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We stand the procession enters.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

We kneel as the Sacrament is exposed.

The choir sing:

O Salutaris Hostia (Delibes)

A period of adoration follows.

Office of Solemn Vespers

At the end of the adoration, we stand.

V O God, come to our aid.

R 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. Alleluia.

¹ The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word:
From heav'n He came and sought her
To be His holy Bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

³ 'Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace for evermore;
Till, with the vision glorious,
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

² Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation,
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.

⁴ Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly,
In love may dwell with Thee.

Psalmody

We sit as the antiphons and psalms are sung.

Antiphon 1 The very streets of Jerusalem will rejoice; every one of its paths will be filled with a song of joy, alleluia.

Psalm 146 (147)

Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving:
to him our praise is due.

Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust.
O sing to the Lord giving thanks;
sing psalms to our God with the harp.

The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted,
he binds up all their wounds.
He fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name.

He covers the heavens with clouds;
he prepares the rain for the earth,
making mountains sprout with grass
and with plants to serve man's needs.
He provides the beasts with their food
and young ravens that call upon him.

His delight is not in horses
nor his pleasure in warriors' strength.
The Lord delights in those who revere him,
in those who wait for his love.

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 1 The very streets of Jerusalem will rejoice; every one
of its paths will be filled with a song of joy, alleluia.

Antiphon 2 The Lord has strengthened the bars of your gates, he
has blessed the children within you.

Psalm 147

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Zion praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates
he has blessed the children within you.
He established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.

He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command.
He showers down snow white as wool,
he scatters hoar-frost like ashes.

He hurls down hailstones like crumbs.
The waters are frozen at his touch;
he sends forth his word and it melts them:
at the breath of his mouth the waters flow.

He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees.

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 2 The Lord has strengthened the bars of your gates, he
has blessed the children within you.

Antiphon 3 The holy ones, gathered in the city of God, rejoice;
the angels chant around God's throne, alleluia.

Canticle Revelation 19: 1-2, 5-7

Salvation and glory, and power belong to our God:

Alleluia.

his judgments are true and just.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Praise our God, all you his servants,

Alleluia.

You who fear him, small and great.

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord our God the almighty reigns;

Alleluia.

Let us rejoice, and exult, and give him the glory.

Alleluia, alleluia.

The marriage of the Lamb has come,

Alleluia.

and his bride has made herself ready.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to the Father, Son and Spirit.

Alleluia.

As it was in the beginning, is now and shall be forever.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Antiphon 3 The holy ones, gathered in the city of God, rejoice;
the angels chant around God's throne, alleluia.

Scripture Reading

You are no longer aliens in a foreign land, but fellow citizens with God's people, members of God's household. You are built upon the foundation laid by the apostles and prophets, and Christ Jesus himself is the foundation-stone. In him the whole building is bonded together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you too are being built with all the rest into a spiritual dwelling for God.

Short Responsory

V Your house, Lord, is set apart. It is distinguished by holiness.

R **Your house, Lord, is set apart. It is distinguished by holiness.**

V As long as time shall last.

R **Your house, Lord, is set apart. It is distinguished by holiness.**

V Glory be the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

R **Your house, Lord, is set apart. It is distinguished by holiness.**

Magnificat

We stand as the Magnificat is sung.

Antiphon Rejoice with Jerusalem and exult in her for ever all you who love her.

My soul doth magnify the Lord :
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded :
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

For behold, from henceforth :
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me :
and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him :
throughout all generations.
He hath sheweth strength with his arm :
he hath scattered the proud, in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat :
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things :
and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy
hath holpen his servant Israel :
As he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.

Antiphon Rejoice with Jerusalem and exult in her for ever all you who
love her.

Intercessions

Priest: Let us pray to our Saviour
who gave up his life to gather into unity
the scattered children of God.

R Lord, remember your Church.

Lord Jesus,
you commanded your disciples to hear your words
and put them into action;
constantly strengthen your Church in faith, courage and trust.

R Lord, remember your Church.

Lord Jesus,
from your opened side there poured out blood and water;
make your Church vigorously alive
throughout the sacraments of the new
and everlasting covenant.

R Lord, remember your Church.

Lord Jesus,
you are present among those who are gathered in your name;
hear your Church united in prayer.

R Lord, remember your Church.

Lord Jesus,
you come with the Father to dwell in those who love you;
perfect your Church all over the world in your divine love.

R Lord, remember your Church.

Lord Jesus,
anyone who comes to you is never turned away;
admit all those who have died into your Father's house.

R Lord, remember your Church.

The intercessions conclude with the 'Our Father'.

Concluding Prayer

Priest: Let us pray.

Almighty God,
as we recall with joy
the dedication of this house of yours
on each recurring anniversary:
listen to your people's prayer,
and grant that our worship here
may be a sincere and holy service,
honouring your name
and bringing us the fulness of redemption.
We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

We kneel as the choir sings:

Tantum Ergo (Faure)

V Panem de caelo praestitisi eis, alleluia.

R Omne delectamentum in se habentem, alleluia.

V

Oremus.

Deus,

qui nobis sub sacramento mirabilia,
passionis tuae memoriam reliquisti:

tribue, quaesumus,

ita nos corporis et sanguinis

tua sacra mysteria venerari,

ut redemptionis tuae fructum

in nobis iutiger sentiamus.

Qui vivis et regnas in saecula saeculorum.

All: Amen.

Benediction

Divine Praises

The priest acclaims the Divine Praises which are repeated by the people.

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 most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints.

Reposition

As the Blessed Sacrament is carried to the Tabernacle, the choir sing:

Psalm 150 (Mawby)

Hymn to Our Lady

We stand to sing the hymn.

Ave Maria, O Maiden, O Mother,
Fondly thy children are calling on thee;
Thine are the graces unclaimed by another,
Sinless and beautiful star of the sea.

*Mater amabilis, ora pro nobis,
Pray for thy children who call upon thee;
Ave Sanctissima, Ave Purissima,
Sinless and beautiful star of the sea.*

Ave Maria, the night shades are falling,
Softly, our voices arise unto thee;
Earth's lonely exiles for succour are calling,
Sinless and beautiful star of the sea.

Ave Maria, thy children are kneeling,
Words of endearment are murmured to thee;
Softly thy spirit upon us is stealing,
Sinless and beautiful star of the sea.

Voluntary

Fanfare B-Dur (Dubois)

