

St David and St Patrick's Catholic Church,
with the Church of the Immaculate Conception.



Vespers of The Annunciation of the Lord



This celebration of Evening Prayer is taken from:
The Divine Office
The Liturgy of the Hours According to the Roman Rite

Priest: O God come to our | aid.

All: O Lord, make haste to | help us.

Priest: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy | Spirit.

All: As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world
without end. A|men.

HYMN

Hail, Queen of heav'n, the ocean star,
Guide of the wand'rer here below;
Thrown on life's surge, we claim thy care:
Save us from peril and from woe.
Mother of Christ, star of the sea,
Pray for the wand'rer, pray for me.

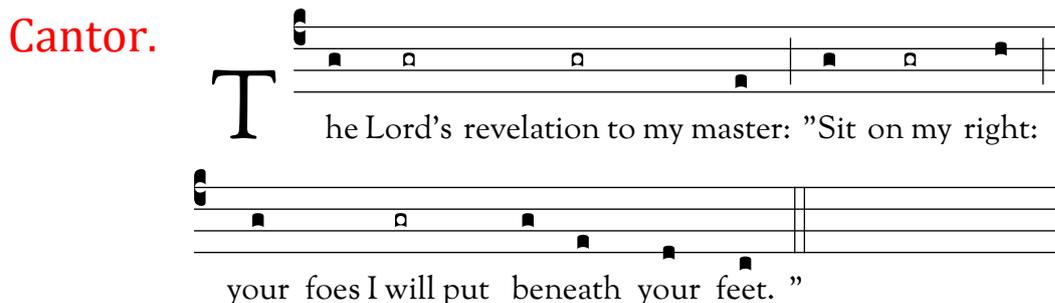
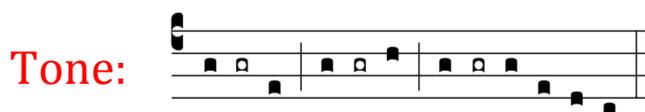
Oh gentle, chaste and spotless maid,
We sinners make our prayers through thee;
Remind thy son that he has paid
The price of our iniquity.
Virgin most pure, star of the sea,
Pray for the sinner, pray for me.

Sojourners in this vale of tears
To thee, blest advocate, we cry;
Pity our sorrow, calm our fears,
And soothe with hope our misery.
Refuge in grief, star of the sea,
Pray for the mourner, pray for me.

And while to him who reigns above,
In godhead one, in persons three,
The source of life, of grace, of love,
Homage we pay on bended knee;
Do thou, bright Queen, star of the sea,
Pray for thy children, pray for me.

PSALMODY

Antiphon 1: Cantor: The angel of the Lord brought the good news to Mary **All:** and she conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit.



All. The Lord will wield from | Sion
your sceptre of | power:
rule in the midst of | all your foes.

Cantor. A prince from the day of your | birth
on the holy | mountains;
from the womb before the dawn | I begot you.

All. The Lord has sworn an oath he will not | change.
"You are a priest for|ever,
a priest like Melchize|dek of old."

first bar) **Cantor.** The Master standing at your right | hand
last bar) will shatter kings in the day | of his wrath.

first bar) **All.** He shall drink from the stream by the | wayside
last bar) and therefore he shall lift | up his head.

first bar) **Cantor.** Glory be to the Father and to the | Son
last bar) and to the | Holy Spirit.

All. Because with the Lord there is | mercy
and fulness of re|demption,
Israël indeed he will re|deem
from all its in|iquity.

Cantor. 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.

Antiphon 2: All: Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour
with God. Behold, you will conceive and bear a son, and he will be
called the Son of the Most High.

Antiphon 3: Cantor: I am the servant of the Lord; **All:** let it be done to
me as you have said.



Cantor. Let us give thanks | to the Father,
who has qualified | us to share
in the inheritance of the | saints in light.

All. He has delivered us from the domin|ion of darkness
And transferred us to the kingdom his be|lovèd Son,
in whom we | have redemption,
the forgive|ness of sins.

Cantor. He is the image of the invis|ible God,
the first-born of | all creation,
for in him all things were created in heaven | and on earth,
visible | and invisible.

All. All things | were created
through | him and for him.
He is be|fore all things,
and in him all things | hold together.

Cantor. He is the head of the bo|dy, the Church;
he is | the beginning,
the first-born | from the dead,
that in everything he might | be pre-eminent.

All. For in him all the fullness of God was | pleased to dwell,
and through him to reconcile to him|self all things,
whether on earth | or in heaven,
making peace by the blood | of his cross.

Cantor. 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.

Antiphon 3: All: I am the servant of the Lord; let it be done to me as
you have said.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Jn 1:1-2 Something which has existed since the beginning, that we
have heard, and we have seen with our own eyes; that we have
watched and touched with our hands: the Word who is life – this is our
subject. That life was made visible: we saw it and we are giving our
testimony, telling you of the eternal life which was with the Father and
has been made visible to us.

first bar) He fills the starving | with good things,
last bar) sends the rich | away empty.

He protects Isra|ël, his servant,
remember|ing his mercy,
the mercy promised | to our fathers,
to Abraham and his | sons for ever.

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.

Antiphon: **All:** The angel Gabriel said to Mary: Hail, full of grace: the Lord is with you. **All:** You are the most blessed of all women.

INTERCESSIONS

Response: **All:** Lord, fill us with your grace.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Sung on one note) **All:** Our Father, who art in heaven...

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Priest: Shape us in the likeness of the divine nature of our Redeemer, whom we believe to be true God and true Man, since it was your will, Lord God, that he, your Word, should take to himself our human nature in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We make this prayer 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.

All: Amen.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your Spirit.

Priest: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Priest: Go in the peace of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

MARIAN ANTHEM

The final Anthem of the day is always addressed to Our Lady.



A -ve Regina cælorum, *Ave Domina Angelorum:
Salve radix, salve porta, Ex qua mundo lux est orta:
Gaude Virgo glori-osa, Super omnes speci-osa: Vale
o valde deco-ra! Et pro no-bis Christum ex-o-ra.-

All: Ave, Regína cælorum!
Ave, Dómina angelórum;
Salve radix, salve porta
Ex qua mundo lux est orta.
Gaude, Virgo gloriósa,
Super omnes speciósa,
Vale, O valde decóra!
Et pro nobis Christum exóra.

Translation: Hail, Queen of Heaven, beyond compare, to whom the angels homage pay; Hail, Root of Jesse, Gate of Light, that opened for the world's new day. Rejoice, O Virgin unsurpassed, in whom our ransom was begun, for all your loving children pray to Christ, our Saviour, and your Son.

We depart in silence – until our lips are opened in prayer tomorrow.

