

The Sodality of St. Edmund, King and Martyr

(A Catholic Community in the Diocese of Hamilton)



Evensong

December 31, 2023

**Solemnity of Mary
The Holy Mother of God**

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*.

For information about The Sodality: visit our website – www.stedmund.ca, or email us – info@stedmund.ca

All stand for the Hymn

WHEN CHRIST WAS BORN. P.M.
Solo, or Quartet. ARTHUR HENRY BROWN, 1859.



In ex-cel-sis glo-ri-a,

- WHEN CHRIST was born of Mary free,
In Bethlehem, that fair citie,
Angels sang there with mirth and glee,
'In excelsis gloria.'
- 2 Herdsmen beheld these angels bright,
To them appearing with great light,
Who said, GOD'S SON is born this night,
'In excelsis gloria.'
- 3 This King is come to save mankind,
In Scripture promised as we find,
Therefore this song have we in mind,
'In excelsis gloria.'
- 4 Grant us, O LORD, for thy great grace,
In heaven in bliss to see thy face,
Where we may sing to thy solace,
'In excelsis gloria.'

Sentence from Holy Scripture

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

When the fulness of time was come, God sent forth his Son made of a Woman, made under the Law, to redeem them that were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

Galatians 4:4

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;

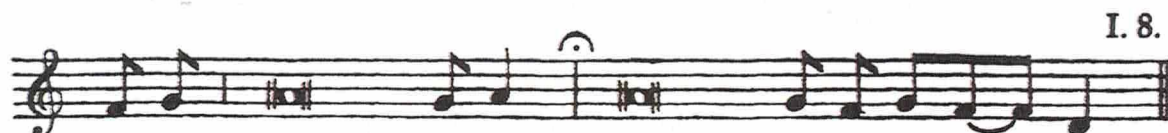
People. The Lord's Name be praised.

The Psalm

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

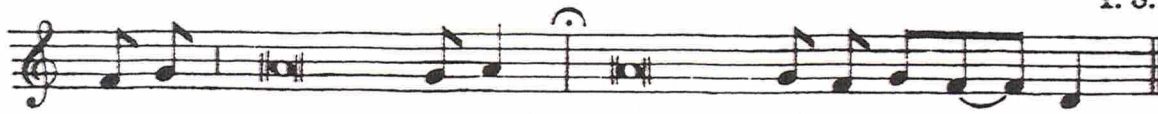
Psalm 90

Domine, refugium.



PSALM 90 — *Domine, refugium.*

- 1 LORD, THOU hast been our **re**-fuge : from one generation **to** an-ö-ther.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world **were** made : thou art God from everlasting, and **world** with-öüt end.
- 3 Thou turnest man back to **the** dust : and thou sayest, 'Return, ye **chil**-dren öf men.'
- 4 For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it **is** past : and as a **watch** in the night.
- 5 Thou carriest them away as with a flood, and they are even as a sleep : in the morning they are like **grass** that gröw-eth^up.
- 6 In the morning it is green and grow-**eth** up : but in the evening it is cut **down** and with-er^ed.
- 7 For we consume away in thy dis-**plea**-sure : and are afraid at thy wrathful **in**-dig-nä-tion.
- 8 Thou hast set our misdeeds be-**fore** thee : and our secret sins in the light **of** thy coün-te^nance.
- 9 For when thou art angry all our days **are** gone : we bring our years to an end, as it were a **tale** that is told.
- 10 The days of our age are three-score years **and** ten : or, if men be so strong, they may **come** to föur-score^years;
- 11 Yet is their pride but labour and **sor**-row : so soon passeth it a-**way**, and wē are^gone.
- 12 But who regardeth the power of **thy** wrath : or feareth aright thine **in**-dig-nä-tion?
- 13 So teach us to number **our** days : that we may apply our hearts **un**-to wīs-dom.



- 14 Turn thee again, O Lord, at **the** last : and be gracious **un-to** thy sēr-vants.
- 15 O satisfy us with thy mercy, and **that** soon : so shall we rejoice and be glad all the **days** of oür life.
- 16 Comfort us again according to the time that thou hast afflict-**ed** us : and for the years wherein we have suffer-**ed** ad-vēr-si-ty.
- 17 Show thy servants **thy** work : and their chil-**dren** thy glō-ry.
- 18 And let the glorious majesty of the Lord our God be up-**on** us : prosper thou the work of our hands upon us, O prosper **thou** our hān-dy-work.
- Glory be to the Father, and to **the** Son : and **to** the Hō-ly Ghost;
- As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **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 the Prophet Isaiah, chapter 65, beginning at the 15th verse:

and the Lord GOD will slay you;
 but his servants he will call by a different name.
 So that he who blesses himself in the land
 shall bless himself by the God of truth,
 and he who takes an oath in the land
 shall swear by the God of truth;
 because the former troubles are forgotten
 and are hidden from my eyes.

"For behold, I create new heavens
 and a new earth;
 and the former things shall not be remembered
 or come into mind.

But be glad and rejoice for ever
in that which I create;
for behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing,
and her people a joy.
I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and be glad in my people;
no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping
and the cry of distress.
No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old man who does not fill out his days,
for the child shall die a hundred years old,
and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.
They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
They shall not labor in vain,
or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD,
and their children with them.
Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
and dust shall be the serpent's food.
They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain,
says the LORD."

Here endeth the First Lesson.

Antiphon

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

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od, for his great love wherewith he loved us: hath sent his own

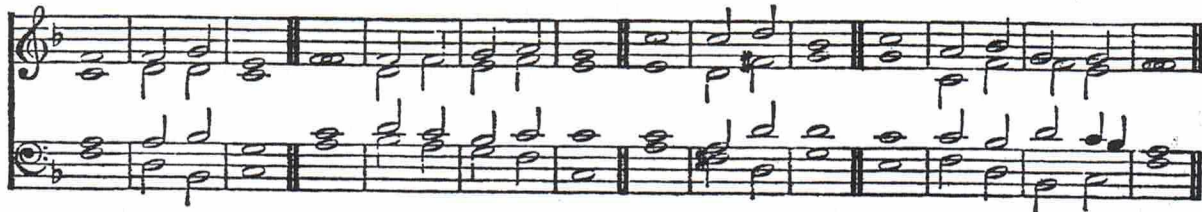
Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, Alle-lu-ia.

Magnificat

(The Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

St Luke 1. 46

JAMES TURLE, 1802-82.



+ 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.

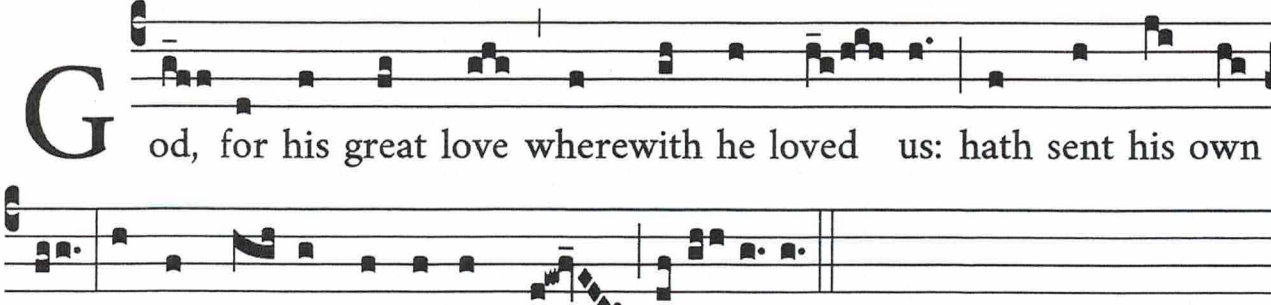
He hath filled the ' hungry • with ' good things : and the rich he ' hath
sent ' empty • a- ' way.

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**)*



God, for his great love wherewith he loved us: hath sent his own
Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, Alle-lu-ia.

The image shows a musical score for a two-part setting of the Antiphon. The first part, on a single staff, begins with a large 'G' and contains the lyrics 'od, for his great love wherewith he loved us: hath sent his own'. The second part, on a single staff, begins with a 'S' and contains the lyrics 'on in the likeness of sinful flesh, Alle-lu-ia.' The music is written in a simple, square-note style on a five-line staff.

The Second Lesson

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

The Second Lesson is written in The Revelation of St. John the Divine, chapter 21, beginning at the 1st verse:

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband;

and I heard a great voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling of God is with men. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away."

And he who sat upon the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."

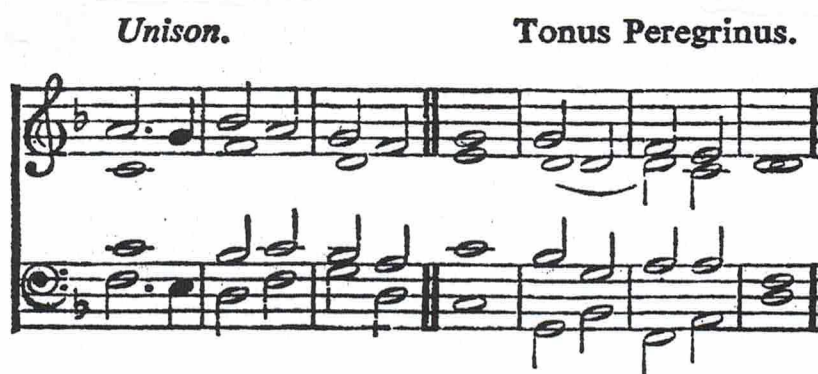
And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water without price from the fountain of the water of life."

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 GOD, who by the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary hast bestowed upon mankind the reward of eternal salvation: grant, we beseech thee, that we may know the help of her intercession, through whom we have been accounted worthy to receive the Author of our life, 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.**

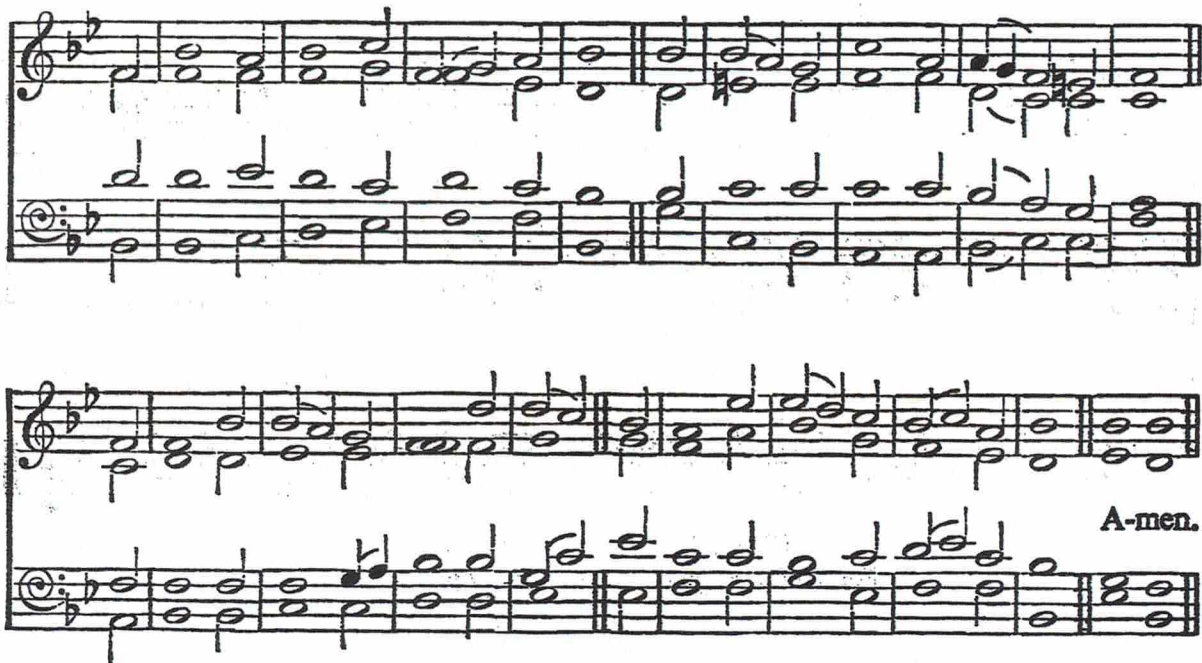
The Third Collect: For Aid against All Perils

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

WALTON. L.M.

WM. GARDINER'S
Sacred Melodies, 1815.



*Ascribed to Fortunatus (c. 569)
Tr. (1854) from the Latin of 9th cent. by Rev. J. M. Neale.*

Quem terra, pontus, aethera.

THE GOD whom earth, and sea, and sky
Adore, and laud, and magnify,
Whose might they own, whose praise they swell,
In Mary's womb vouchsafed to dwell.

- 2 The LORD whom sun and moon obey,
Whom all things serve from day to day,
Was by the HOLY GHOST conceived
Of her who through his grace believed.
- 3 How blest that Mother, in whose shrine
The world's Creator, LORD Divine,
Whose hand contains the earth and sky,
Once deigned, as in his ark, to lie;
- 4 Blest in the message Gabriel brought,
Blest by the work the SPIRIT wrought;
From whom the great Desire of earth
Took human flesh and human birth.
- 5 O LORD, the Virgin-born, to thee
Eternal praise and glory be,
Whom with the FATHER we adore
And HOLY GHOST for evermore.

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 not present, the Officiant, kneeling, says

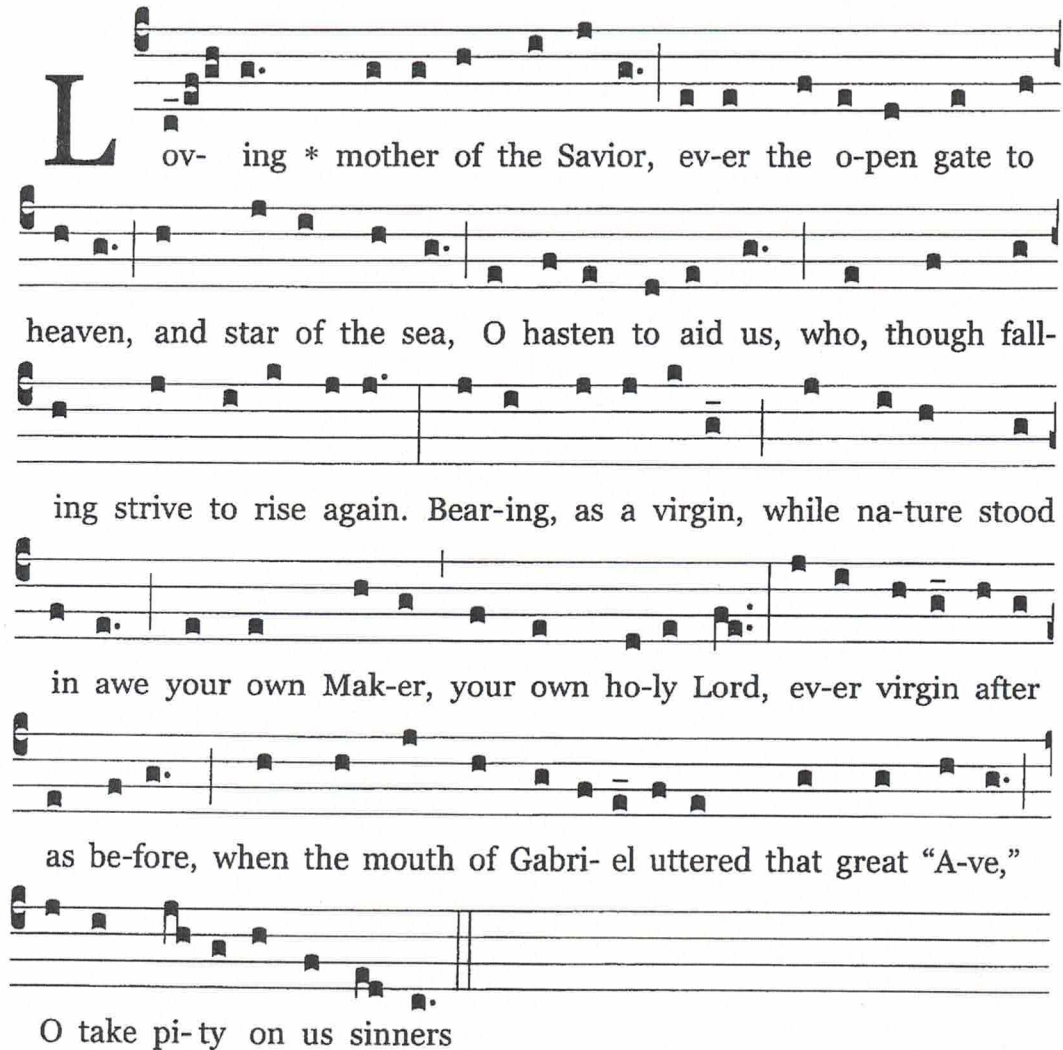
The Grace

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

Alma Redemptoris Mater



Lov- ing * mother of the Savior, ev-er the o-pen gate to
heaven, and star of the sea, O hasten to aid us, who, though fall-
ing strive to rise again. Bear-ing, as a virgin, while na-ture stood
in awe your own Mak-er, your own ho-ly Lord, ev-er virgin after
as be-fore, when the mouth of Gabri- el uttered that great "A-ve,"
O take pi-ty on us sinners

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*The Officiant continues, all remain **standing***

Officiant. The Angel of the Lord announced unto Mary.

People. And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Let us pray.

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts: that, as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an Angel, so by his + Cross and Passion we may be brought to the glory of his Resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*All remain **standing** for the Hymn*

All remain *standing* for the Hymn

IRIS (LES ANGES DANS NOS CAMPAGNES).
8 7. 8 7. with Refrain.

French Carol Melody,
arr. by MARTIN SHAW, 1928.

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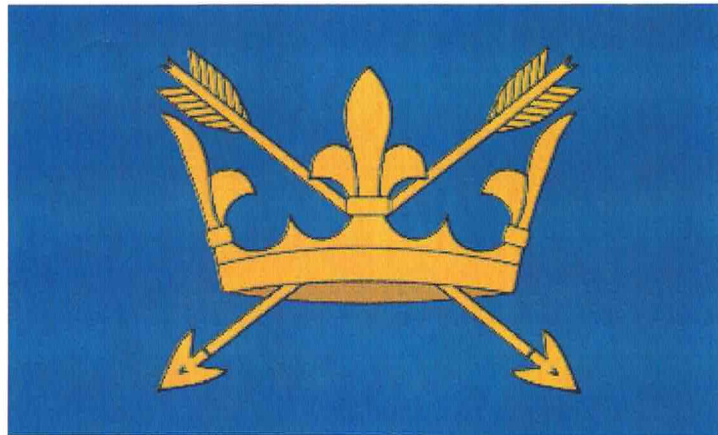
Rev. Dr. G. R. Woodward, 1910.

SHEPHERDS in the field abiding,
Tell us, when the seraph bright
Greeted you with wondrous tiding
What you saw and heard that night.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

2 We beheld (it is no fable),
God Incarnate, King of bliss,
Swathed and cradled in a stable,
And the angel strain was this:
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

3 Choristers on high were singing,
Jesus and his Virgin-birth
Heavenly bells the while a-ringing,
'Peace, good-will to men on earth.'
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

4 Thanks, good herdmen, true your story,
Have with you to Bethlehem;
Angels hymn the King of glory,
Carol we with you and them.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.



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