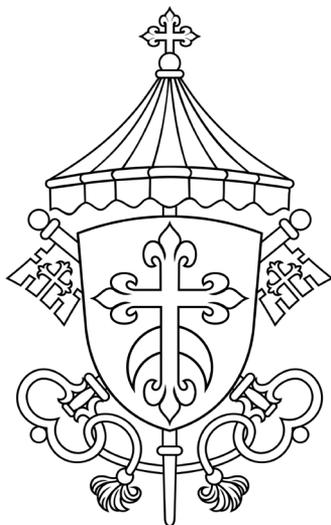


ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



Solemn Vespers and Benediction

The Office of Evening Prayer

SECOND SUNDAY
OF ADVENT

6 December 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.**

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

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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	<i>Glory be to the Father and to the Son</i>
et Spiritui Sancto.	<i>and to the Holy Spirit,</i>
Sicut erat in principio	<i>as it was in the beginning,</i>
et nunc et semper	<i>is now, and ever shall be,</i>
et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen. Alleluia.	<i>world without end. Amen. Alleluia.</i>

OFFICE HYMN

Conditor alme siderum, æterna lux credentium, Christe, redemptor omnium, exaudi preces supplicum.	<i>Creator of the stars of night, Thy people's everlasting light, O Christ, thou saviour of us all, We pray thee, hear us when we call.</i>
Qui condolens interitu mortis perire sæculum, salvastis mundum languidum, donans reis remedium	<i>To thee the travail deep was known That made the whole creation groan Till thou, Redeemer, shouldst free Thine own in glorious liberty.</i>
Vergente mundi vespere, uti sponsus de thalamo, egressus honestissima Virginis matris clausula.	<i>When the old world drew on toward night, Thou camest, not in splendour bright As monarch, but the humble child Of Mary, blameless mother mild.</i>
Cuius forti potentia genu curvantur omnia; cælestia, terrestria nutu fatentur subdita.	<i>At thy great name, O Jesu, now All knees must bend, all hearts must bow; And things celestial thee shall own, And things terrestrial, Lord alone.</i>
Te, Sancte, fide quæsumus, venture iudex sæculi, conserva nos in tempore hostis a telo perfidi.	<i>Come in thy holy might, we pray; Redeem us for eternal day From every power of darkness, when Thou judgest all the sons of men.</i>
Sit, Christe, rex piissime, tibi Patrique gloria cum Spiritu Paraclito, in sempiterna sæcula. Amen.	<i>To God the Father, God the Son, And God the Spirit, Three in One, Laud, honour, might, and glory be From age to age eternally. Amen.</i>

All sit.

PSALMODY

FIRST ANTIPHON

ECCE in nubibus cæli Dominus veniet
cum potestate magna, alleluia.

*Behold, the Lord will come on the clouds of
heaven with great strength. 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 potentiæ tuæ 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 tuæ, *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 pænitebit 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

ECCE apparebit Dominus et non mentietur; si moram fecerit, exspecta eum, quia veniet et non tardabit, alleluia.

The Lord will come and will not disappoint us. Wait for him if he seems to delay, for he will surely come, alleluia.

PSALM 113B (115)

Non nobis, Domine, non nobis, *Not to us, Lord, not to us,*
sed nomini tuo da gloriam *but to your name give the glory*
super misericordia tua et veritate tua. *for the sake of your love and your truth,*

Quare dicent gentes: *lest the heathen say:*
«Ubi est Deus eorum?». *'Where is their God?'*

Deus autem noster in cælo, *But our God is in the heavens;*
omnia, quæcumque voluit, fecit. *he does whatever he wills.*

Simulacra gentium argentum et aurum, *Their idols are silver and gold,*
opera manuum hominum. *the work of human hands.*

Os habent et non loquentur, *They have mouths but they cannot speak;*
oculos habent et non videbunt. *they have eyes but they cannot see;*

Aures habent et non audient, *they have ears but they cannot hear;*
nares habent et non odorabunt. *they have nostrils but they cannot smell.*

Manus habent et non palpabunt, *With their hands they cannot feel;*
pedes habent et non ambulabunt; *with their feet they cannot walk.*
non clamabunt in gutture suo. *(No sound comes from their throats.)*

Similes illis erunt, qui faciunt ea, *Their makers will come to be like them*
et omnes, qui confidunt in eis. *and so will all who trust in them.*

Domus Israel speravit in Domino: *Sons of Israel, trust in the Lord;*
adiutorium eorum et scutum eorum est. *he is their help and their shield.*

Domus Aaron speravit in Domino: *Sons of Aaron, trust in the Lord;*
adiutorium eorum et scutum eorum est. *he is their help and their shield.*

Qui timent Dominum, speraverunt in Domino: *You who fear him, trust in the Lord;*
adiutorium eorum et scutum eorum est. *he is their help and their shield.*

Dominus memor fuit nostri et benedicet nobis: benedicet domui Israel, benedicet domui Aaron,	<i>He remembers us, and he will bless us; he will bless the sons of Israel. (He will bless the sons of Aaron.)</i>
benedicet omnibus, qui timent Dominum, pusillis cum maioribus.	<i>The Lord will bless those who fear him, the little no less than the great:</i>
Adiciat Dominus super vos, super vos et super filios vestros.	<i>to you may the Lord grant increase, to you and all your children.</i>
Benedicti vos a Domino, qui fecit cælum et terram.	<i>May you be blessed by the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.</i>
Cæli, cæli sunt Domino, terram autem dedit filiis hominum.	<i>The heavens belong to the Lord but the earth he has given to men.</i>
Non mortui laudabunt te, Domine, neque omnes, qui descendunt in silentium,	<i>The dead shall not praise the Lord, nor those who go down into the silence.</i>
sed nos, qui vivimus, benedicimus Domino ex hoc nunc et usque in sæculum.	<i>But we who live bless the Lord now and for ever. Amen.</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>

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THIRD ANTIPHON

DOMINUS legifer noster, Dominus rex
noster: ipse veniet et salvabit nos.

*The Lord is our judge, the Lord is our king:
he will come and make us whole.*

CANTICLE

Apocalypse 19:1-2. 5-7

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.*

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.*

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.*

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.*

Gloria Patri et Filio: *Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
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et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen. *world without end. Amen.*
Alleluia, alleluia. *Alleluia, alleluia.*

The Antiphon is repeated.

REJOICE in the Lord always; again I will say,
Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance.
The Lord is at hand.

SHORT RESPONSORY

Ostende nobis, Domine, *Show us, Lord,*
misericordiam tuam. *your steadfast love.*

℣. Et salutare tuum da nobis. ℟. *And grant us your salvation.*

℣. 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

VENIET fortior me post me, cuius non sum dignus solvere
corrigiam calceamentorum eius.

*Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than
I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his
sandals.*

MAGNIFICAT

Octavi toni

Diego Ortiz (c.1510-c.1570)

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

The voice of John crying in the wilderness is echoed tonight in the voice of the Church:

℟: **Make our hearts ready, O Lord!**

For your coming to us in grace this Advent: ℟:

For the work we must do in creating a more just world: ℟:

For the understanding we shall need this week for our families and friends: ℟:

For our death, for our judgement, for eternal life with you: ℟:

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

GRANT, almighty Father,
that when Christ comes again
we may go out to meet him
bearing the harvest of good works
achieved by your grace.
We pray that he will receive us into the company of the saints
and call us into the kingdom of heaven.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

℟. **Amen.**

The Choir sings

THE MOTET

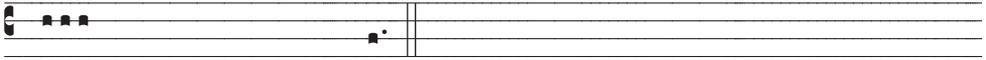
FUIT homo missus a Deo, cui nomen erat Ioannes. Hic venit in testimonium, ut
testimonium perhiberet de lumine, et pareret Domino plebem perfectam.

*There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came as a witness, to
give testimony about the light, and to prepare for the Lord a perfect people.*

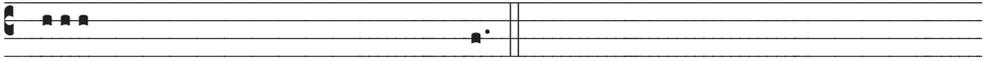
Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525–1594)

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

Oremus.

Let us pray.

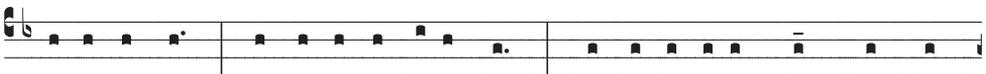
DEUS, qui nobis sub sacramento mirabili passionis tuæ memoriam reliquisti: tribue quæsumus, ita nos corporis et sanguinis tui sacra mysteria venerari; ut redemptionis tuæ fructum in nobis iugiter sentiamus. Qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculorum.

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.

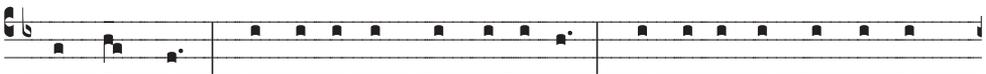
∩ **Amen.**

BENEDICTION *is given.*

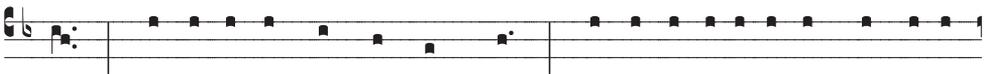
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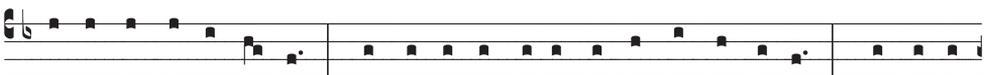
Blessèd be God. Blessèd be his Holy Name. Blessèd be Jesus Christ, true God



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

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

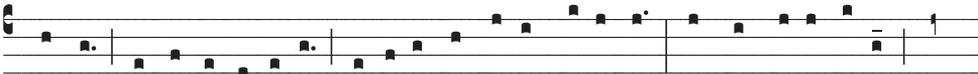
sicut erat in principio, et nunc et semper: *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,*
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CONGREGATIONAL SINGING IS CURRENTLY SUSPENDED.

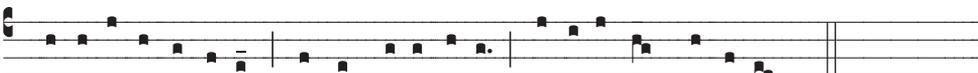
At this time the sung responses are made by the Choir on behalf of all.

THE ANTIPHON TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

A  **LMA * Redemptó-ris Mater, quæ pérvi-a cæli porta manes, et stella**
Loving mother of the Redeemer, gate of heaven, star

 **ma-ris, succúrre cadénti, súrgere qui curat, pópu-lo; tu quæ genu- ísti,**
of the sea, assist your people who have fallen yet strive to rise again, To the

 **natúra mi-ránte, tu-um sanctum Geni-tó-rem, Virgo pri-us ac posté-ri-us,**
wonderment of nature you bore your Creator, yet remained a virgin after as before,

 **Gabri-é-lis ab o-re sumens illud A-ve, peccató-rum mi-se-ré-re.**
You who received Gabriel's joyful greeting, have pity on us poor sinners.

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