



SECOND VESPERS
AND BENEDICTION

Sung by the Lay Clerks of the
Choir of Westminster Cathedral

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

16 May 2021 4:00pm

The public prayer of the God's people has always been considered among the first duties of the Church. Over the centuries, the traditional elements of Christian prayer were carefully arranged, to sanctify the whole day in prayer in the Divine Office.

The Office of Vespers, the traditional Evening Prayer of the Church, offers to God our praise for the day that is ending, and in the words of the Magnificat, 'glorifies the Lord' for his goodness to us.

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The Celebrant and Choir sing:

INTRODUCTION TO THE OFFICE

℣: Deus in adiutórium meum inténde.

℟: *O God, come to my aid.*

℣: Dómine ad adiuvándum me festína.

℟: *O Lord, make haste to help me.*

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spirítui Sancto,
sicut erat in princípio, et nunc, et semper;
et in sæcula sæculórum.
Amen. Allelúia.

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and
to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the
beginning, is now and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen. Alleluia.*

OFFICE HYMN

Veni, creátor Spíritus,
mentes tuórum vísita,
imple supérna grátia,
quæ tu creásti, péctora.

*Come, O Creator, Spirit blest,
And in our souls take up thy rest;
Come with thy grace and heavenly aid,
To fill the hearts which thou hast made.*

Qui díceris Paráclitus,
donum Dei altíssimi,
fons vivus, ignis, carítas
et spiritalís únctio.

*Great Paraclete, to thee we cry,
O highest gift of God most high,
O fount of Life, O Fire of Love,
And sweet anointing from above.*

Tu septifórmis múnere,
dextræ Dei tu dígitus,
tu rite promíssum Patris
sermóne ditans gúttura.

*Thou in thy sevenfold gifts art known;
The finger of God's hand we own;
The promise of the Father thou,
Who dost the tongue with power endow.*

Accénde lumen sénsibus,
infúnde amórem córdibus,
infirma nostri córporis,
virtúte firmans pépeti.

*Our senses kindle from above,
And make our hearts o'erflow with love;
With patience firm and virtue high
The weakness of our flesh supply.*

Hostem repéllas lóngius
pacémque dones prótinus;
ductóre sic te prævio
vitémus omne nóxium.

*Drive far from us the foe we dread
And grant us thy true peace instead;
So shall we not, with thee for Guide,
Turn from the path of life aside.*

Per te sciámus da Patrem,
noscámus atque Fílium,
te utriúsque Spíritum
credámus omni témpore. Amen.

*Oh, may thy grace on us bestow
The Father and the Son to know,
And thee, through endless time confessed,
Of both th'eternal Spirit blest. Amen.*

PSALMODY

ANTIPHON I

Sede a dextris meis, dixit Dóminus Dómino meo, allelúia.

Sit on my right, said the Lord to my Master, alleluia.

PSALM 109

Dixit Dóminus Dómino meo: *
Sede a dextris meis.

*The Lord said to my Lord:
Sit at my right hand.*

Donec ponam inimícos tuos, *
scabéllum pedum tuórum.

*Until I make your enemies
your footstool.*

Virgam virtútis tuæ emíttet
Dóminus ex Sion: *
domináre in médio inimicórum tuórum.

*The Lord will send forth the sceptre
of your power out of Sion:
rule in the midst of your enemies.*

Tecum princípium in die virtútis tuæ,
in splendóribus sanctórum: *
ex útero ante lucíferum genui te.

*With you is the principality in the day of your
strength, in the brightness of the saints:
from the womb before the daystar I begot you.*

Iurávit Dóminus et non pænitébit eum: *
Tu es sacérdos in ætérnum secúndum
órdinem Melchisedech.

*The Lord has sworn, and he will not repent:
You are a priest for ever, according to the
order of Melchisedech.*

Dóminus a dextris tuis, *
confrégit in die iræ suæ reges.

*The Lord at your right hand
has broken kings in the day of his wrath.*

Iudicábit in natióibus, implébit ruínas: *
conquassábit cápita in terra multórum.

*He shall judge among nations, he shall fill ruins:
he shall crush the heads in the land of the many.*

De torrénite in via bibet: *
proptérea exaltábit caput.

*He shall drink of the torrent in the way:
therefore shall he lift up his head.*

Glória Patri, et Fílio, *
et Spíritui Sancto,

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,*

Sicut erat in princípío, et nunc, et semper, *
et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen.

*As it was in the beginning, is now and ever
shall be, world without end. Amen.*

ANTIPHON

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ANTIPHON 2

Redemptiónem misit Dóminus pópulo suo, allelúia.

The Lord has delivered his people, alleluia.

PSALM 110

Confitébor tibi Dómine in toto corde meo: *	<i>I will praise you, O Lord, with my whole heart:</i>
in consílio iustórum et congregatióne.	<i>in the council of the just and in the congregation.</i>
Magna ópera Dómini: *	<i>Great are the works of the Lord;</i>
exquisíta in ómnes voluntátes eius.	<i>sought out according to all his desires.</i>
Conféssio et magnificéntia opus eius: *	<i>His work is praise and magnificence:</i>
et iustítia eius manet in sæculum sæculi.	<i>and his justice continues for ever and ever.</i>
Memóriam fecit mirabílium suórum, †	<i>He has made remembrance of his wonderful</i>
miséricors et miserátor Dóminus: *	<i>works, being a merciful and gracious Lord:</i>
escam dedit timéntibus se.	<i>he has given food to those who fear him.</i>
Memor erit in sæculum testaménti sui: *	<i>He will be mindful for ever of his covenant:</i>
virtútem óperum suórum annuntiábit	<i>he will show forth to his people</i>
pópulo suo.	<i>the power of his works.</i>
Ut det illis hereditátem géntium: *	<i>That he may give them the inheritance of the nations:</i>
ópera mánuum eius véritas et iudícium.	<i>the works of his hands are truth and judgement.</i>
Fidélia ómnia mandáta eius: †	<i>All his commandments are faithful:</i>
confirmáta in sæculum sæculi, *	<i>confirmed for ever and ever:</i>
facta in veritáte et æquitáte.	<i>made in truth and equity.</i>
Redemptiónem misit pópulo suo, *	<i>He has sent redemption to his people:</i>
mandávit in ætérnum testaméntum suum.	<i>he has commanded his covenant for ever.</i>
Sanctum et terríbile nomen eius: *	<i>Holy and terrible is his name:</i>
inítium sapiéntiæ timor Dómini.	<i>the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.</i>
Intelléctus bonus ómnibus faciéntibus eum; *	<i>A good understanding to all who do this:</i>
laudátio eius manet in sæculum sæculi.	<i>his praise continues for ever and ever.</i>
Glória Patri, et Fílio, *	<i>Glory be to the Father and to the Son</i>
et Spíritui Sancto,	<i>and to the Holy Spirit,</i>
Sicut erat in princípío, et nunc, et semper, *	<i>as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,</i>
et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen.	<i>world without end. Amen.</i>

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Redemptiónem misit Dóminus pópulo suo, allelúia.

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ANTIPHON 3

Allelúia, Dóminus regnávít, decórem índuit, allelúia, allelúia.
Alleluia, the Lord reigns, clothed in majesty, alleluia, alleluia.

CANTICLE

Apocalypse 19:1-7

Salus et glória et virtus Deo nostro est, * quia vera et iusta iudícia sunt eius. ℟: Allelúia, allelúia.	<i>Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, his judgements are true and just. ℟: Alleluia, alleluia.</i>
Laudem dícite Deo nostro omnes servi eius, * et qui timétis eum, pusílli et magni. ℟:	<i>Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear Him, small and great. ℟:</i>
Quóniam regnávít Dóminus Deus noster omnípotens, * gaudeámus et exsultémus et demus glóriam ei. ℟:	<i>The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns, Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory. ℟:</i>
Quia venérunt núptiæ Agni, * et uxor eius præparávit se. ℟:	<i>The marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready.</i>
Glória Patri, et Fílio, * et Spíritui Sancto. ℟:	<i>Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, ℟:</i>
Sicut erat in princípío, et nunc et semper, * et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. ℟:	<i>as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. ℟:</i>

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SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 10:12-14

Christ has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying.

SHORT RESPONSORY

℟: Spíritus Paráclitus, * Allelúia, allelúia. ℟:	℟: <i>The Holy Spirit is the Advocate, alleluia, alleluia. ℟:</i>
℣: Docébit vos ómnia. ℟: Allelúia, allelúia.	℣: <i>He will teach you everything. ℟: Alleluia, alleluia.</i>
℣: Glória Patri, et Fílio, * et Spíritui Sancto. ℟:	℣: <i>Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. ℟:</i>

MAGNIFICAT ANTIPHON

Cum vénerit Paráclitus quem ego mittam vobis, Spíritum veritátis qui a Patre procédit, ille testimónium perhibébit de me, allelúia.

When the Advocate comes whom I shall send to you, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness to me, alleluia.

MAGNIFICAT

Luke 1: 46-55

Magníficat *	<i>My soul</i>
ánima mea Dóminum,	<i>glorifies the Lord,</i>
Et exsultávit spíritus meus *	<i>And my spirit rejoices</i>
in Deo salutári meo.	<i>in God my Saviour.</i>
Quia respéxit humilitátem ancíllæ suæ, *	<i>He looks on his servant in her lowliness,</i>
ecce enim ex hoc beátam me dicent	<i>henceforth, all generations will call</i>
omnes generatiónes.	<i>me blessed.</i>
Quia fecit mihi magna qui potens est: *	<i>The Almighty works marvels for me:</i>
et sanctum nomen eius,	<i>Holy is his name.</i>
Et misericórdia eius a progénie in progénies *	<i>His mercy is from age to age</i>
timéntibus eum.	<i>on those who fear him.</i>
Fecit poténtiam in bráchio suo, *	<i>He puts forth his arm in strength</i>
dispérsit supérbos mente cordis sui,	<i>and scatters the proud-hearted.</i>
Depósuit poténtes de sede, *	<i>He casts the mighty from their thrones</i>
et exaltávit húmiles,	<i>and raises the lowly.</i>
Esuriéntes implévit bonis, *	<i>He fills the starving with good things,</i>
et dívites dimísit inánes.	<i>sends the rich away empty.</i>
Suscépit Israel, púerum suum, *	<i>He protects Israel, his servant,</i>
recordátus misericórdiæ suæ,	<i>remembering his mercy,</i>
Sicut locútus est ad patres nostros, *	<i>The mercy promised to our fathers,</i>
Abraham et sémini eius in sæcula.	<i>to Abraham and his sons for ever.</i>
Glória Patri, et Fílio, *	<i>Glory be to the Father and to the Son</i>
et Spirítui Sancto,	<i>and to the Holy Spirit,</i>
Sicut erat in princípio, et nunc, et semper, *	<i>As it was in the beginning, is now and ever</i>
et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen.	<i>shall be, world without end. Amen.</i>

*Magnificat octavi toni
Philippe de Monte (1521-1603)*

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INTERCESSIONS

Christ our Lord urged us to pray and the Holy Spirit came to fill our hearts and minds.

℟: May the Holy Spirit plead for us.

Eternal shepherd, give to the pastors of your Church wisdom and understanding; – may they lead your faithful people in the way of salvation. ℟

Heavenly Christ, you are rich in mercy and compassion; – do not forget the poor and the needy you have left behind on earth. ℟

By the power of the Holy Spirit you were conceived of the Virgin Mary; – preserve in religious women the spirit of loving service. ℟

Christ, our priest, you give glory to the Father in the Holy Spirit; – unite all men and women together in your hymn of praise. ℟

Grant to the dead the glorious freedom of God's sons and daughters – and the completion of bodily redemption. ℟

Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Saviour gave us:

**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

Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord,
so that we, who believe that the Saviour of the human race
is with you in your glory,
may experience, as he promised,
until the end of the world,
his abiding presence among us.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Please sit while the Choir sings:

MOTET

O Rex glóriæ, Dómine virtútum, qui triumphátor hódie super omnes cælos
ascendísti, ne derelínquas nos órphanos; sed mitte promíssum Patris in nos,
Spíritum veritátis, allelúia.

*O King of glory, omnipotent Lord, who today ascended in triumph over all the
heavens, do not leave us orphans; but send upon us the one promised by the
Father, the Spirit of truth, alleluia.*

Andrea Gabrieli (c.1532-85)

As the Blessed Sacrament is brought to the altar, the Choir sings:

O sacrum convívium! in quo Christus súmitur: recólitur memória passióis eius: mens implétur grátia: et futúrx glóriæ nobis pignus datur, allelúia.

O sacred banquet at which Christ is received: the memory of his passion is renewed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us, alleluia.

A time of silence is kept, after which the Choir sings:

Tantum ergo Sacraméntum
venerémur cernui:
et antíquum documéntum
novo cedat rítui:
præstet fides suppleméntum
sénsuum deféctui.

Genitóri, Genitóque
laus et iubilátio,
salus, honor, virtus quoque
sit et benedíctio:
procedénti ab utróque
compar sit laudátio. Amen.

*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 our inward vision clear.*

*Glory let us give and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
honour, thanks, and praise addressing
while eternal ages run;
ever too his love confessing,
who from both with both is one. Amen.*

The Celebrant and Choir sing:

∮ Panem de cælo præstitisti eis, allelúia.

℞ Omne delectaméntum in se habéntem,
allelúia.

∮ You gave them bread from heaven, alleluia.

℞ Containing in itself all sweetness,
alleluia.

Orémus. Deus, qui nobis sub sacraménto
mirábili passióis tuæ memóriam
reliquisti: tríbe quæsumus, ita nos
córporis et sánguinis tui sacra mystéria
venerári; ut redemptióis tuæ fructum in
nobis iúgiter sentiámus. Qui vivis et
regnas in sæcula sæculórum. 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 your
redemption; who lives and reigns for ever and
ever. Amen.*

BENEDICTION

DIVINE PRAISES

Blessed be God.
Blessed be his holy Name.
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.
Blessed be the name of Jesus.
Blessed be his most Sacred Heart.
Blessed be his most Precious Blood.
Blessed be Jesus in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar.
Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.
Blessed be the great mother of God, Mary most holy.
Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.
Blessed be her glorious Assumption.
Blessed be the name of Mary, virgin and mother.
Blessed be St Joseph, her spouse most chaste.
Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints.

The Choir sings:

Adorémus in ætérnum sanctíssimum Sacraméntum.
Let us adore for ever the most Holy Sacrament.

PSALM 116

Laudáte Dóminum omnes gentes: *
laudáte eum omnes pópuli.

*O praise the Lord, all you nations:
praise him, all you people.*

Quóniam confirmáta est super nos
misericórdia eius: *
et véritas Dómini manet in ætérnum.

*For his mercy is confirmed
upon us:
and the truth of the Lord remains for ever.*

Glória Patri, et Fílio, *
et Spíritui Sancto,

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,*

Sicut erat in princípío, et nunc et semper, *
et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen.

*As it was in the beginning, is now and ever
shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Adorémus in ætérnum sanctíssimum Sacraméntum.
Let us adore for ever the most Holy Sacrament.

The Choir sings:

ANTHEM TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Regína cæli lætáre, allelúia. Quia quem meruísti portáre, allelúia.

Resurréxit sicut dixit, allelúia. Ora pro nobis Deum, allelúia.

*Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia. For he whom you were worthy to bear,
alleluia, Has risen as he said, alleluia. Pray for us to God, alleluia.*

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Laudes

Francis Pott (b.1957)