



## SOLEMN VESPERS

Evening Prayer of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Eve of the Installation  
of the Archbishop of Westminster  
Wednesday 20 May 2009 7:00 p.m.

The Installation of an Archbishop is a joyful occasion of great significance in the life of a diocese. The rites are rich in symbolism, incorporating detailed ceremonial.

Before such an event it is good to make time for prayer; as individuals, as communities, as a diocese and to pray for ourselves, our Church and our world.

The public prayer of 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 Canticle of Mary, 'glorifies the Lord' for his goodness to us.

This evening's Vesper psalms and antiphons are taken from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, invoking her prayers as Patron of our Diocese under the title Our Blessed Lady, the Immaculate.

## MUSIC BEFORE VESPERS

*played by David Grealy, Organ Scholar*

- Prelude, fugue and ciacona in C      *Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)*  
 Christ unser herr zum Jordan kam, BWV 684      *J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*  
 Wir glauben all an einen Gott, BWV 680      *J.S. Bach*  
 Salve Regina and Virgo Dei Genetrix      *Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)*  
*from Eight Short Préludes on Gregorian Themes*  
 Clair de Lune from Pieces de fantaisie, op. 53      *Louis Vierne (1870-1937)*

*The Office is celebrated by Bishop George Stack, assisted by Bishop Alan Hopes and Bishop Bernard Longley, Auxiliary Bishops of Westminster.*

# THE OFFICE OF VESPERS

*All stand at the sound of the Sacristy bell.*

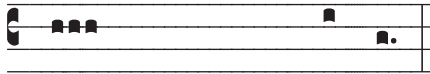
*As the choir and clergy move to the Sanctuary a Litany of Saints is sung invoking the Patron and Titular Saints of the Schools, Religious Communities and Parish Churches of the Archdiocese of Westminster.*



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Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.



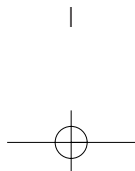
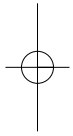
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Jesus, Saint Saviour  
Jesus, Holy Redeemer  
Jesus, Christ the King  
Jesus, Good Shepherd  
Jesus, Divine Saviour  
Holy Trinity, one God  
Holy Mary, Mother of God  
Our Lady Immaculate  
Our Lady, Help of Christians  
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart  
Our Lady of Victories  
Our Lady of Westminster  
Our Lady of Czestochowa  
Our Lady of Fatima  
Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Our Lady of Hal  
Our Lady of Lebanon  
Our Lady of Loreto  
Our Lady of Lourdes  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
Our Lady of Muswell  
Our Lady of Walsingham  
Our Lady of Willesden  
Notre Dame de France  
Mother of Good Counsel  
Mother of the Church



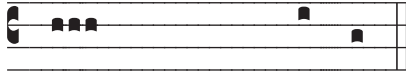
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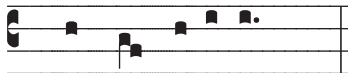




Saint Claire  
 Saint Bridget of Sweden  
 Saint Rose  
 Saint Bernadette  
 Saint Teresa of the Child Jesus  
 Saint Edward the Confessor  
 Saint Casimir  
 Saint Helen  
 Saint Monica  
 Saint Margaret of Scotland  
 All Saints, all Holy Men and Women



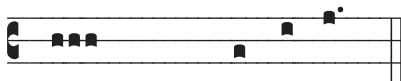
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Lord be merciful  
 By your Holy Name  
 By your Holy Family  
 By your Transfiguration  
 By your Holy Cross  
 By your Holy Rood  
 By your Five Precious Wounds  
 By your glorious Resurrection  
 By your gift of the Holy Spirit  
 By your Presence in the Most Blessed  
     Sacrament, Corpus Christi  
 By your Most Precious Blood  
 By your Most Sacred Heart



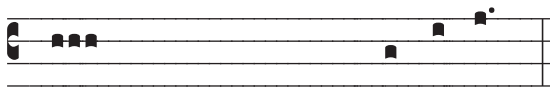
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Be merciful to us sinners  
 Guide and protect your holy Church  
 Keep Pope Benedict and all the bishops  
     in faithful service to your holy Church  
 Bring all peoples together  
     in trust and peace



Lord, hear our prayer.  
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Strengthen all the clergy, religious and  
faithful of the Diocese of Westminster  
in your service

Reward a hundredfold your servant  
Cormac, Cardinal Priest  
of your Holy Church

Bless and sustain your servant Vincent,  
chosen to be Archbishop  
of Westminster



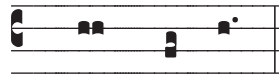
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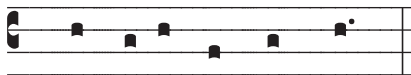
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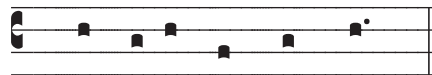
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Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.



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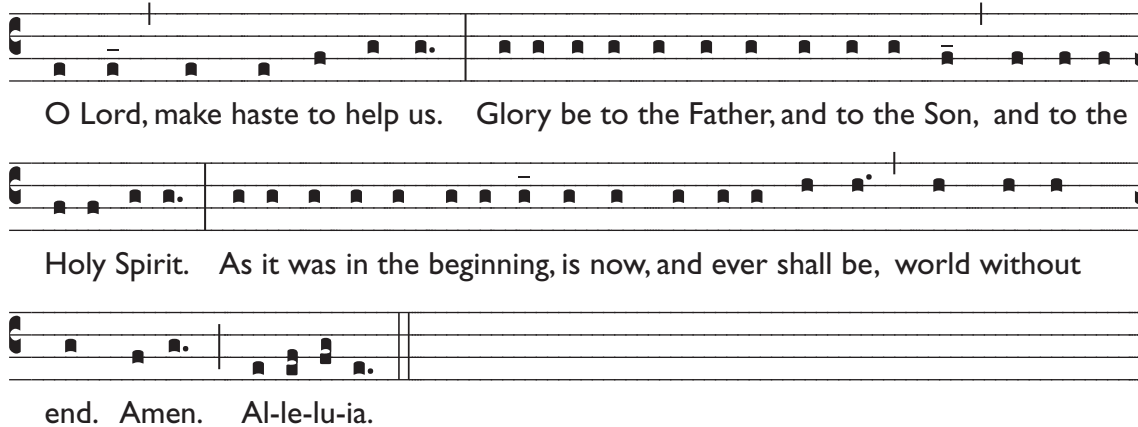


*The Celebrant sings:*



O God, ✠ come to our aid.

*All respond:*



O Lord, make haste to help us. 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. Al-le-lu-ia.

*All remain standing to sing*

THE OFFICE HYMN

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|---|---|
| <p>1 Holy light on earth's horizon,<br/>         Star of hope to fallen man,<br/>         Light amid a world of shadows,<br/>         Dawn of God's redemptive plan.<br/>         Chosen from eternal ages,<br/>         Thou alone of all our race,<br/>         By thy Son's atoning merits<br/>         Wast conceived in perfect grace.</p>         | <p>2 Mother of the world's Redeemer;<br/>         Promised from the dawn of time:<br/>         How could one so highly favoured<br/>         Share the guilt of Adam's crime?<br/>         Sun and moon and stars adore thee,<br/>         Sinless Eve, triumphant sign;<br/>         Thou art she who crushed the serpent,<br/>         Mary, pledge of life divine.</p> |
| <p>3 Earth below and highest heaven<br/>         Praise the splendour of thy state,<br/>         Thou who now art crowned in glory<br/>         Wast conceived immaculate.<br/>         Hail, belovèd of the Father,<br/>         Mother of his only Son,<br/>         Mystic bride of Love eternal,<br/>         Hail, thou fair and spotless one!</p> |   |

Blaenwern  
 William Rowlands (1860-1937)

Alma lux  
 tr. Edward Caswall (1814-1878)

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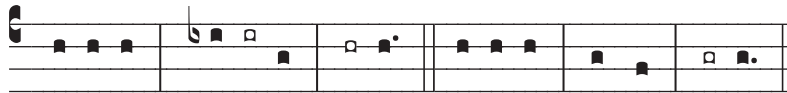
## PSALMODY

### FIRST ANTIPHON



**H** ALL Ma-ry, full of grace: the Lord is with you, al-le-lu-ia.


### PSALM 121



- Cantors* 1. I rejoiced when I | heard them | say: \*  
'Let us go | to God's | house.' *All sit.*
- Choir* 2. And now our | feet are | standing \*  
within your gates, | O Je- | rusalem.
- All* 3. **Jerusalem is | built as a | city \*  
strong- | ly com- | pact.**
- Choir* 4. It is there that the | tribes go | up, \*  
the tribes | of the | Lord.
- All* 5. **For Israel's | law it | is, \*  
there to praise | the Lord's | name.**
6. There were set the | thrones of | judgement \*  
of the | house of | David.
7. **For the peace of Je- | rusalem | pray: \*  
'Peace be | to your | homes.**
8. May peace | reign in your | walls, \*  
in your pa- | laces, | peace.'
9. **For love of my | brethren and | friends \*  
I say: | 'Peace up- | on you.'**
10. For love of the | house of the | Lord \*  
I will ask | for your | good.
- 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. A- | men.

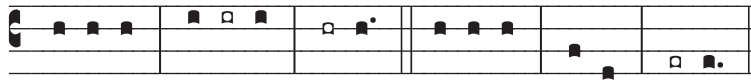
*The antiphon is repeated.*

SECOND ANTIPHON



I am the servant of the Lord; let it be as you have said, al-le-lu-ia.

PSALM 126



- Cantors* 1. If the Lord does not | build the | house,  
in vain do its | builders | labour;
- Choir* 2. if the Lord does not watch | over the | city, \*  
in vain does the watch- | man keep | vigil.
- All* 3. **In vain is your | earlier | rising, \***  
**your going la- | ter to | rest,**
- Choir* 4. you who toil for the | bread you | eat: \*  
when he pours gifts on his beloved | while they | slumber.
- All* 5. **Truly sons are a | gift from the | Lord, \***  
**a blessing, the fruit | of the | womb.**
6. Indeed the | sons of | youth \*  
are like arrows in the hand | of a | warrior.
7. **O the happiness | of the | man \***  
**who has filled his quiver | with these | arrows!**
8. He will have no | cause for | shame \*  
he disputes with his foes | in the | gateways.
- 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, \*  
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*The antiphon is repeated.*

THIRD ANTIPHON

**Y**OU are the most bless-èd of all women, and bles- sed is the fruit  
of your womb, al- le- lu- ia.

CANTICLE

Ephesians 1:3-10

- Cantors* 1. Blessed be the God and | Father \*  
of our Lord | Jesus | Christ,
- Choir* 2. who has blessed us in | Christ \*  
with every spiritual blessing in the | heavenly | places.
- All* 3. **He chose us in | him \***  
**before the foundation | of the | world,**
- Choir* 4. that we should be | holy \*  
and blame- | less be- | fore him.
- All* 5. **He destined us in | love \***  
**to be his sons through | Jesus | Christ,**
6. according to the purpose of his will,  
to the praise of his glorious | grace \*  
which he freely bestowed on us in | the Be- | loved.
7. **In him we have redemption through his | blood, \***  
**the forgiveness | of our | trespasses,**
8. according to the riches of his | grace \*  
which he la- | vished up- | on us.
9. **He has made known to us in all wisdom and | insight \***  
**the mystery | of his | will,**
10. according to his | purpose \*  
which he set | forth in | Christ.

11. His purpose he set forth in | Christ, \*  
as a plan for the ful- | ness of | time,

12. to unite all things in | him, \*  
things in heaven and | things on | earth.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the | Son, \*  
and to the | Holy | Spirit.**

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ANTIPHON

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*Sister Anthony, Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, St Joseph's Convent, Hendon, reads*

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 3:8-14

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want to know is Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

*All remain seated.*

THE HOMILY

*is given by*


The Most Reverend Vincent Nichols

*Archbishop-Elect of Westminster*

*All remain seated.*

SHORT RESPONSORY

*Cantors*



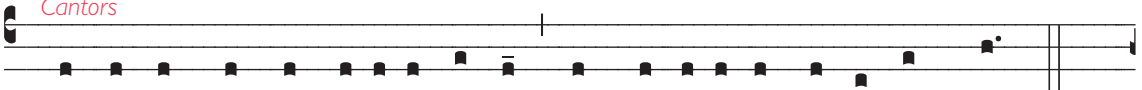
**H**AIL Ma-ry, full of grace: the Lord is with you, al- le-lu- ia, al- le-lu- ia.

*All*




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*Cantors*



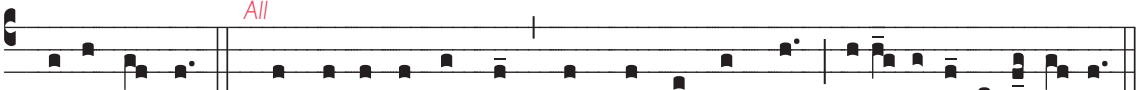
∿ You are the most blessed of all women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

*All* *Cantors*



℞ Al-le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia. ∿ Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the

*All*



Holy Spi- rit. ℞ Hail Mary, full of grace: the Lord is with you, al-le-lu-ia, al-le- lu-ia.

*All stand.*

MAGNIFICAT ANTIPHON

Beáta es, María, quæ credidisti: perficiéntur in te quæ dicta sunt tibi a Dómino, allelúia.

*Blessed are you, Mary, because you believed that all those things which were said to you by the Lord will be fulfilled, alleluia.*

## MAGNIFICAT

MAGNIFICAT *	<i>My soul</i>
ánima mea Dóminum,	<i>glorifies the Lord,</i>
et exultávit 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 progénies in progenies *	<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 divites 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 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>

*Octavi toni  
David Bevan*

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by the Lord will be fulfilled, alleluia.*

*All remain standing.*

*A deacon leads*

### THE INTERCESSIONS

Let us praise God the Father who chose Mary as the mother of his Son and wanted all generations to call her blessed. With confidence we pray:

**R:** **May the Virgin Mary intercede for us.**

Father, you did great things for the Virgin Mary and brought her, body and soul, to the glory of heaven; fill the hearts of your children with the hope of Christ's glory. **R:**

Through the prayers of Mary, our mother, heal the sick, comfort the sorrowful, pardon sinners; grant peace and salvation to all. **R:**

You favoured Mary with the fulness of grace; bestow your overflowing blessings on all people. **R:**

May your Church be united heart and soul, held fast by love, and may your faithful be joined in continuous prayer, with Mary the mother of Jesus. **R:**

You entrusted the infant Jesus to the care of his earthly parents Mary and Joseph; bestow on Archbishop Vincent the grace to care for your children in this diocese with wisdom and love. **R:**

Father, you exalted the Virgin Mary and crowned her queen of heaven; may the dead enter your kingdom and rejoice with your saints for ever. **R:**

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

*All sing*

### THE LORD'S PRAYER



Our Fa-ther, who art in heav'n, hal-lowed be thy name; thy king - dom come;

thy will be done on earth, as it is in heav'n. Give us this day our dai - ly bread;

And for-give us our tres-pas-ses as we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us;

and lead us not in - to temp-ta-tion, but de - li - ver us from e - vil.



*The Celebrant sings*

### THE COLLECT

Lord God,  
as you brought joy to the world  
through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
grant that through his Virgin Mother  
we may come to the joys of eternal life.  
We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God for ever and ever.  
R: **Amen.**

*All sit.*

*The choir sings*

### THE MOTET

Ave Virgo sanctissima, Dei Mater piissima, maris stella clarissima. Salve, semper gloriosa,  
margarita pretiosa, sicut liliū formosa, nitens, olens velut rosa.

*Hail, holy Virgin, most blessed Mother of God, bright star of the sea. Hail, ever glorious,  
precious pearl, beautiful as the lily, excelling and giving perfume like the rose.*

*Francisco Guerrero (1528-1599)*

*All stand.*

*The Celebrant gives*

### THE BLESSING

∞ The Lord be with you.

R: **And also with you.**

∞ Blessed be the name of the Lord.

R: **Now and for ever.**

∞ Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R: **Who made heaven and earth.**

∞ May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

R: **Amen.**

*The cantors sing:*



∮. Let us bless the Lord.

*All respond:*



℞. Thanks be to God.

*All sing*

THE ANTIPHON TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**R** E- gí-na cæ- li, \* læ-tá-re, al-le- lú-ia, qui- a, quem me-ru- ís-ti portá-re,  
 al- le-lú-ia, re-surréxit sic-ut di-xit, al-le- lú- ia; o- ra pro no-bis De-um,  
 al- le- lú- ia.

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

MUSIC AFTER THE SERVICE

Meine Seele erhebt den Herrn 'Magnificat' BWV 733

*J.S. Bach*

*Members of the congregation are requested to remain in their places until invited to move by the Stewards.*

