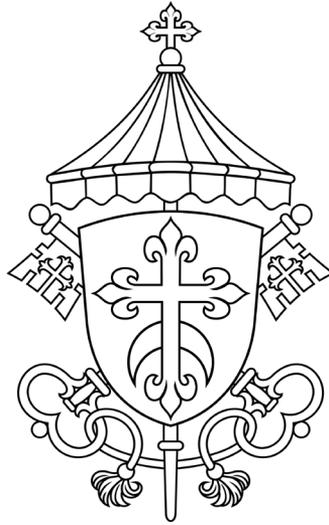


ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



Solemn First Vespers and Benediction

The Office of Evening Prayer

ALL SAINTS

31 October 2021
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 and sing:

O salutaris hostia,	<i>O saving victim,</i>
quæ cæli pandis ostium,	<i>opening the gate of heaven;</i>
bella premunt hostilia,	<i>hostile wars press on,</i>
da robur, fer auxilium.	<i>give strength, bring us help.</i>

Uni trinoque Domino	<i>To the Lord, the One in Three,</i>
sit sempiterna gloria,	<i>be everlasting glory,</i>
qui vitam sine termino	<i>that he may give us life without end</i>
nobis donet in patria. Amen.	<i>in our native land. Amen.</i>

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

LUX perpetua lucebit sanctis tuis, Domine,
et æternitas temporum, alleluia.

*Undying light will shine about your saints, Lord;
they will live for ever, alleluia.*

PSALM 112 (113)

Laudate, pueri Domini, *Praise, O servants of the Lord,*
laudate nomen Domini. *praise the name of the Lord!*

Sit nomen Domini benedictum *May the name of the Lord be blessed*
ex hoc nunc et usque in sæculum. *both now and for evermore!*

A solis ortu usque ad occasum *From the rising of the sun to its setting*
laudabile nomen Domini. *praised be the name of the Lord!*

Excelsus super omnes gentes Dominus, *High above all nations is the Lord,*
super cælos gloria eius. *above the heavens his glory.*

Quis sicut Dominus Deus noster, *Who is like the Lord, our God,*
qui in altis habitat *who has risen on high to his throne*
et se inclinat, *yet stoops from the heights to look down,*
ut respiciat in cælum et in terram? *to look down upon heaven and earth?*

Suscitans de terra inopem, *From the dust he lifts up the lowly,*
de stercore erigens pauperem, *from the dungheap he raises the poor*

ut collocet eum cum principibus, *to set him in the company of princes,*
cum principibus populi sui. *yes, with the princes of his people.*

Qui habitare facit sterilem in domo, *To the childless wife he gives a home*
matrem filiorum lætantem. *and gladdens her heart with children.*

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

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The Antiphon is repeated.

SECOND ANTIPHON

IN civitate Domini ibi sonant iugiter organa sanctorum, ibi cinnamomum
et balsamum odor suavissimus carmina eorum, alleluia.

*There in the city of the Lord, the organs of the saints resound continuously,
there the sweet scent of cinnamon and balsam wafts about them, alleluia.*

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.*

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.

THIRD ANTIPHON

CANTABANT sancti canticum novum ante sedem Dei et Agni, et resonabat terra in voces illorum, alleluia.

The saints were singing a new song at the throne of God and of the Lamb, and the earth rang to the sound of their voices, alleluia.

CANTICLE Apocalypse 19

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 exultemus 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*
Alleluia. *Alleluia.*
et Spiritui Sancto. *and to the Holy Spirit,*
Alleluia, alleluia. *Alleluia, alleluia.*

Sicut erat in principio et nunc et semper *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,*
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 the 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

Exsultent iusti The just shall rejoice
In conspectu Dei. in the presence of God.

℣. Et delectentur in lætitia. ℟. They shall exult and dance for joy.

℣. 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

ANGELI, archangeli, throni et dominationes, principatus et potestates, virtutes, cherubim atque seraphim, patriarchæ et prophetæ, sancti legis doctores, apostoli omnes, Christi martyres, sancti confessores, virgines Domini, anachoritæ, sanctique omnes, intercedite pro nobis.

Angels and archangels, thrones and dominations, principalities and powers, spiritual powers, the cherubim and the seraphim, the patriarchs, and the prophets, the holy doctors of the law, all of the Apostles, the martyrs of Christ, the holy confessors, the virgins of the Lord, anchorites, and all the saints, intercede for us.

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.*

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.

INTERCESSIONS

God is ever creative. His love renews all things and is the source of our hope. Let us turn to him in confidence:

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

We give thanks for the order of created things: – you have blessed us with the resources of the earth and the gift of human life. ℟

We give thanks for man's share in your continuing work of creation: – we praise you for your gifts to him of inventive skill and creative vision. ℟

We pray for all the nations of the world: – may those in authority work for peace and goodwill among men. ℟

We pray for all who are homeless today: – we pray for families searching for a place to live, and for refugees driven from their homeland. ℟

Life was your first gift to us: – may those who have died come to its fullness in you. ℟

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

All sing



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 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

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,
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 (1525–1594)

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING IS CURRENTLY SUSPENDED.

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

All sing

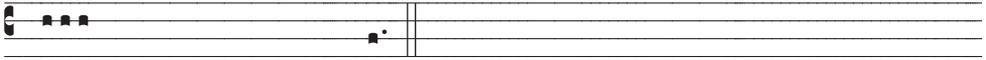
T ANTUM er-go Sa-craméntum * Vene-rémur cérnui: et an-tí-quum
Therefore we, before him bending, this great Sacrament revere; types and shadows

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,

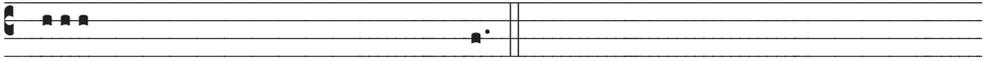
sénsu-um de-féc-tu-i. Ge-ni-tó-ri, Ge-ni-tó-que laus et iu-bi-la-ti-o,
makes our inward vision clear. Glory let us give and blessing to the Father and the Son,

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.

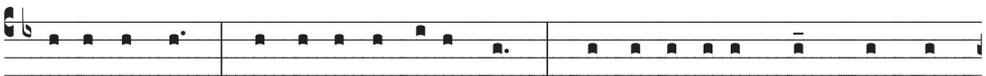
DEUS, qui nobis sub sacramento mirabili passionis tuæ memoriam reliquisti: tribue quæsumus, ita nos corporis et sanguinis tui sacra mysteria venerari; ut redemptionis tuæ fructum in nobis iugiter sentiamus. Qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculorum.

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.

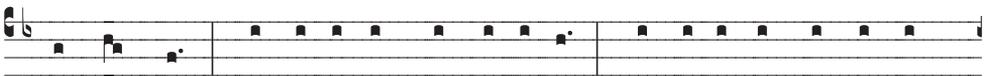
℞ **Amen.**

BENEDICTION *is given.*

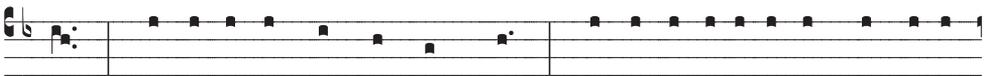
THE DIVINE PRAISES



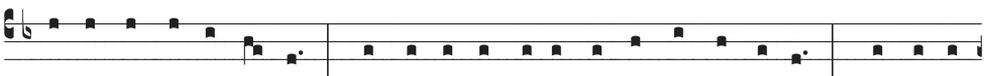
Blessèd be God. Blessèd be his Holy Name. Blessèd be Jesus Christ, true God



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



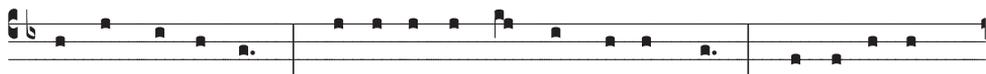
Heart. Blessèd be his Most Precious Blood. Blessèd be Jesus in the Most Holy



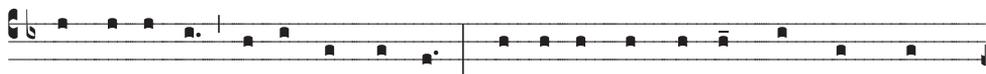
Sacrament of the Al-tar. Blessèd be the Holy Spi-rit, the Pa-raclete. Blessèd be



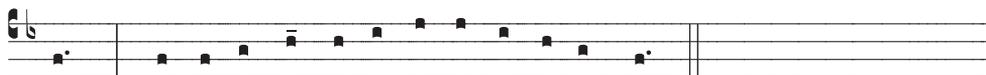
the great Mother of God, Ma-ry most Ho-ly. Blessèd be her Holy and Imma-



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

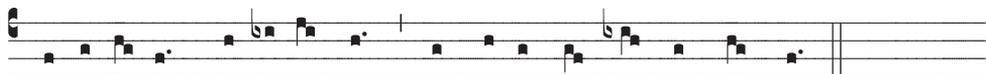


name of Ma-ry, Virgin and Mother. Blessèd be Saint Joseph, her most chaste



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.

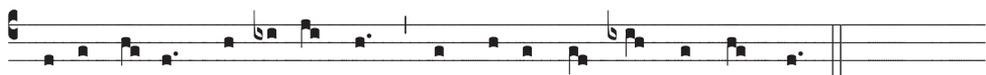
Let us adore for ever the most Holy Sacrament.

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;*
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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All sing

THE ANTIPHON TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

S Al- ve, * Re- gí- 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, fi- 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- ri- a.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

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