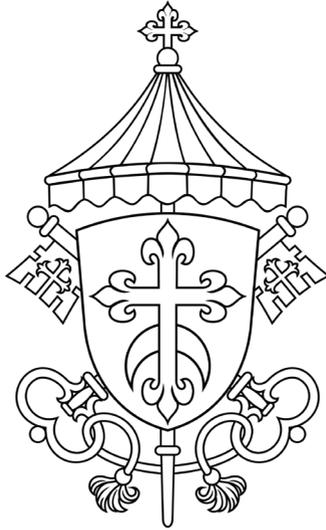


ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



Solemn First Vespers and Benediction

The Office of Evening Prayer

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

28 June 2020

5.00pm

THE OFFICE OF VESPERS

Vespers, also called Evening Prayer, is part of the Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Divine Office. In the Liturgy of the Hours, the Church fulfills Jesus' command to "pray continually". Through hymns, psalms, canticles, readings, and prayers, the people of God sanctify the day by continual praise of God and intercession for the needs of the world.

The Liturgy of the Hours includes several specified times of prayer. The most important times are Morning Prayer: Lauds (which takes place upon rising) and Evening Prayer: Vespers (which takes place as dusk begins to fall). The Office of Vespers gives thanks for the day just past and makes an evening sacrifice of praise to God.

Bishops, priests, deacons, and many men and women in consecrated life pray the Liturgy of the Hours each day. Their work is organised around this prayer, keeping God always at the centre of their days. Lay people are encouraged to pray the Liturgy of the Hours as well, especially Morning and Evening Prayer. The public singing of Lauds and Vespers is a regular part of the life and worship of St Mary's Cathedral.

**TO MAINTAIN A SPIRIT OF REVERENCE AND SOLEMNITY,
PLEASE TURN OFF AND REFRAIN FROM USING ALL MOBILE TELEPHONES
AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES.**

ORDER OF VESPERS

At the sound of the Sacristy bell all stand.

INTRODUCTION TO THE OFFICE

℣ Deus, in adiutorium meum intende.	<i>O God, come to our aid.</i>
℟ Domine, ad adiuvandum me festina.	<i>O Lord, make haste to help us.</i>
Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto.	<i>Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,</i>
Sicut erat in principio et nunc et semper	<i>as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,</i>
et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen. Alleluia.	<i>world without end. Amen. Alleluia.</i>

OFFICE HYMN

Aurea luce et decore roseo, lux lucis, omne perfudisti sæculum, decorans cælos inclito martyrio hac sacra die, quæ dat reis veniam.	<i>Light of the Godhead, shining from eternity, You bless the heavens with a golden radiance, For this great feast day on which we commemorate Martyred apostles, wining grace for penitents.</i>
Ianitor cæli, doctor orbis pariter, iudices sæcli, vera mundi lumina, per crucem alter, alter ense triumphans, vitæ senatum laureati possident.	<i>Keys of the kingdom prove one great supremacy, Teacher of nations was Saint Paul's activity; Cross for Saint Peter, sword for Paul, meant for victory. They shine as judges crowned for all eternity.</i>
O Roma felix, quæ tantorum principum es purpurata pretioso sanguine, non laude tua, sed ipsorum meritis excellis omnem mundi pulchritudinem.	<i>Rome, favoured city, your soil had the privilege Of being purpled by such leaders' martyrdom, Not for your merits, but for their great fortitude, You can claim beauty, passing all in excellence.</i>
Olivæ binæ pietatis unicæ, fide devotos, spe robustos maxime, fonte repletos caritatis geminæ post mortem carnis impetrate vivere.	<i>Mystical olives, one in sacred tenderness, Pray for us always, gain for us true happiness, When the things hoped for, clung to with fidelity, Blossom in merits won by two-fold charity.</i>
Sit Trinitati sempiterna gloria, honor, potestas atque iubilatio, in unitate, cui manet imperium ex tunc et modo per æterna sæcula. Amen.	<i>Praise be unending, homage and all reverence, Glory and honour, now and through eternity, Joyful thanksgiving to the Blessed Trinity, Reigning for ever in their perfect Unity. Amen.</i>

All sit.

PSALMODY

FIRST ANTIPHON

TU es Christus, Filius Dei vivi. Et tu
beatus, Simon Bar-Iona.

*You are the Christ, the Son of the living
God. Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona!*

PSALM 116 (117)

Laudate Dominum, omnes gentes, *O praise the Lord, all you nations,*
collaudate eum, omnes populi. *acclaim him all you peoples!*

Quoniam confirmata est *Strong is*
super nos misericordia eius, *his love for us;*
et veritas Domini manet in æternum. *he is faithful for ever.*

Gloria Patri et Filio, *Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
et Spiritui Sancto. *and to the Holy Spirit,*

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The Antiphon is repeated.

SECOND ANTIPHON

TU es Petrus et super hanc petram
ædificabo Ecclesiam meam.

*You are Peter, and upon this Rock I
will build my Church.*

PSALM 147 (147B)

Lauda, Ierusalem, Dominum; *O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!*
collauda Deum tuum, Sion. *Zion, praise your God!*

Quoniam confortavit seras portarum tuarum, *He has strengthened the bars of your gates*
benedixit filiis tuis in te. *he has blessed the children within you.*

Qui ponit fines tuos pacem *He established peace on your borders,*
et adipe frumenti satiat te. *he feeds you with finest wheat.*

Qui emittit eloquium suum terræ, *He sends out his word to the earth*
velociter currit verbum eius. *and swiftly runs his command.*

Qui dat nivem sicut lanam, *He showers down snow white as wool,*
pruinam sicut cinerem spargit. *he scatters hoar-frost like ashes.*

Mittit crystallum suam sicut buccellas; *He hurls down hailstones like crumbs.*
ante faciem frigoris eius quis sustinebit? *The waters are frozen at his touch;*

Emittet verbum suum et liquefaciet ea, *he sends forth his word and it melts them:*
flabit spiritus eius, et fluent aquæ. *at the breath of his mouth the waters flow.*

Qui annuntiat verbum suum Iacob, *He makes his word known to Jacob,*
iustitias et iudicia sua Israel. *to Israel his laws and decrees.*

Non fecit taliter omni nationi, *He has not dealt thus with other nations;*
et iudicia sua non manifestavit eis. *he has not taught them his decrees.*

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The Antiphon is repeated.

THIRD ANTIPHON

TU es vas electionis, sancte Paule apostole,
prædicator veritatis in universo mundo.

*You are the chosen instrument of God, Saint Paul,
apostle, the preacher of truth in all the world.*

CANTICLE

Ephesians 1:3-10

Benedictus Deus et Pater Domini nostri Iesu Christi, qui benedixit nos in omni benedictione spiritali in cælestibus in Christo,	<i>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.</i>
sicut elegit nos in ipso ante mundi constitutionem, ut essemus sancti et immaculati in conspectu eius in caritate,	<i>He chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.</i>
qui prædestinavit nos in adoptionem filiorum per Iesum Christum in ipsum, secundum beneplacitum voluntatis suæ, in laudem gloriæ gratiæ suæ, in qua gratificavit nos in Dilecto,	<i>He destined us in love to be his sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace which he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.</i>
in quo habemus redemptionem per sanguinem eius, remissionem peccatorum, secundum divitias gratiæ eius, quæ superabundavit in nobis in omni sapientia et prudentia,	<i>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace which he lavished upon us in all wisdom and insight,</i>
notum faciens nobis mysterium voluntatis suæ, secundum beneplacitum eius, quod proposuit in eo, in dispensationem plenitudinis temporum: recapitulare omnia in Christo, quæ in cælis et quæ in terra.	<i>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.</i>
Gloria Patri et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.	<i>Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,</i>
Sicut erat in principio et nunc et semper et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.	<i>as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.</i>

The Antiphon is repeated.

PAUL, servant of Christ Jesus, apostle by God's call, set apart for the service of the gospel. This gospel God announced beforehand in sacred scriptures through his prophets. It is about his Son. I send greetings to all of you in Rome whom God loves and has called to be his dedicated people. Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

SHORT RESPONSORY

Loquebantur Apostoli verbum Dei *The apostles proclaimed the word of God*
 Cum fiducia. *and feared no one.*

∿ Et reddebant testimonium *They gave testimony*
 resurrectionis Iesu Christi. ∿ *to the resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

∿ Gloria Patri et Filio *Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
 et Spiritui Sancto. ∿ *and to the Holy Spirit.*

All stand.

MAGNIFICAT ANTIPHON

ISTI sunt duæ olivæ et duo candelabra lucentia ante Dominum; habent potestatem claudere cælum nubibus et aperire portas eius, quia linguæ eorum claves cæli factæ sunt.

These are the two olive trees and the two lamps that stand before the Lord; they have power to close heaven that the clouds rain not, and to open the gates thereof, for their tongues are made keys of heaven.

MAGNIFICAT

Primi toni

Orlande de Lassus (1532–1594)

Magnificat *My soul*
anima mea Dominum, *glorifies the Lord,*

et exsultavit spiritus meus *my spirit rejoices*
in Deo salutari meo, *in God, my Saviour.*

quia respexit humilitatem ancillæ suæ. *He looks on his servant in her lowliness;*
Ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent *henceforth all ages*
omnes generationes, *will call me blessed.*

quia fecit mihi magna, qui potens est, *The Almighty works marvels for me.*
et sanctum nomen eius, *Holy his name!*

et misericordia eius a progenie in progenies *His mercy is from age to age,*
timentibus eum. *on those who fear him.*

Fecit potentiam in brachio suo, *He puts forth his arm in strength*
dispersit superbos mente cordis sui; *and scatters the proud-hearted.*

deposuit potentes de sede; *He casts the mighty from their thrones*
et exaltavit humiles; *and raises the lowly.*

esurientes implevit bonis *He fills the starving with good things,*
et divites dimisit inanes. *sends the rich away empty.*

Suscepit Israel puerum suum, *He protects Israel, his servant,*
recordatus misericordiæ suæ, *remembering his mercy,*

sicut locutus est ad patres nostros, *the mercy promised to our fathers,*
Abraham et semini eius in sæcula. *to Abraham and his sons for ever.*

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INTERCESSIONS

We pray to Christ who built his Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets.

℟: **Lord, be with your people.**

Simon the fisherman was called by you to be a fisher of men: call others today to share in his task. ℟:

When the disciples feared that the ship was sinking, you commanded the sea and there was calm: protect your Church in the midst of trouble, and give her the peace that the world cannot give. ℟:

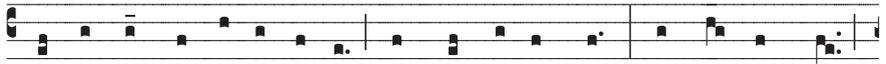
After your resurrection you gathered your Church around Peter: gather all your people now into the unity for which you prayed. ℟:

You sent Paul as an apostle to all men: let your good news be preached today through all creation. ℟:

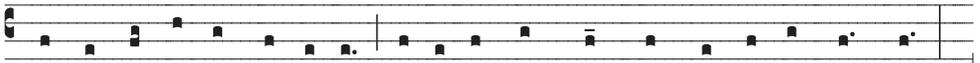
You entrusted the keys of your kingdom to your Church: open the gates of life to the dead who put their trust in you. ℟:

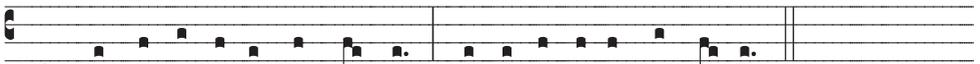
At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All sing


O UR Father, 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 dai-ly bread,


and forgive us our trespasses, as we for-give those who trespass a-gainst us;


and lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e- vil.

COLLECT

LORD our God,
may the blessed apostles Peter and Paul
support us by their prayers.
Through them you first taught your Church
the Christian faith.
Provide us now, by their intercession,
with help for our eternal salvation.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

✠ **Amen.**

As the Blessed Sacrament is brought to the altar all kneel and sing:



O sa - lu - tá - ris Hó - sti - a, Quae cae - li pan - dis ós - ti - um,
O saving Victim, opening wide the gate of Heaven to man below;



Bel - la pre - munt ho - stí - li - a, Da ro - bur, fer au - xí - li - um.
Our foes press hard on every side; thine aid supply; thy strength bestow.



U - ni tri - nó - que Dó - mi - no Sit sem - pi - tér - na gló - ri - a,
All praise and thanks to thee ascend, for ever more, blest one in three.



Qui vi - tam si - ne tér - mi - no No - bis do - net in pá - tri - a.
O grant us life that shall not end, in our true native land with thee.



A - men.

THE MOTET

CONSTITUES eos principes super omnem terram. Memores erunt nominis tui,
Domine, in omni generatione et progenie.

You will make them princes over all the earth; they will cause your name to be remembered for all generations.

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525–1594)

All sing

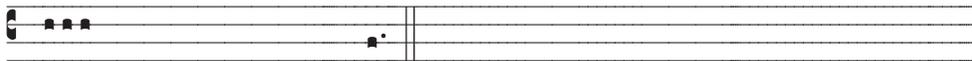
T ANTUM er-go Sa-craméntum * Vene-rémur cérnu-i : et an-tí-quum
Therefore we, before him bending, this great Sacrament revere; types and shadows

do-cuméntum No-vo ce-dat rí-tu-i : præstet fi-des suppleméntum
have their ending, for the newer rite is here; faith our outward sense befriending,

sénsu-um de-féc-tu-i. Ge-ni-tó-ri, Ge-ni-tó-que laus et iu-bi-la-ti-o,
makes our inward vision clear. Glory let us give and blessing to the Father and the Son,

sa-lus, honor, virtus quoque sit et be-ne-dícti-o : pro-ce-dénti ab utró-que
honour, thanks, and praise addressing while eternal ages run; ever too his love confessing,

compar sit lau-dá-ti-o. A-men.
who from both with both is One.



∇ Panem de cælo præstitisti e- is.
You gave them bread from heaven.



⌘ **Omne delectaméntum in se habén- tem.**
Containing in itself all sweetness.

Oremus.

Let us pray.

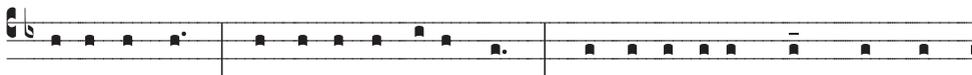
DEUS, qui nobis sub sacramento mirabili passionis tuæ memoriam reliquisti: tribue quæsumus, ita nos corporis et sanguinis tui sacra mysteria venerari; ut redemptionis tuæ fructum in nobis iugiter sentiamus. Qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculorum.

O God, who in a wonderful Sacrament has left us a memorial of your passion: grant us so to venerate the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood, that we may perceive within ourselves the fruit of thy redemption; who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

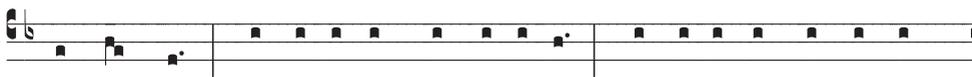
⌘ **Amen.**

BENEDICTION *is given.*

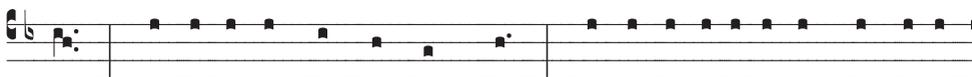
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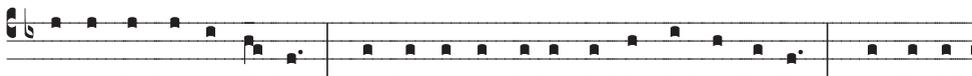
Blessèd be God. Blessèd be his Holy Name. Blessèd be Jesus Christ, true God



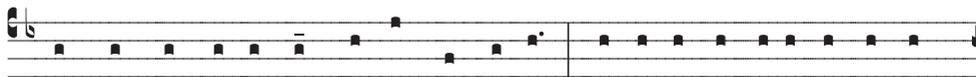
and true Man. Blessèd be the Name of Je-sus. Blessèd be his Most Sacred



Heart. Blessèd be his Most Precious Blood. Blessèd be Jesus in the Most Holy



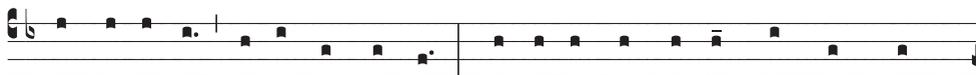
Sacrament of the Al-tar. Blessèd be the Holy Spi-rit, the Pa-raclete. Blessèd be



the great Mother of God, Ma-ry most Ho-ly. Blessèd be her Holy and Imma-



cu-late Conception. Blessèd be her Glorious Assumption. Blessèd be the

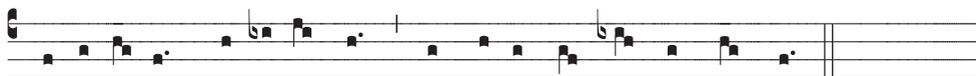


name of Ma-ry, Virgin and Mother. Blessèd be Saint Joseph, her most chaste



spouse. Blessèd be God in his Angels and in his Saints.

As the Blessed Sacrament is reposed, all sing



A-do-ré-mus * in æ-tér-num Sanc-tís-si-mum Sa-cra-mén-tum.

Let us adore for ever the most Holy Sacrament.

Laudate Dominum omnes gentes: *O praise the Lord, all you nations,*
laudate eum omnes populi. *acclaim his all you peoples!*

Quoniam confirmata est super nos *Strong is his*
misericordia eius: *love for us;*
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THE ANTIPHON TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

S Al- ve, * Re-gi- na, ma-ter mi-se-ri-córdi- ae: Vi- ta, dulcé- do,
Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness

et spes nostra, sal- ve. Ad te clamá- mus, éxsu-les, fí- li- i Hevae. Ad te
and our hope, hail. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee

suspi- rá- mus, geméntes et flen-tes in hac la-cri- má- rum val- le. E- ia ergo,
do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then,

advoca- ta nostra, il-los tu- os mi-se-ri-cór-des ó-cu-los ad nos convér- te.
most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us;

Et Ie-sum, bene-díc-tum fructum ventris tu- i, no-bis post hoc ex-sí-li- um
And show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus, after this our exile.

os- ténde. O cle- mens : O pi- a : O dul- cis Virgo Ma-rí- a.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

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