

SOLEMN VESPERS



THE EVENING PRIOR TO THE ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF
THE MOST REVEREND MANUEL DE JESÚS RODRÍGUEZ
AS SIXTH BISHOP OF PALM BEACH

CATHEDRAL OF SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA
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Evening Prayer (also called Vespers) 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 always" (Luke 18:1; see also 1 Thessalonians 5:17). Through this prayer, the people of God sanctify the day by continual praise of God and prayers of intercession for the needs of the world.

The Liturgy of the Hours includes several specified times of prayer. The most important times, called the "hinge hours," are Morning Prayer (which takes place upon rising) and Evening Prayer (which takes place as dusk begins to fall). The other hours are the Office of Readings (a service with a biblical reading and a reading from the Fathers or Church writers or a reading related to a saint which may take place at any time of day), a Daytime Prayer (which may take place at Midmorning, Midday, or Midafternoon), and Night Prayer (said before going to sleep).

Bishops, priests, deacons, and many men and women in consecrated life pray the Liturgy of the Hours each day. Their work is organized around this prayer, keeping God always at the center of their days. Lay people are encouraged to pray the Liturgy of the Hours as well, especially Morning and Evening Prayer. Many parishes in the United States schedule communal Morning and Evening Prayer on a regular basis.

Evening Prayer gives thanks for the day just past and makes an evening sacrifice of praise to God (see Psalm 141:1).

The structure of Evening Prayer is as follows:



HIS HOLINESS, POPE LEO XIV



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*Bishop Emeritus and Apostolic
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Presider



**THE MOST REVEREND
MANUEL DE JESÚS RODRÍGUEZ**
Bishop-elect of Palm Beach



**THE MOST REVEREND
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*Archbishop of Santiago de los Caballeros,
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Witnessing the Oath of Fidelity

PROCESSION

Instrumental

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Evening Praise

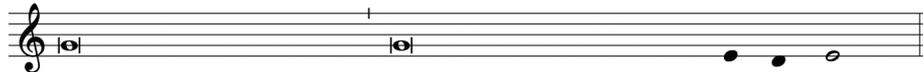
Stand. All make the sign of the cross.

Presiding minister:  *Assembly:* 

O God, ✠ come to my as-sis-tance. Lord, make haste to help me.

All: 

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it:



as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A-men.

Added outside Lent: 

Al - le - lu - ia.

EVENING HYMN

Members of the Filipino Apostolate and the Santo Niño Devotion sing this Filipino Eucharistic Hymn in joyful anticipation of the Mass of Ordination and Installation to be celebrated tomorrow.

Behold the Body of Christ

RICKY MANALO, CSP

Verses 

1. In the pres - ence of our God, as we gath - er here in
— We have come to break the bread; we have come to share our
2. When we gath - er in our homes, through our prayers and our
— In the house - hold of the Lord, where we come to share the
3. In the pres - ence of our God, by the jus - tice that is



1. Christ, feel the Spir - it breathe up - on us, the
 lives. Let us bring these fruits to the ta - ble, the
 2. meals, we are fed and nour - ished to - geth - er, our
 meal, we are fed the words of our Sav - ior, one
 3. shown, we will build a king - dom to - geth - er; the



1. breath of life, graced and di - vine. 1. mine!
 love of God, yours and
 2. fam - i - lies, bro - ken and blessed. 2. healed.
 fam - i - ly, strength-ened and
 3. love of Christ giv - en to 3. all!



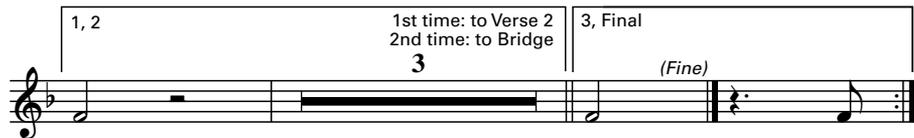
Ang ka - ta-wan ni Kris-to, ang ka - ta-wan ni Kris-to.



Be - hold, the Bod-y of Christ! Je - sus, our Sav - ior and Life!



Re - joice, O Peo - ple of God! We are the Bod - y of



Christ! Christ! Be -



Is not the meal that we bless and share a com - mu - nion in the life of



Christ? One bread, one bless - ing, one cup make us one bod - y in our Lord.

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Please be seated for the Psalmody

THE PSALMODY

Antiphon: The Lord looks tenderly * on those who are poor.



Psalm 11

In the Lord I have taken my refuge. †
How can you say to my soul: *
“Fly like a bird to its mountain.

See the wicked one bracing his bow; †
he is fixing his arrows on the string *
to ambush the upright by stealth.
Foundations once destroyed, *
what can the just do?”

The Lord is in his holy temple, *
the Lord, whose throne is in heaven.
His eyes look down on the world; *
his gaze tests the people of the earth.

The Lord tests the just and the wicked; *
the lover of violence he hates.
He sends fire and brimstone on the wicked; *
he sends a scorching wind as their lot.

The Lord is just and loves justice; *
the upright will see his face.

Glory...

Psalm Prayer: Lord God, you search the hearts of all, both the good and the wicked. May those who are in danger for love of you, find security in you now, and, in the day of judgment, may they rejoice in seeing you face to face.

Antiphon: The Lord looks tenderly * on those who are poor.

Antiphon: Blessed are the pure of heart, * for they shall see God.



Psalm 15

Lord, who shall be admitted to your tent *
and dwell on your holy mountain?

The man who walks without fault, *
who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart, *
he who does not slander with his tongue,

who does no wrong to his kindred, *
who casts no slur on his neighbors,
who holds the godless in disdain, *
but honors those who fear the Lord;

those who keep their word, come what may, *
who take no interest on a loan
and accept no bribes against the innocent. *
Such people will stand firm for ever.

Glory...

Psalm Prayer: Make our lives blameless, Lord. Help us to do what is right and to speak what is true, that we may dwell in your tent and find rest on your holy mountain.

Antiphon: Blessed are the pure of heart, * for they shall see God.

Antiphon: God chose us in his Son * to be his adopted children.



Canticle

Ephesians 1:3-10

Praised be the God and Father *
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has bestowed on us in Christ *
every spiritual blessing in the heavens.

God chose us in him *
before the world began
to be holy †
and blameless in his sight, *
to be full of love.

He predestined us †
to be his adopted sons through Jesus Christ, *
such was his will and pleasure,
that all might praise the glorious favor *
he has bestowed on us in his beloved.

In him and through his blood, we have been redeemed, *
and our sins forgiven,
so immeasurably generous *
is God's favor to us.

God has given us the wisdom *
to understand fully the mystery,
the plan he was pleased *
to decree in Christ.
A plan to be carried out *
in Christ, in the fullness of time,
to bring all things into one in him, *
in the heavens and on earth.

Glory...

Antiphon: God chose us in his Son * to be his adopted children.

Almighty, eternal God, bless these symbols of the pastoral office and the pontifical dignity. May the one who uses them receive the reward of his faithfulness and enter into eternal life with Christ, the High Priest and Good Shepherd who lives and reigns with you for ever and ever.

People: Amen

MAGNIFICAT (Canticle of Mary)

Notre Dame Haitian Mission (Fort Pierce) provides the choir; musicians and youth to present with joy the Magnificat

Antiphon: Whatever you do for the least of my brothers,
* you do for me.



Magnificat, Magnificat mon cœur exulte d'allégresse(bis)

1 - Il s'est penché sur son humble servante Désormais l'on me dira
bienheureuse Le Seigneur fit pour moi des merveilles Saint et son nom

2 - Son amour se répand d'âge en âge Sur tous ceux qui le craignent Il
déploie l'élan de sa force Il disperse les superbes.

3 - Il renverse les grands de leurs trônes Il élève les humbles Il remplit
le cœur de ses pauvres Et déjoue la main des riches

4 - Il relève Israël et nos Pères Car il tient ses promesses Il bénit
Abraham et sa race A jamais dans sa tendress

Antiphon: Whatever you do for the least of my brothers,
* you do for me.

INTERCESSIONS (Universal Prayer)

Our Lord Jesus Christ has saved us from our sins. As his people, let us call out to him:

Je - sus, SON OF DAVID, HAVE MER - CY ON US. BYZANTINE

Lord Christ, we pray for your holy Church; you gave yourself up to make it holy, cleansing it with water and the life-giving word, renew it constantly and purify it by penance. (Spanish)

Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us.

Good Master, show young people the way you have chosen for each of them, – may they walk in it, and find fulfillment. (Creole)

Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us.

In your compassion you healed all forms of sickness; bring hope to the sick and raise them up, – teach us to love and care for them. (Polish)

Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us.

Make us mindful of the dignity you gave us in baptism, – may we live for you at every moment. (Tagalog)

Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us.

May the dead rise to glory in your peace, – grant us with them a share in your kingdom. (Vietnamese)

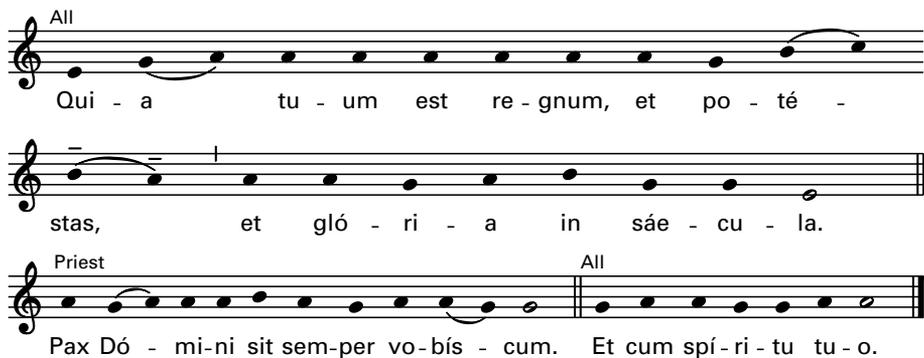
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PATER NOSTER



Pa-ter no-ster, qui es in cae-lis: san-cti-fi-cé-tur no - men
tu - um; ad-vé-ni-at re-gnum tu-um; fi-at vo-lún-tas tu-a,
sic - ut in cae - lo, et in ter - ra.
Pa-nem no-strum co - ti - di - á - num da no - bis hó - di - e;
et di - mít - te no - bis dé - bi - ta no - stra, sic - ut et nos
di - mít - ti - mus de - bi - tó - ri - bus no - stris; et ne nos
in - dú - cas in ten - ta - ti - ó - nem; sed lí - be - ra nos a ma - lo.

Priest: Libera nos, quaesumus, Domine...
et adventum Salvatoris nostri Jesu Christi.



All
Qui - a tu - um est re - gnum, et po - té -
stas, et gló - ri - a in sae - cu - la.
Priest
All
Pax Dó - mi - ni sit sem - per vo - bis - cum. Et cum spí - ri - tu tu - o.

THE CONCLUSION

PRESIDER:

Convert us, O God our Savior,
and instruct our minds by heavenly teaching,
that we may benefit from the works of Lent.
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.

REMARKS

Bishop-elect Manuel de Jesus Rodriguez

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Salve Regina

Sal-ve, Re-gi-na, ma-ter mi-se-ri-cór-di-ae, Vi-ta dul-
cé-do et spes no-stra, sal-ve. Ad te cla-má-mus,
éx-su-les, fi-li-i He-vae. Ad te sus-pi-rá-mus,
ge-mén-tes et flen-tes in hac la-cri-má-rum val-le.
E-ia er-go, Ad-vo-cá-ta no-stra, il-los tu-os mi-
se-ri-cór-des ó-cu-los ad nos con-vér-te.
Et Je-sum, be-ne-dí-ctum fruc-tum ven-tris tu-i,
no-bis post hoc ex-sí-li-um os-tén-de.
O cle-mens, O pi-a,
O dul-cis Vir-go Ma-rí-a.

CONCLUDING HYMN

Adoro te Devote



1. A - dó - ro te de - vó - te, la - tens Dé - i - tas,
2. Vi - sus, ta - ctus, gu - stus in te fál - li - tur,
3. In cru - ce la - té - bat so - la Dé - i - tas,
4. Pla - gas, si - cut Tho - mas, non in - tú - e - or:
5. O me - mo - ri - á - le mor - tis Dó - mi - ni,
6. Pi - e pel - li - cá - ne, Je - su Dó - mi - ne,
7. Je - su, quem ve - lá - tum nunc a - spí - ci - o,



1. Quae sub his fi - gú - ris ve - re lá - ti - tas:
2. Sed au - dí - tu so - lo tu - to cré - di - tur:
3. At hic la - tet si - mul et hu - má - ni - tas:
4. De - um ta - men me - um te con - fí - te - or:
5. Pa - nis vi - vus vi - tam prae - stans hó - mi - ni,
6. Me im - mún - dum mun - da tu - o sán - gui - ne,
7. O - ro fi - at il - lud quod tam sí - ti - o:



1. Ti - bi se cor me - um to - tum súb - ji - cit,
2. Cre - do quid - quid di - xit De - i Fí - li - us:
3. Am - bo ta - men cre - dens at - que cón - fi - tens,
4. Fac me ti - bi sem - per ma - gis cré - de - re,
5. Prae - sta me - ae men - ti de te ví - ve - re,
6. Cu - jus u - na stil - la sal - vum fá - ce - re
7. Ut te re - ve - lá - ta cer - nens fá - ci - e,



1. Qui - a te con - tém - plans to - tum dé - fi - cit.
2. Nil hoc ver - bo ve - ri - tá - tis vé - ri - us.
3. Pe - to quod pe - tí - vit la - tro paé - ni - tens.
4. In te spem ha - bé - re, te di - lí - ge - re.
5. Et te il - li sem - per dul - ce sá - pe - re.
6. To - tum mun - dum quit ab o - mni scé - le - re.
7. Vi - su sim be - á - tus tu - ae gló - ri - ae. A - men.

