

The Sodality of St. Edmund, King and Martyr

(A Catholic Community in the Diocese of Hamilton)



Evensong

March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

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

WINCHESTER NEW. L.M.

Musicalisch Handbuch, Hamburg, 1690.



Dean H. H. Milman, 1827.

- R**IDE on! ride on in majesty!
Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;
O SAVIOUR meek, pursue thy road
With palms and scattered garments
strowed.
- 2 Ride on! ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
O CHRIST, thy triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin.
- 3 Ride on! ride on in majesty!
The angel-squadrons of the sky
Look down with sad and wondering eyes
To see the approaching Sacrifice.
- 4 Ride on! ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh,
The FATHER on his sapphire throne
Expects his own anointed SON.
- 5 Ride on! ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
Bow thy meek head to mortal pain;
Then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

Sentence from Holy Scripture

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

God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

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.



PSALM 103 — *Benedic, anima mea.*

- 1 PRAISE THE Lord, O my **soul** : and all that is within me **praise** his ho-ly^Name.
- 2 Praise the Lord, O my **soul** : and forget not **all** his ben-e^fits;
- 3 Who forgiveth all thy **sin** : and healeth all **thine** in-firm-i^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^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^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.



VIII. 2.

- 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**-veⁿ-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 **Lö**rd, 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 the Prophet Isaiah, chapter 52, beginning at the 13th verse: 52, 13 to 53, end)

Behold, my servant shall prosper,
he shall be exalted and lifted up,
and shall be very high.

As many were astonished at him —
his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance,
and his form beyond that of the sons of men —

so shall he startle many nations;
kings shall shut their mouths because of him;
for that which has not been told them they shall see,
and that which they have not heard they shall understand.

Who has believed what we have heard?
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or comeliness that we should look at him,
and no beauty that we should desire him.

He was despised and rejected by men;
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.

But he was wounded for our transgressions,
he was bruised for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that made us whole,
and with his stripes we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned every one to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he opened not his mouth.

By oppression and judgment he was taken away;
and as for his generation, who considered

that he was cut off out of the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people?

And they made his grave with the wicked
and with a rich man in his death,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the LORD to bruise him;
he has put him to grief;
when he makes himself an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring, he shall prolong his days;;
the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand;
he shall see the fruit of the travail of his soul and be satisfied;
by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,
make many to be accounted righteous;
and he shall bear their iniquities.

Therefore I will divide him a portion with the great,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;
because he poured out his soul to death,
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

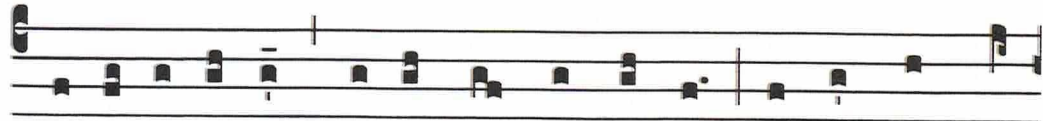
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Antiphon

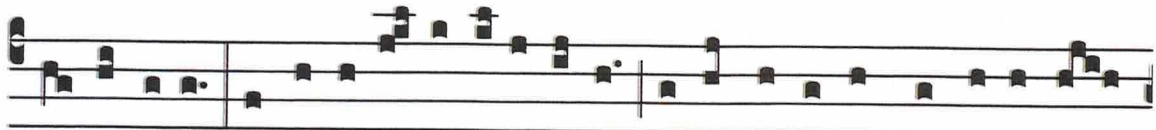
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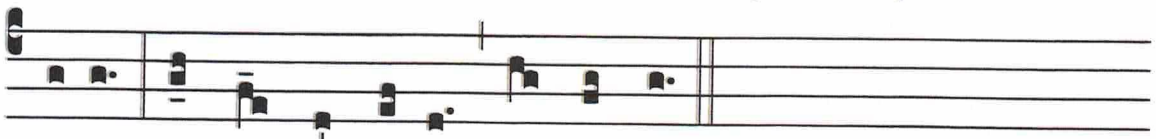
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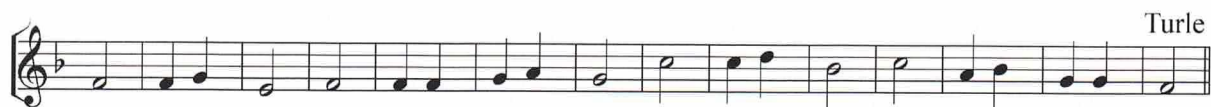


li-lee: there you shall see me, saith the Lord.

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.

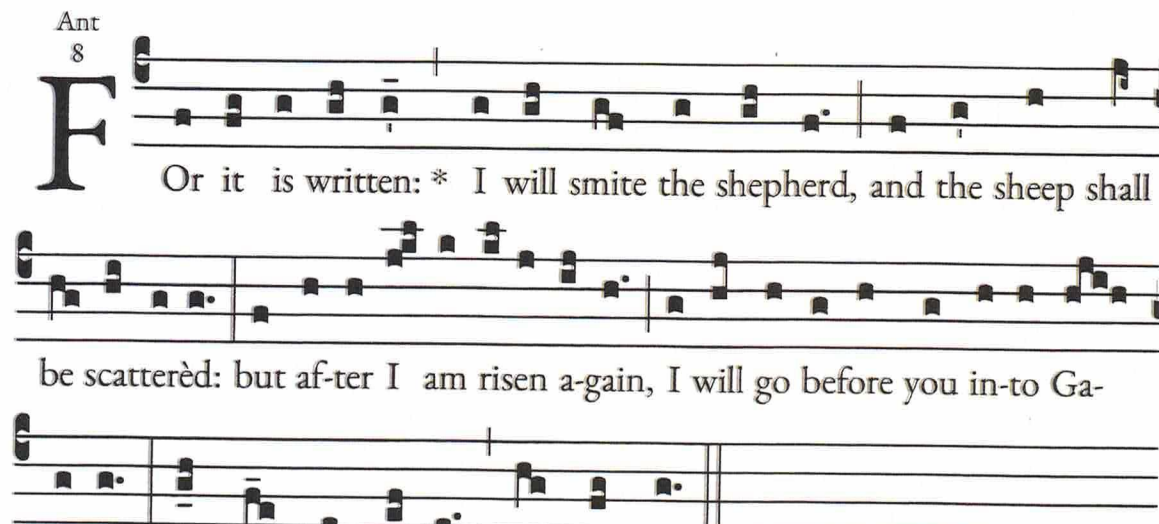
GLORY be to the Father, and ' to the ' Son : and ' to the ' Holy ' Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ' ever ' shall be : world without
' end. ' A- ' men.

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

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The Second Lesson

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

The Second Lesson is written in The Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 19, beginning at the 29th verse: (29 - end)

When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples,

saying, "Go into the village opposite, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat; untie it and bring it here.

If any one asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this, 'The Lord has need of it.'"

So those who were sent went away and found it as he had told them.

And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

And they said, "The Lord has need of it."

And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their garments on the colt they set Jesus upon it.

And as he rode along, they spread their garments on the road.

As he was now drawing near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen,

saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

And some of the Pharisees in the multitude said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples."

He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

And when he drew near and saw the city he wept over it,

saying, "Would that even today you knew the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.

For the days shall come upon you, when your enemies will cast up a bank about you and surround you, and hem you in on every side, and dash you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave one stone upon another in you; because you did not know the time of your visitation."

And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold, saying to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be a house of prayer'; but you have made it a den of robbers."

And he was teaching daily in the temple. The chief priests and the scribes and the principal men of the people sought to destroy him; but they did not find anything they could do, for all the people hung upon his words.

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

Nunc Dimittis

(The Song of Simeon)

St Luke 2. 29



Sung by all, standing

+ LORD, now lettest thou thy servant de- ' part in ' peace :
ac- ' cording ' to thy ' word.

For mine eyes have ' seen thy • sal- ' vation : which thou hast
prepared be- ' fore the ' face of • all ' people;

To be a light to ' lighten • the ' Gentiles : and to be the ' glory of • thy ' people ' Israel.

GLORY be to the Father, and ' to the ' Son : and ' to the ' Holy ' Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ' ever ' shall be : world without
' end. ' A- ' men.

The Confession of the Faith

(called the Apostles' Creed)

Said by all, standing

I BELIEVE in God, the Father Almighty, (*all*) Maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body, + and the life everlasting. Amen.

All kneel

Officiant. O Lord hear our prayer.

People. And let our cry come unto thee.

Officiant. Lord, have mercy upon us.

People. Christ, have mercy upon us.

Officiant. Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer

OUR Father (*all*) who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

All remain kneeling

Suffrages

Officiant. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

People. And grant us thy salvation.

Officiant. O Lord, save the King.

People. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Officiant. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

People. And make thy chosen people joyful.

Officiant. O Lord, save thy people.

People. And bless thine inheritance.

Officiant. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

People. Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Officiant. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

People. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Collects

The Officiant says

The Collect of the Day

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the Cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: mercifully grant that we may follow the example of his patience, and so be made partakers of his Resurrection; through the same 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

ST. CHRISTOPHER. P.M.

F. C. MAKER, 1881.

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Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1868.

BENEATH the Cross of JESUS
I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty rock
Within a weary land.
O blessed shelter from the storm,
The sinner's sure retreat:
O trysting-place, where heavenly love
And heavenly justice meet.

2 There lies beyond its shadow
Upon the farther side
The darkness of an awful pit
That opens deep and wide;
But, lo, between, there stands the Cross
Of him who died to save
With his own life-blood my lost soul
From that eternal grave.

3 Upon the Cross of JESUS
Mine eye by faith can see
The very dying form of One
Who suffered there for me;
And from my smitten heart with tears
Two wonders I confess,
The wonders of his glorious love,
And my own worthlessness.

4 O CHRIST, beneath that shadow
Be my abiding-place;
I ask no other sunshine than
The sunshine of thy face;
Content to let the world go by,
And count its gain but loss;
This sinful self my only shame.
My only hope thy Cross.

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.**

If a Priest is not present, the Officiant, kneeling, says

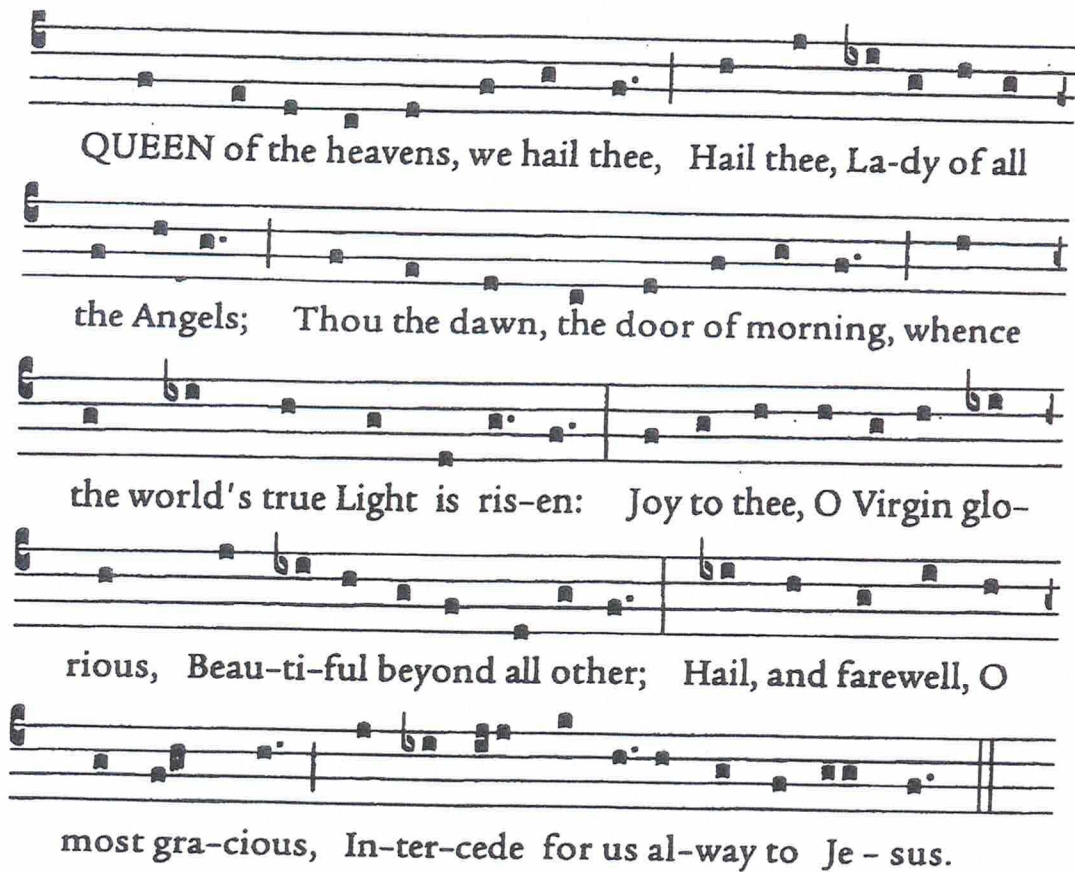
The Grace

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

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.

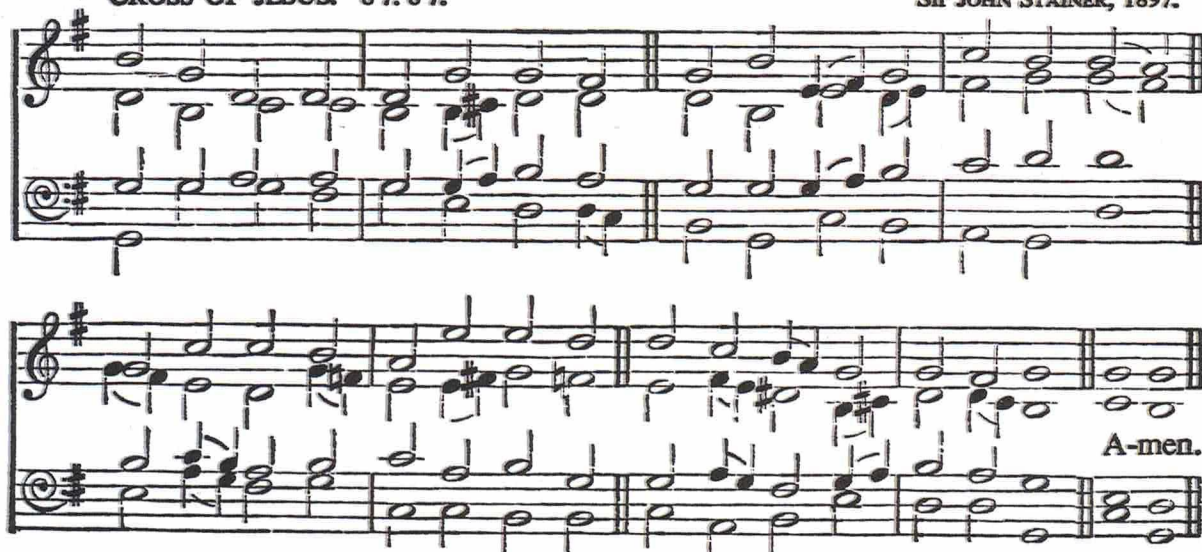
Let us pray.

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

CROSS OF JESUS. 87.87.

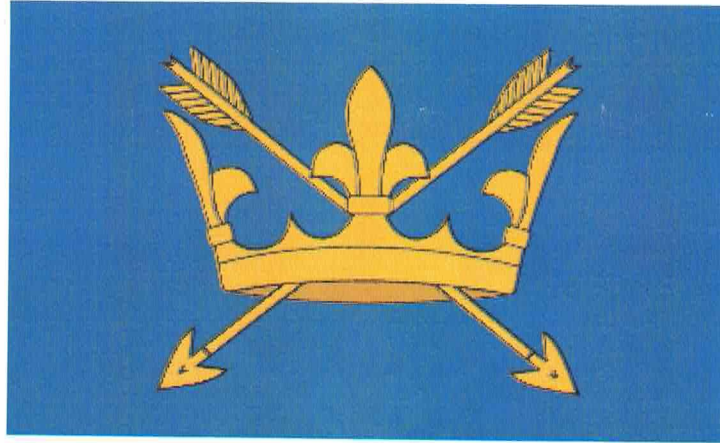
Sir JOHN STAINER, 1897.



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Alternative tune, ALL FOR JESUS, No. 571.

Sir John Bowring, 1825.

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| <p>IN the Cross of CHRIST I glory,
Towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.</p> | <p>2 When the woes of life o'ertake me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the Cross forsake me;
Lo! it glows with peace and joy.</p> |
| <p>3 When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the Cross the radiance streaming
Adds more lustre to the day.</p> | <p>4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
By the Cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.</p> |
| <p>5 In the Cross of CHRIST I glory,
Towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.</p> | |



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