail thee. To thee we cry, poor  
banished children of Eve. To thee we raise our sighs, mourn-  
ing and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then thine eyes,  
Most gracious advocate, O turn thine eyes most loving and  
most merciful, upon us sinners. And Jesus, most blessed fruit  
of thy virgin womb, show us when this lonely exile is ended.  
O cle-ment, O loving, O most sweet Virgin Mary.

**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*

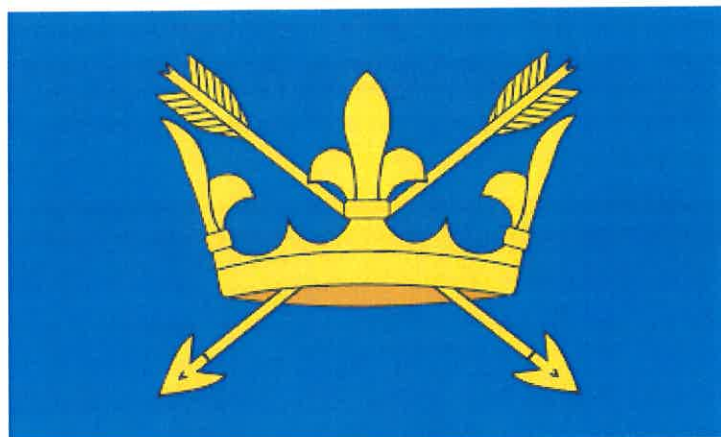
WARRINGTON. L.M.

Rev. R. HARRISON, 1784.



William Cowper, 1769.

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| <p><b>J</b>ESU, where'er thy people meet,<br/>There they behold thy mercy-seat;<br/>Where'er they seek thee, thou art found,<br/>And every place is hallowed ground.</p> <p>2 For thou, within no walls confined,<br/>Inhabitest the humble mind;<br/>Such ever bring thee where they come,<br/>And going take thee to their home.</p> | <p>3 Here may we prove the power of prayer<br/>To strengthen faith and sweeten care;<br/>To teach our faint desires to rise,<br/>And bring all heaven before our eyes.</p> <p>4 LORD, we are few, but thou art near;<br/>Nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear;<br/>O rend the heavens, come quickly down,<br/>And make all hearts, O LORD, thine own.</p> |
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