

The Sodality of St. Edmund, King and Martyr

(A Catholic Community in the Diocese of Hamilton)



Evensong

February 25, 2024

The Second Sunday in Lent

Background:

Our goal, as a Catholic Community, is to join the North American Ordinariate.

On November 4, 2009, Pope Benedict XVI promulgated the **Apostolic Constitution, *Anglicanorum coetibus***, and thereby formally responded to requests of many who embraced an Anglican patrimony to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church within the Latin Rite.

Pope Benedict established 3 Personal Ordinariates:

The Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham (England, Wales, and Scotland)

The Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter (USA, and Canada)

The Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross (Australia, and Japan)

Members of a personal ordinariate are full members of the Roman Catholic Church with all the rights, privileges, and obligations of any other Catholic.

Evensong (Evening Prayer) is one of the gifts of the Anglican patrimony that has been approved by the Holy See.

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

A bit of history:

Evensong was created in the mid 16th century and is derived from two monastic offices, namely Vespers and Compline. Vespers would have been (and still is) sung at sunset and includes the *Magnificat*, and Compline would have been (and still is) sung at the end of the day, and includes the *Nunc Dimittis*.

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

All stand for the Hymn

WAREHAM. L.M. W. KNAPP, 1738.



A-men.

WE sing the praise of him who died,
Of him who died upon the Cross:
The sinner's hope let men deride:
For this we count the world but loss.
2 Inscribed upon the Cross we see
In shining letters, GOD is Love:

Rev. Thomas Kelly, 1815.
He bears our sins upon the Tree:
He brings us mercy from above.
3 The Cross—it takes our guilt away;
It holds the fainting spirit up;
It cheers with hope the gloomy day,
And sweetens every bitter cup.

Sentence from Holy Scripture

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

Rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God; for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.

Joel 2. 13

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;

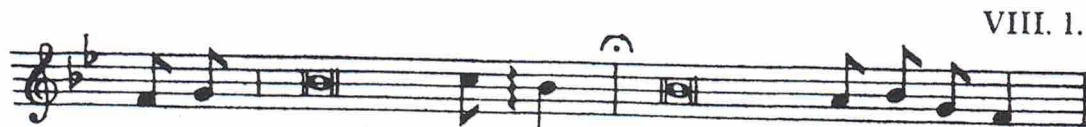
People. The Lord's Name be praised.

The Psalms

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

Psalm 8

Domine, Dominus noster..

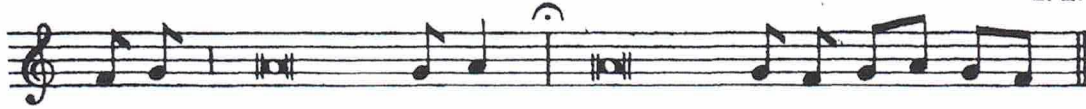


- 1 O LORD our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the **world** : thou that hast set thy glory a-**bove** the hea-vens!
- 2 Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength, because of thine **en-e-mies** : that thou mightest still the enemy and **the** a-veng-er.
- 3 When I consider thy heavens, even the work of thy **fin**-gers : the moon and the stars, which thou **hast** or-dain-ed;
- 4 What is man, that thou art mindful of **him** : and the son of man, that thou **vi-si**-test him?
- 5 Thou hast made him but little lower than the **an**-gels : and dost crown him with glo-ry and wor-ship.
- 6 Thou makest him to have dominion over the works of thy **hands** : and thou hast put all things in subjection **un**-der his feet;
- 7 All sheep and **ox**-en : yea, and the **beasts** of the field;
- 8 The birds of the air, and the fishes of the **sea** : and whatsoever moveth through the **paths** of the seas.
- 9 O Lord our **Go**-vern^{or} : how excellent is thy **Name** in all the world!
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.

Psalm 84

Quam dilecta!

I. 2.



- 1 O HOW lovely are thy **dwel**-lings : (-) thou Lörd of^hösts!
- 2 My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of **the** Lord : my heart and my flesh rejoice **in** the li-ving Göd.
- 3 Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay **her** young : even thine altars, O Lord of hosts, my **King** and my Göd.
- 4 Blessed are they that dwell in **thy** house : they will be **al**-way präis-ing^hthée.
- 5 Blessed are the men whose strength is **in** thee : in whose heart **are** the pil-grim^wäys;
- 6 Who going through the Vale of Misery use it for **a** well : yea, the early rain covereth **it** with blëss-ings.
- 7 They go from strength **to** strength : and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of **them** in Si-ön.
- 8 O Lord God of hosts, hear **my** prayer : hearken, O **God** of Jä-cöb.
- 9 Behold, O God, **our** shield : and look upon the face of **thine** an-oïnt-ëd.
- 10 For one day in **thy** courts : is better **than** a thöu-sänd.
- 11 I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of **my** God : than to dwell in the tents **of** un-göd-liⁿëss.
- 12 For the Lord God is a light and defënce; the Lord will give grace and **glo**-ry : and no good thing shall he withhold from them that **lead** a göd-ly^hlife.
- 13 O Lord God **of** hosts : blessed is the man that put-**teth** his trüst in^hthée.
Glory be to the Father, and to **the** Son : and **to** the Hö-ly^hGhöst;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall** be : world with-**out** end.
Ä-mën.

The First Lesson

*The People remain **seated** for the First Lesson*

The First Lesson is written in The First Book of Moses, commonly called Genesis, chapter 43, beginning at the 1st verse:

Now the famine was severe in the land.

And when they had eaten the grain which they had brought from Egypt, their father said to them, "Go again, buy us a little food."

But Judah said to him, "The man solemnly warned us, saying, 'You shall not see my face, unless your brother is with you.'

If you will send our brother with us, we will go down and buy you food; but if you will not send him, we will not go down, for the man said to us, 'You shall not see my face, unless your brother is with you.'"

Israel said, "Why did you treat me so ill as to tell the man that you had another brother?"

They replied, "The man questioned us carefully about ourselves and our kindred, saying, 'Is your father still alive? Have you another brother?' What we told him was in answer to these questions; could we in any way know that he would say, 'Bring your brother down'?"

And Judah said to Israel his father, "Send the lad with me, and we will arise and go, that we may live and not die, both we and you and also our little ones.

I will be surety for him; of my hand you shall require him. If I do not bring him back to you and set him before you, then let me bear the blame for ever;

for if we had not delayed, we would now have returned twice."

Then their father Israel said to them, "If it must be so, then do this: take some of the choice fruits of the land in your bags, and carry down to the man a present, a little balm and a little honey, gum, myrrh, pistachio nuts, and almonds.

Take double the money with you; carry back with you the money that was returned in the mouth of your sacks; perhaps it was an oversight.

Take also your brother, and arise, go again to the man; may God Almighty grant you mercy before the man, that he may send back your other brother and Benjamin. If I am bereaved of my children, I am bereaved."

So the men took the present, and they took double the money with them, and Benjamin; and they arose and went down to Egypt, and stood before Joseph.

And he inquired about their welfare, and said, "Is your father well, the old man of whom you spoke? Is he still alive?"

They said, "Your servant our father is well, he is still alive." And they bowed their heads and made obeisance.

And he lifted up his eyes, and saw his brother Benjamin, his mother's son, and said, "Is this your youngest brother, of whom you spoke to me? God be gracious to you, my son!"

Then Joseph made haste, for his heart yearned for his brother, and he sought a place to weep. And he entered his chamber and wept there.

Then he washed his face and came out; and controlling himself he said, "Let food be served."

They served him by himself, and them by themselves, and the Egyptians who ate with him by themselves, because the Egyptians might not eat bread with the Hebrews, for that is an abomination to the Egyptians.

And they sat before him, the first-born according to his birthright and the youngest according to his youth; and the men looked at one another in amazement.


Portions were taken to them from Joseph's table, but Benjamin's portion was five times as much as any of theirs. So they drank and were merry with him.

Here endeth the First Lesson.

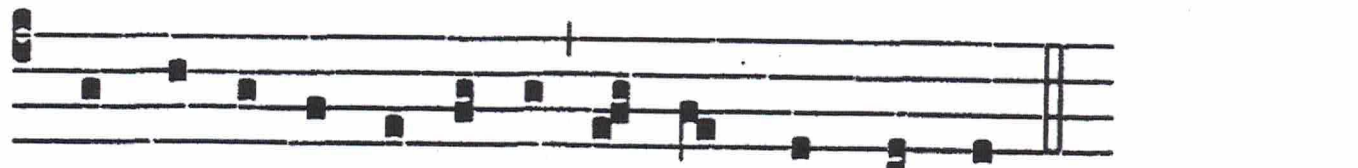
Antiphon

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

i.



Tell the vi-sion * which ye have seen to no man, un-til



the Son of man be ri-sen a- gain from the dead.

Magnificat

(The Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

St Luke 1. 46

Sung by all, standing

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.

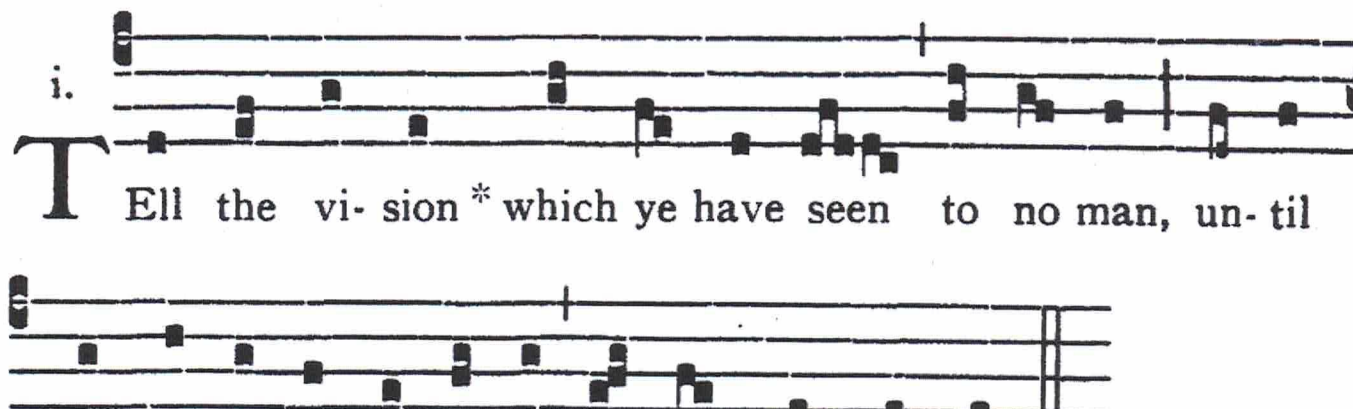
He re- ' membering • his ' mercy : hath ' holpen • his ' servant ' Israel ;
As he promised ' to our ' forefathers : Abraham ' and his ' seed for '
ever.

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**)

i.



T Ell the vi- sion* which ye have seen to no man, un- til
the Son of man be ri- sen a- gain from the dead.

The Second Lesson

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

The Second Lesson is written in The Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 22, beginning at the 24th verse:

A dispute also arose among them, which of them was to be regarded as the greatest.

And he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors.

But not so with you; rather let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves.

For which is the greater, one who sits at table, or one who serves? Is it not the one who sits at table? But I am among you as one who serves.

“You are those who have continued with me in my trials; as my Father appointed a kingdom for me, so do I appoint for you that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

“Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat,

but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail; and when you have turned again, strengthen your brethren.”

And he said to him, “Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death.”

He said, “I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you three times deny that you know me.”

And he said to them, “When I sent you out with no purse or bag or sandals, did you lack anything?” They said, “Nothing.”

He said to them, “But now, let him who has a purse take it, and likewise a bag. And let him who has no sword sell his cloak and buy one.

For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me, ‘And he was reckoned with transgressors’; for what is written about me has its fulfilment.”

And they said, “Look, Lord, here are two swords.” And he said to them, “It is enough.”

And he came out, and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him.

And when he came to the place he said to them, “Pray that you may not enter into temptation.”

And he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, and knelt down and prayed,

“Father, if thou art willing, remove this chalice from me; nevertheless not my will, but yours, be done.”

And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him.

And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down upon the ground.

And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow,

and he said to them, “Why do you sleep? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation.”

While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him;

but Jesus said to him, “Judas, would you betray the Son of man with a kiss?”

And when those who were about him saw what would follow, they said, “Lord, shall we strike with the sword?”

And one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear.

But Jesus said, “No more of this!” And he touched his ear and healed him.

Then Jesus said to the chief priests and captains of the temple and elders, who had come out against him, “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs?

When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness.”

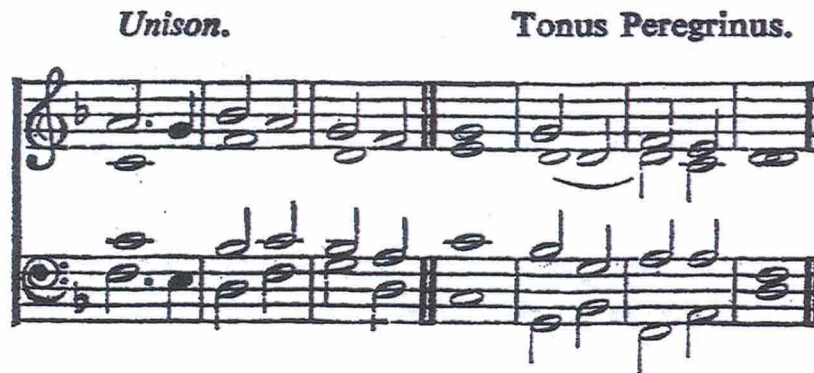
Here endeth the Second Lesson.

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 God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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

BELMONT. C.M. WM. GARDINER'S *Sacred Melodies*, 1812.

A-men.

COME, let us to the LORD our GOD
With contrite hearts return;
Our GOD is gracious, nor will leave
The desolate to mourn.

2 His voice commands the tempest forth
And stills the stormy wave;
And though his arm be strong to smite,
'Tis also strong to save.

3 Long hath the night of sorrow reigned;
The dawn shall bring us light;
God shall appear, and we shall rise
With gladness in his sight.

Rev. John Morison, 1781.

4 Our hearts, if GOD we seek to know,
Shall know him, and rejoice;
His coming like the morn shall be,
Like morning songs his voice.

5 As dew upon the tender herb,
Diffusing fragrance round;
As showers that usher in the spring,
And cheer the thirsty ground:

6 So shall his presence bless our souls,
And shed a joyful light;
That hallowed morn shall chase away
The sorrows of the night.

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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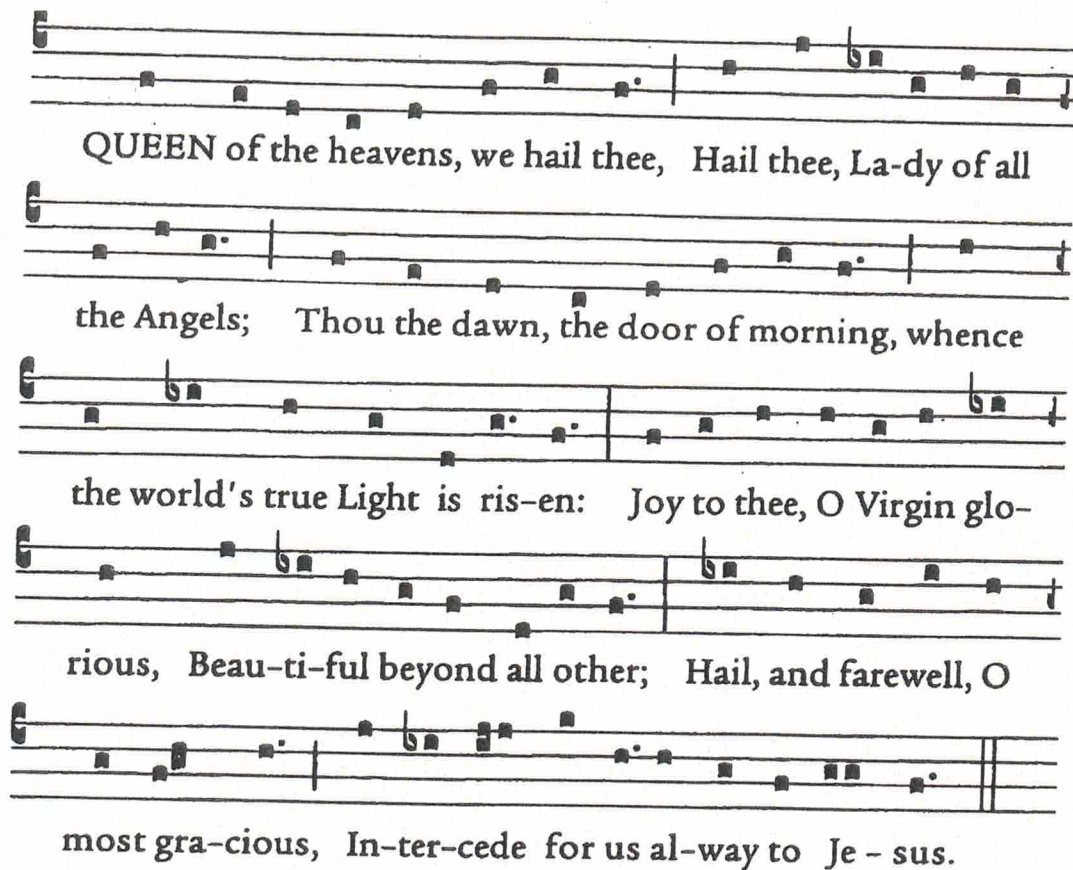
The Grace

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

Ave Regina Caelorum



QUEEN of the heavens, we hail thee, Hail thee, La-dy of all
the Angels; Thou the dawn, the door of morning, whence
the world's true Light is ris-en: Joy to thee, O Virgin glo-
rious, Beau-ti-ful beyond all other; Hail, and farewell, O
most gra-cious, In-ter-cede for us al-way to Je - sus.

The Officiant continues, all remain standing

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

People. Give me strength against thine enemies.

Let us pray.

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

All remain standing for the Hymn

TOPLADY. Six 7's.

THOMAS HASTINGS, 1830. FINE.



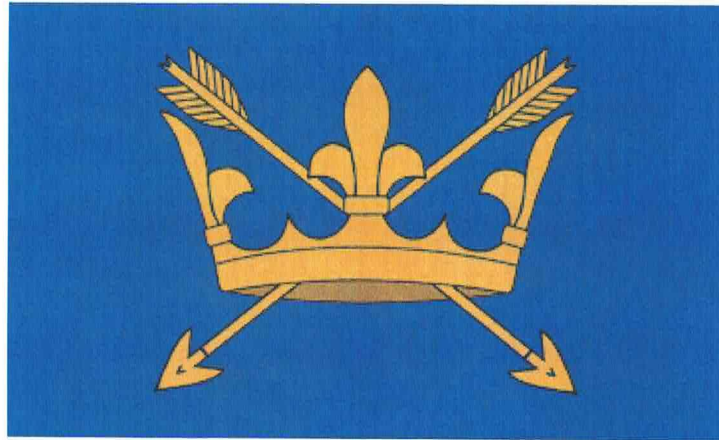
ROCK of ages, cleft for me,
 Let me hide myself in thee;
 Let the water and the Blood
 From thy riven side which flowed,
 Be of sin the double cure,
 Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

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.



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