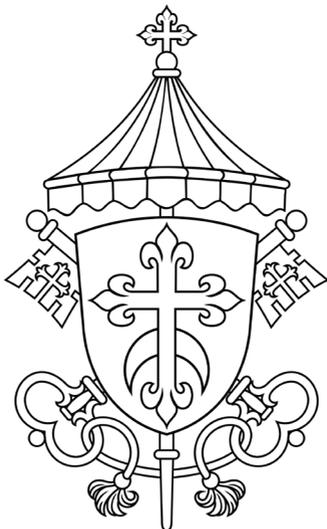


ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



Solemn Vespers and Benediction

The Office of Evening Prayer

All Saints

1 November 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

Christe, redemptor omnium, *O Christ, Redeemer of us all,*
conserva tuos famulos, *Protect thy servants when they call,*
beatæ semper Virginis *And hear with reconciling care*
placatus sanctis precibus. *The Blessed Virgin's holy prayer.*

Beata quoque agmina *And ye, O ever blissful throng*
cælestium spirituum, *Of heavenly Spirits, guardians strong,*
præterita, præsentia, *Our past and present ills dispel;*
futura mala pellite. *From future peril shield us well.*

Vates æterni iudicis *Ye Prophets of the Judge adored*
apostolique Domini, *Ye twelve Apostles of the Lord,*
suppliciter exposcimus *For us your ceaseless prayer outpour,*
salvari vestris precibus. *Salvation for our souls implore.*

Martyres Dei incliti *Martyrs of God, renowned for aye,*
confessoresque lucidi, *Confessors ranged in bright array,*
vestris orationibus *Let all your orisons unite*
nos ferte in cælestibus. *To bear us to the realms of light.*

Chori sanctarum virginum *O sacred Virgin choirs, may ye,*
monachorumque omnium, *With Monks of holy ministry*
simul cum sanctis omnibus *And every Saint of Christ, obtain*
consortes Christi facite. *That we his fellowship may gain.*

Sit Trinitati gloria, *To thee, O Father, born of none,*
vestrasque voces iungite *And thee, O sole-begotten Son,*
ut illi laudes debitas *One with the Holy Paraclete,*
persolvamus alacriter. Amen. *Be glory ever as is meet. Amen.*

All sit.

PSALMODY

FIRST ANTIPHON

VIDI turbam magnam, quam dinumerare nemo poterat, ex omnibus gentibus, stantes ante thronum.

I saw a vast throng, which no man could number, from every nation, standing before the throne.

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.*

The Antiphon is repeated.

SECOND ANTIPHON

DEUS tentavit illos et invenit eos dignos se; ideo accipient regnum decoris de manu Domini.

*God has tried them and found them worthy of himself.
Royal splendour shall be theirs from the Lord.*

PSALM 115 (116B)

Credidi, etiam cum locutus sum: «Ego humiliatus sum nimis».	<i>I trusted even when I said: 'I am sorely afflicted,'</i>
Ego dixi in trepidatione mea: «Omnis homo mendax».	<i>and when I said in my alarm: 'No man can be trusted.'</i>
Quid retribuam Domino pro omnibus, quæ retribuit mihi?	<i>How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me?</i>
Calicem salutaris accipiam et nomen Domini invocabo.	<i>The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name.</i>
Vota mea Domino reddam coram omni populo eius.	<i>My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people.</i>
Pretiosa in conspectu Domini mors sanctorum eius.	<i>O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.</i>
O Domine, ego servus tuus, ego servus tuus et filius ancillæ tuæ. Dirupisti vincula mea:	<i>Your servant, Lord, am I; your servant and the son of your handmaid. You have loosened my bonds.</i>
tibi sacrificabo hostiam laudis et nomen Domini invocabo.	<i>A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name.</i>
Vota mea Domino reddam coram omni populo eius, in atriis domus Domini, in medio tui, Ierusalem.	<i>My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.</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.

THIRD ANTIPHON

REDEMISTI nos, Domine Deus, in sanguine tuo ex omni tribu et lingua et populo et natione et fecisti nos Deo nostro regnum.

You have redeemed us, Lord God, in your blood, from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. You have made us a kingdom for our God.

CANTICLE

Apocalypse 4:11,5:9,10,12

Dignus es, Domine et Deus noster, *Worthy are you, our Lord and God,*
accipere gloriam et honorem et virtutem, *to receive glory and honour and power,*

quia tu creasti omnia, *for you created all things,*
et propter voluntatem tuam erant et creata sunt. *and by your will they existed and were created.*

Dignus es, Domine, accipere librum *Worthy are you, O Lord,*
et aperire signacula eius, *to take the scroll and open its seals,*

quoniam occisus es *for you were slain,*
et redemisti Deo in sanguine tuo *and by your blood you ransomed men for God*
ex omni tribu et lingua et populo et natione *from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.*

et fecisti eos Deo nostro regnum *You have made us a kingdom*
et sacerdotes, *and priests to our God,*
et regnabunt super terram. *and we shall reign on earth.*

Dignus est Agnus, qui occisus est, *Worthy is the Lamb who was slain*
accipere virtutem et divitias et sapientiam *to receive power and wealth and wisdom*
et fortitudinem et honorem *and might and honour*
et gloriam et benedictionem. *and glory and blessing.*

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.

THE temple of the living God is what we are. God's own words are: 'I will live and move and have my being among them; I will be their God, and they shall be my people.' Such are the promises that have been made to us, dear friends. Let us therefore cleanse ourselves from all that can defile our spirit, and in the fear of God complete our consecration.

SHORT RESPONSORY

Sancti et iusti, *Let the saints*
In Domino gaudete. *rejoice in the Lord.*

∩ Vos elegit Deus in hereditatem sibi. Ɀ *God has chosen you for his own.*

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

All stand.

MAGNIFICAT ANTIPHON

O QUAM gloriosum est regnum, in quo cum Christo gaudent omnes sancti; amicti stolis albis sequuntur Agnum quocumque ierit.

*How full of splendour is the kingdom where all the saints exult with Christ!
The white-robed throng follows the Lamb of God in all his ways.*

MAGNIFICAT

Sexti toni

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525–1594)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Antiphon is repeated.

INTERCESSIONS

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we are encouraged to run steadily in the race we have started. We pray to Christ, for he is the author of our faith, and he will bring it to fulfilment:

℟: **With all the saints we praise and thank you, Lord.**

Lord, you chose the apostles to be the foundation of your Church: keep us faithful to all that you left in their care. ℟:

Your martyrs testified to you, even to the shedding of their blood: make all Christians faithful witnesses to your word. ℟:

Lord, be with those who have consecrated their lives to you in virginity: may their hope and generosity be a sign to the world of the glorious life they await at the end of time. ℟:

In the saints you reveal your presence and your care: as we venerate them, may we be drawn closer to you. ℟:

Welcome our departed brothers and sisters into the company of Mary, Joseph and all the saints: through their intercession, grant us a place in your kingdom. ℟:

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

ALmighty, ever-living God, we are celebrating with joy the triumph of your grace in all the saints. With so vast a multitude praying for us, may we receive from you the fullness of mercy we have always desired. 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

VIDI turbam magnam, quam dinumerare nemo poterat, ex omnibus gentibus, et tribubus, et populis, et linguis, stantes ante thronum Dei in conspectu agni, amicti stolis albis, et palmæ in manibus eorum, et clamabant voce magna, dicentes: Salus Deo nostro, qui sedet super thronum et agno. Et omnes angeli stabant in circuitu throni, et seniorum, et quatuor animalium, et ceciderunt in conspectu throni et adoraverunt Deum, dicentes: Amen, benedictio et claritas et sapientia et gratiarum actio, honor, virtus et fortitudo Deo nostro, in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne of God and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the grounds with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words: 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

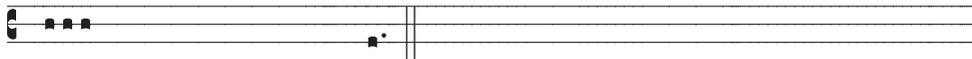
Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

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.*

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