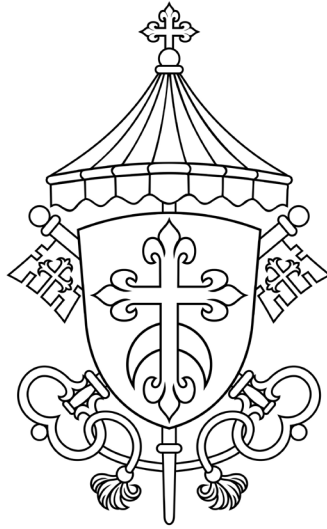


ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



Solemn Vespers and Benediction

The Office of Evening Prayer

Twenty fourth Sunday
of the Year

WEEK IV

13 September 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.**

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EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

At the sound of the Sacristy bell all stand.

As the Blessed Sacrament is brought to the altar all kneel.

The Choir sings

O salutaris hostia, quæ cæli pandis ostium, bella premunt hostilia, da robur, fer auxilium.	<i>O saving victim, opening the gate of heaven; hostile wars press on, give strength, bring us help.</i>
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Uni trinoque Domino sit sempiterna gloria, qui vitam sine termino nobis donet in patria. Amen.	<i>To the Lord, the One in Three, be everlasting glory, that he may give us life without end in our native land. Amen.</i>
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ORDER OF VESPERS

INTRODUCTION TO THE OFFICE

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

OFFICE HYMN

 O lux, Beata Trinitas *O light, O blessed Trinity*
 et principalis Unitas, *And princely might of Unity,*
 iam sol recedit igneus: *the fiery sun now goes his way:*
 infunde lumen cordibus. *shed thou within our hearts thy ray.*

 Te mane laudum carmine, *To thee our morning song of praise,*
 te deprecemur vespere; *to thee our evening prayer we raise;*
 te nostra supplex gloria *In humble worship thee adore*
 per cuncta laudet sæcula. *and glory for evermore.*

 Christum rogamus et Patrem, *We pray the Father and the Son*
 Christi Patrisque Spiritum; *who, with the Spirit reign as one;*
 unum potens per omnia, *O Trinity, containing all,*
 fove precantes, Trinitas. Amen. *console thy servants when they call. Amen.*

All sit.

PSALMODY

FIRST ANTIPHON

IN splendoribus sanctis, ante luciferum genui te,
alleluia.

In holy splendour I begot you before the dawn, alleluia.

PSALM 109 (110)

Dixit Dominus Domino meo: *The Lord's revelation to my Master:*
«Sede a dextris meis, *'Sit on my right:*

donec ponam inimicos tuos: *your foes I will put*
scabellum pedum tuorum». *beneath your feet.'*

Virgam potentiae tuae emittet Dominus ex Sion: *The Lord will wield from Zion your sceptre of power:*
dominare in medio inimicorum tuorum. *rule in the midst of all your foes.*

Tecum principatus in die virtutis tuae, *A prince from the day of your birth*
in splendoribus sanctis: *on the holy mountains;*
ex utero ante luciferum genui te. *from the womb before the dawn I begot you.*

Iuravit Dominus et non pœnitebit eum: *The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change.*
«Tu es sacerdos in æternum secundum *'You are a priest for ever,*
ordinem Melchisedech». *a priest like Melchizedek of old.'*

Dominus a dextris tuis: *The Master standing at your right hand*
conquassabit in die iræ suæ reges. *will shatter kings in the day of his wrath.*

De torrente in via bibet: *He shall drink from the stream by the wayside*
propterea exaltabit caput. *and therefore he shall lift up his head.*

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

Sicut erat in principio et nunc et semper *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,*
et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen. *world without end. Amen.*

ANTIPHON

IN splendoribus sanctis, ante luciferum genui te,
alleluia.

In holy splendour I begot you before the dawn, alleluia.

SECOND ANTIPHON

BEATI pacifici, beati mundo corde, quoniam ipsi
Deum videbunt.

*Blessed are the peacemakers, blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see God.*

PSALM 111 (112)

Beatus vir, qui timet Dominum: *Happy the man who fears the Lord,*
in mandatis eius cupit nimis. *who takes delight in all his commands.*

Potens in terra erit semen eius: *His sons will be powerful on earth;*
generatio rectorum benedicetur. *the children of the upright are blessed.*

Gloria et divitiæ in domo eius: *Riches and wealth are in his house;*
et iustitia eius manet in sæculum sæculi. *his justice stands firm for ever.*

Exortum est in tenebris lumen rectis: *He is a light in the darkness for the upright:*
misericors et miserator et iustus. *he is generous, merciful and just.*

Iucundus homo, qui miseretur et commodat, *The good man takes pity and lends,*
disponet res suas in iudicio: *he conducts his affairs with honour.*
quia in æternum non commovebitur. *The just man will never waver:*

In memoria æterna erit iustus: *he will be remembered for ever.*
auditione mala non timebit. *He has no fear of evil news;*

Paretum cor eius, sperans in Domino, *with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord.*
confirmatum est cor eius, non timebit: *With a steadfast heart he will not fear;*
donec despiciat inimicos suos. *he will see the downfall of his foes.*

Distribuit, dedit pauperibus; *Open-handed, he gives to the poor;*
iustitia eius manet in sæculum sæculi: *his justice stands firm for ever.*
cornu eius exaltabitur in gloria. *His head will be raised in glory.*

Peccator videbit et irascetur, *The wicked man sees and is angry,*
dentibus suis fremet et tabescet: *grinds his teeth and fades away;*
Desiderium peccatorum peribit. *the desire of the wicked leads to doom.*

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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et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen. *world without end. Amen.*

The Antiphon is repeated.

THIRD ANTIPHON

LAUDEM dicite Deo nostro, omnes servi eius, pusilli
et magni, alleluia.

*Praise God, all you his servants, both great and small,
alleluia.*

CANTICLE

Apocalypse 19:1-2. 5-7

Alleluia. *Alleluia.*

Salus et gloria et virtus Deo nostro: *Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,*

Alleluia. *Alleluia.*

quia vera et iusta iudicia eius. *his judgements are true and just.*

Alleluia, alleluia. *Alleluia, alleluia.*

Alleluia. *Alleluia.*

Laudem dicite Deo nostro, omnes servi eius: *Praise our God, all you his servants,*

Alleluia. *Alleluia.*

et qui timetis eum, pusilli et magni! *you who fear him, small and great.*

Alleluia, alleluia. *Alleluia, alleluia.*

Alleluia. *Alleluia.*

Quoniam regnavit Dominus, *The Lord our God,*
Deus noster omnipotens: *the Almighty, reigns,*

Alleluia. *Alleluia.*

Gaudeamus et exsultemus et demus gloriam ei. *let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory.*

Alleluia, alleluia. *Alleluia, alleluia.*

Alleluia. *Alleluia.*

Quia venerunt nuptiæ Agni: *The marriage of the Lamb has come,*

Alleluia. *Alleluia.*

et uxor eius præparavit se. *and his bride has made herself ready.*

Alleluia, alleluia. *Alleluia, alleluia.*

Alleluia. *Alleluia.*

Gloria Patri et Filio: *Glory be to the Father and to the Son*

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et Spiritui Sancto. *and to the Holy Spirit,*

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Alleluia. *Alleluia.*

et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen. *world without end. Amen.*

Alleluia, alleluia. *Alleluia, alleluia.*

The Antiphon is repeated.

WHAT you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant and a blood for purification which pleads more insistently than Abel's.

SHORT RESPONSORY

Magnus Dominus noster, Et magna virtus eius.	<i>Great is our Lord; great is his might.</i>
℣. Et sapientiæ eius non est numerus. ℞.	<i>His wisdom can never be measured.</i>
℣. Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto. ℞.	<i>Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.</i>

All stand.

MAGNIFICAT ANTIPHON

SERVE nequam, omne debitum dimisi tibi, quoniam rogasti me; nonne oportuit et te misereri conservi tui sicut et ego tui misertus sum?

You wicked servant, I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?

MAGNIFICAT

Sexti toni

Cristóbal de Morales (c.1500–1553)

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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et Spiritui Sancto. *and to the Holy Spirit,*

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INTERCESSIONS

In the Church, God has made known to us his hidden purpose: to make all things one in Christ. Let us pray that his will may be done.

℟: **Father, unite all things in Christ.**

We give you thanks for the presence and power of your Spirit in the Church: give us the will to search for unity, and inspire us to pray and work together. ℟:

We give you thanks for all those whose work proclaims your love: help us to serve the communities in whose life we share. ℟:

Father, care for all who serve in the Church as ministers of your word and sacraments: may they bring your whole family to the unity for which Christ prayed. ℟:

Your people have known the ravages of war and hatred: grant that they may know the peace left by your Son. ℟:

Fulfil the hopes of those who sleep in your peace: bring them to that final resurrection when you will be all in all. ℟:

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

℟: **Our 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 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.**

COLLECT

LOOK upon us, Lord, creator and ruler of the whole world: give us grace to serve you with all our heart that we may come to know the power of your forgiveness and love. 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.**

The Choir sings

THE MOTET

SI enim iniquitates recordaberis, quis sustineat? Quis enim iustus qui se dicere
audeat sine peccato esse? Nullus est enim mundus in conspectu tuo.

*If you should mark our guilt, who would survive? For what just man dare say of himself
that he has no sin? For in your sight none is without sin.*

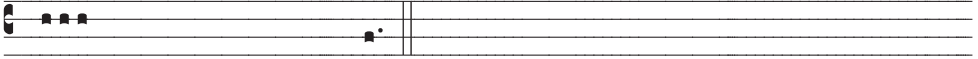
Thomas Tallis (1505–1585)

Tantum ergo Sacramentum veneremur cernui; et antiquum documentum novo cedat ritui: præstet fides supplementum sensuum defectui.	<i>Therefore we, before him bending, this great Sacrament revere; types and shadows have their ending, for the newer rite is here; faith, our outward sense befriending, makes the inward vision clear.</i>
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Genitori Genitoque laus et iubilatio, salus, honor, virtus quoque sit et benedictio: Procedenti ab utroque compar sit laudatio. Amen.	<i>Glory let us give, and blessing to the Father, and the Son; honour, might, and praise addressing, while eternal ages run; ever too his love confessing, who, from both, with both is one. Amen.</i>
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∿ Panem de cælo præstitisti e- is.
You gave them bread from heaven.

∿ **Omne delectamentum in se habentem.**
Containing in itself all sweetness.

Oremus.

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.

∿ **Amen.**

Let us pray.

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.

BENEDICTION *is given.*

THE DIVINE PRAISES

Blessèd be God.

Blessèd be his Holy Name.

Blessèd be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

Blessèd be the Name of Jesus.

Blessèd be his Most Sacred Heart.

Blessèd be his Most Precious Blood.

Blessèd be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessèd be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

Blessèd be the great Mother of God, Mary most Holy.

Blessèd be her Holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blessèd be her Glorious Assumption.

Blessèd be the name of Mary, 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, the Choir sings

℟. Adoremus in æternum Sanctissimum Sacramentum.

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;*
et veritas Domini manet in æternum. *he is faithful for ever.*

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ANTIPHON TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Salve, Regina, mater misericordiæ; vita, dulcedo et spes nostra, salve.	<i>Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope.</i>
Ad te clamamus, exsules, filii Evæ.	<i>To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve.</i>
Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes in hac lacrimarum valle.	<i>To you do we send up our sighs mourning and weeping in this vale of tears.</i>
Eia ergo, advocata nostra, illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte.	<i>Turn, then, most gracious Advocate, your eyes of mercy towards us.</i>
Et Iesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui, nobis post hoc exsilium ostende.	<i>and after this exile show us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus.</i>
O clemens, o pia, o dulcis Virgo Maria.	<i>O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.</i>

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