

**ST PETER**

DE BEAUVOIR TOWN



**EVENSONG AND BENEDICTION**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024, 3:00PM**

# ST PETER | DE BEAUVOIR TOWN

*a church which worships, nurtures, and takes action*

*The church is open every day from 9am - 6pm for silent prayer and reflection.*

**WELCOME**

*Welcome to St Peter's for this service of Evensong and Benediction. Evensong is the Church of England's form of prayer at the end of the day. Combining the ancient evening and night offices, it is a time of prayer to round off a day and to reflect on all that has gone before us.*

*Benediction is a service of devotion in which we are blessed by the presence of Christ with us in the Sacrament of his Body as we are sent out into his world to be blessings to others ourselves.*

*All are welcome to sit throughout this service and to let the words and music of prayer wash over you, or to stand and kneel as indicated and as you feel able.*

## **BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

*“Benediction is a beautiful word. It means a blessing, a greeting, an expression of kindness and love. Benediction is also a beautiful service of the church. It is a service that makes real to us in an impressive way the fact that God is always reaching out to us, to bless, to strengthen, to assure us of his loving kindness toward us.*

The greatest blessing that God ever bestowed or could bestow upon humankind was the sending of his Son. He is no longer present in the physical body that was his in Palestine many centuries ago, but we believe that he is really present among us in the Sacrament which he appointed. “This is my body,” he said over the bread at his Last Supper with his disciples. The same words are said over the bread at every Eucharist, that it may be to us the body of the Lord, so that he may come again among us today as he came at his first appearing in Palestine.

Benediction is a popular service, that is to say, a people’s service... Even those who might not come to Holy Communion will sometimes come to Benediction where God reaches out to them though they think they are only on the fringes. I think of some of those with whom I have knelt at Benediction: harassed city-dwellers in New York, working-class people from the back streets of Dublin, soldiers serving in the deserts of North Africa, Indian Christians living as a tiny minority in a great Hindu city ... They have all had the grace of humility. Those who seek a blessing come with empty hands. “How blessed are those who know their need of God!” (Matthew 5.3, New English Bible) God cannot give a blessing to the proud, the self-sufficient, the superior, those who secretly despise the simple devotion of their siblings. So we can only come to Benediction waiting and expectant. As we sing the hymns and look upon the Host, we open our hearts to God, knowing that he who sent the blessing of his Son to lighten the darkness of the world still sends through the same Son his blessing to us.

Then a very remarkable thing happens. For we find ourselves saying the words of the Divine Praises: “Blessed be God! Blessed be his holy Name!” We came seeking God’s blessing, and now we find that we are blessing God! We begin by coming in our need to God, seeking his blessing. He gives us that blessing, and our response is to bless and adore him. This indeed is the goal of all our worshipping — that we may come to love God better. And we cannot love God without loving our neighbours who are God’s children, so that in seeking God’s blessing, we are praying that in blessing us he will make us a blessing to others.”

The Rev’d Professor John Macquarrie

## OPENING HYMN

### *We Hail Thy Presence Glorious*

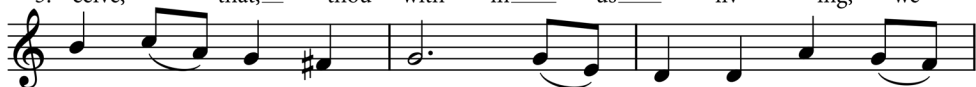
*please stand if you are able and sing*



1. We\_\_ hail thy pre - sence glo - rious, O\_\_ Christ our great High
2. Through thee in ev - 'ry\_\_ na - tion thine own their hearts up -
3. O\_\_ liv - ing bread from hea - ven, Je - su, our Sav - iour
4. O\_\_ stream of love\_\_ un - end - ing, poured from the one true
5. May we, thy word be - liev - ing, thee through thy gifts re -



1. Priest, o'er\_\_ sin and death vic - to - rious, at
2. raise, off - 'ring one pure\_\_ ob - la - tion, one
3. good, who\_\_ thine own self\_\_ has\_\_ giv - en to
4. vine, with\_\_ our weak na - ture\_\_ blend - ing the
5. ceive, that,\_\_ thou with - in\_\_ us\_\_ liv - ing, we



1. thy thanks - giv - ing feast: as\_\_ thou art in - ter -
2. sac - ri - fice of praise: with\_\_ thee in blest com -
3. be our\_\_ souls' true food; for\_\_ us thy bo - dy\_\_
4. strength of\_\_ life di - vine; our\_\_ thank - ful faith con -
5. all to\_\_ God may live; draw\_\_ us from earth to\_\_



1. ced - ing for\_\_ us in heav'n a - bove, thy\_\_
2. mun - ion the\_\_ liv - ing and the\_\_ dead are\_\_
3. bro - ken hung\_\_ on the cross of\_\_ shame: this\_\_
4. fess - ing in\_\_ thy life - blood out - poured, we\_\_
5. hea - ven till\_\_ sin and sor - row\_\_ cease, for -



1. Church on earth is\_\_ plead - ing thy per - fect work of love.
2. joined in clos - est\_\_ un - ion, one Bo - dy with one Head.
3. bread its hal - lowed to - ken we break in thy dear name.
4. drink this cup\_\_ of\_\_ bless - ing and praise thy name, O Lord.
5. giv - ing and\_\_ for - giv - en, in love and joy and peace.

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**THE PRECES AND RESPONSES**

*please remain standing if you are able*

*Celebrant* O Lord, open thou our lips

*Choir* **And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise**

*Celebrant* O God, make speed to save us

*Choir* **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

**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.**

**Praise ye the Lord. The Lord's Name be praised**

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**PSALM 84 AND 86**

*please be seated*

- Choir*
- 1 How lovely is your dwelling place,  
O Lord of hosts!
  - 2 My soul longs, indeed it faints  
for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh sing for joy  
to the living God.
  - 3 Even the sparrow finds a home,  
and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may lay her young,  
at your altars, O Lord of hosts,  
my King and my God.
  - 4 Happy are those who live in your house,  
ever singing your praise.
  - 5 Happy are those whose strength is in you,  
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.
  - 6 As they go through the valley of Baca  
they make it a place of springs;  
the early rain also covers it with pools.

- 7 They go from strength to strength;  
the God of gods will be seen in Zion.
- 8 O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;  
give ear, O God of Jacob!
- 9 Behold our shield, O God;  
look on the face of your anointed.
- 10 For a day in your courts is better  
than a thousand elsewhere.  
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God  
than live in the tents of wickedness.
- 11 For the Lord God is a sun and shield;  
he bestows favour and honour.  
No good thing does the Lord withhold  
from those who walk uprightly.
- 12 O Lord of hosts,  
happy is everyone who trusts in you.
- 1 Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me,  
for I am poor and needy.
- 2 Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you;  
save your servant who trusts in you.  
You are my God;
- 3 be gracious to me, O Lord,  
for to you do I cry all day long.
- 4 Gladden the soul of your servant,  
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
- 5 For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,  
abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.
- 6 Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;  
listen to my cry of supplication.
- 7 In the day of my trouble I call on you,  
for you will answer me.
- 8 There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,  
nor are there any works like yours.
- 9 All the nations you have made shall come  
and bow down before you, O Lord,  
and shall glorify your name.
- 10 For you are great and do wondrous things;  
you alone are God.

- 11 Teach me your way, O Lord,  
that I may walk in your truth;  
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.
- 12 I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,  
and I will glorify your name for ever.
- 13 For great is your steadfast love towards me;  
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.
- 14 O God, the insolent rise up against me;  
a band of ruffians seeks my life,  
and they do not set you before them.
- 15 But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.
- 16 Turn to me and be gracious to me;  
give your strength to your servant;  
save the child of your serving-maid.
- †17 Show me a sign of your favour,  
so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame,  
because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.

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**FIRST READING**

***Deuteronomy 15.1-18***

*Reader* A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Every seventh year you shall grant a remission of debts. And this is the manner of the remission: every creditor shall remit the claim that is held against a neighbour, not exacting it from a neighbour who is a member of the community, because the Lord's remission has been proclaimed. From a foreigner you may exact it, but you must remit your claim on whatever any member of your community owes you. There will, however, be no one in need among you, because the Lord is sure to bless you in the land that the Lord your God is giving you as a possession to occupy, if only you will obey the Lord your God by



diligently observing this entire commandment that I command you today. When the Lord your God has blessed you, as he promised you, you will lend to many nations, but you will not borrow; you will rule over many nations, but they will not rule over you. If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted towards your needy neighbour. You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be. Be careful that you do not entertain a mean thought, thinking, 'The seventh year, the year of remission, is near', and therefore view your needy neighbour with hostility and give nothing; your neighbour might cry to the Lord against you, and you would incur guilt. Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, 'Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbour in your land.' If a member of your community, whether a Hebrew man or a Hebrew woman, is sold to you and works for you for six years, in the seventh year you shall set that person free. And when you send a male slave out from you a free person, you shall not send him out empty-handed. Provide liberally out of your flock, your threshing-floor, and your wine press, thus giving to him some of the bounty with which the Lord your God has blessed you. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God redeemed you; for this reason I lay this command upon you today. But if he says to you, 'I will not go out from you', because he loves you and your household, since he is well off with you, then you shall take an awl and thrust it through his earlobe into the door, and he shall be your slave for ever. You shall do the same with regard to your female slave. Do not consider it a hardship when you send them out from you free persons, because for six years they have given you services worth the wages of hired labourers; and the Lord your God will bless you in all that you do.

*Reader*

Here endeth the lesson

## **MAGNIFICAT**

*please stand if you are able*

*Choir* 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 showed 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.

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## **SECOND READING**

***Ephesians 6.10-end***

*please be seated*

*Reader* A reading from the letter to the Ephesians

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I

speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak. So that you also may know how I am and what I am doing, Tychicus will tell you everything. He is a dear brother and a faithful minister in the Lord. I am sending him to you for this very purpose, to let you know how we are, and to encourage your hearts. Peace be to the whole community, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who have an undying love for our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Reader*        Here endeth the lesson

**NUNC DIMITTIS**

*please stand if you are able*

*Choir*        Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people, to be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

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.

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**APOSTLES' CREED**

*please remaining standing*

*All*            **I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by  
the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius  
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried:**

**He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the  
Father almighty;**

**from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe  
in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of  
saints; the forgiveness of sins; the +resurrection of the body, and the  
life everlasting.**

**Amen**

**THE RESPONSES**

*please remain standing*

*Celebrant*    **The Lord be with you**

*All*            **And also with you**

*Celebrant*    **Let us pray**

*please kneel if you are able*

*Choir*      **Lord, have mercy on us.  
Christ, have mercy on us.  
Lord, have mercy on us.**

*Celebrant*    Our Father

*All*            **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. Amen.**

**THE SUFFRAGES**

*please remain kneeling*

*Celebrant*    O Lord, show thy mercy upon us

*Choir*            **And grant us thy salvation**

*Celebrant*    O Lord, save the King

*Choir*            **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee**

*Celebrant*    Endue thy ministers with righteousness

*Choir*            **And make thy chosen people joyful**

*Celebrant*    O Lord, save thy people

*Choir*            **And bless thine inheritance**

*Celebrant*    Give peace in our time, O Lord

*Choir*            **Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God**

*Celebrant*    O God, make clean our hearts within us

*Choir*            **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us**

**THE COLLECTS**

*please remain kneeling*

*Celebrant* Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*Choir* **Amen**

*Celebrant* O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

*Choir* **Amen**

*Celebrant* Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thine only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

*Choir* **Amen**

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you

*All* **And also with you**

*Celebrant* Let us bless the Lord, alleluia

*All* **Thanks be to God, alleluia**

*Celebrant* May the faithful departed rest in peace

*All* **And rise in glory. Amen.**

**ANTHEM**

***Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace***

*please remain seated*

*Choir*        Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee.  
The darkness is no darkness with Thee, but the night is as clear as the  
day: The darkness and the light to Thee are both alike.  
God is light and with Him is no darkness at all.  
Oh let my soul live and it shall praise Thee.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever more.

music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley; words: Isaiah 26:3, Psalm 139:11,  
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**HOMILY**

***Mthr Kathryn Fleming SCP, Precentor, Southwark Cathedral***

*please be seated*

**HYMN**

**Taste and See**

*please stand if you are able and sing*



Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the Lord.



Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord.



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| 1. I will nev - er stop thank - ing my God   | with my words__ of praise.    |
| 2. Join the sing - ing in praise of our God; | tell the world of the Name.   |
| 3. Look to God and be ra - diant with joy;   | you will ne - ver know shame. |
| 4. God of jus - tice, rain down on the poor; | giv - ing hope to their days. |



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|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| __ 1. My soul__ will boast,__       | will boast in the Lord. The   |
| __ 2. I cried to the Lord:__        | 'Have mer - cy on me,' God    |
| __ 3. The weight of your bur - den  | is light to the Lord. With    |
| __ 4. Come vis - it your peo - ple, | each child of the earth; come |



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|--|----------------------|
| 1. low - ly will hear__ me and be      | lift - ed in praise. |
| 2. calmed all my fears__ and then__    | set__ me free.__     |
| 3. ten - der com - pas - sion God will | call you by name.__  |
| 4. vis - it us now__ and bring us      | to a new birth.__    |

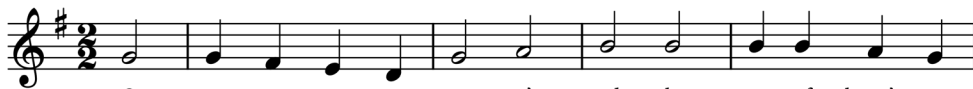
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*please kneel if you are able when bell is rung*



## O SALUTARIS HOSTIA

*please remain kneeling and sing*



1. O sav - ing vic - tim, o - pen'ng wide, the gate of heav'n to  
2. All praise and thanks to thee as - cend, for e - ver - more, blest



1. all be - low; our foes press hard on ev - r'y side, thine  
2. one in three; O grant us life that shall not end, in



1. aid sup - ply, thy strength be - stow.  
2. our true na - tive land with thee. A - men.

music: OLD HUNDRETH, Genevan Psalter 1551; verse 2 arranged by Paul Walton;  
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## SILENT ADORATION AND PRAISE

*please remain kneeling*

*We keep a moment of silent adoration and are led in praise, concluding:*

*Celebrant* Blessed, praised, hallowed and adored be Jesus Christ on his throne of glory

*All* **and in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Amen.**

**TANTUM ERGO**

*please remain kneeling and sing*



1. There - fore we, be - fore him bend - ing, this great sac - ra - ment re - vere:  
2. Glo - ry let us give and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,



1. types and sha - dows have their end - ing, for the new - er rite is here;  
2. Hon - our, might, and praise ad - dress - ing, while e - ter - nal a - ges run;



1. Faith, our out - ward sense be - friend - ing, Makes the in - ward vis - ion  
2. e - ver too his love con - fess - ing, who, from both, with both is



1. clear. Makes the in - ward vis - ion clear.  
2. one. Who, from both, with both is one. A - men.

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**RESPONSORY**

*please remain kneeling*

*Celebrant* Thou gavest them bread from heaven. Alleluia.

*All*

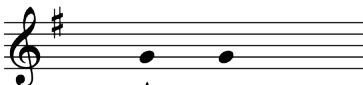


Con - tain - ing in it - self all sweet - ness. Al - le - lu - ia.

**COLLECT**

*Celebrant* God our Father, whose Son our Lord Jesus Christ in a wonderful Sacrament hath left unto us a memorial of his passion: Grant us so to venerate the sacred mysteries of his Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of our redemption; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*All*



A - men

**BENEDICTION**

*please remain kneeling*

*We receive Christ's blessing as, in silence, the priest makes the sign of the cross with the Sacrament of Christ's Body.*

**DIVINE PRAISES**

*please remain kneeling*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God

*All* **Blessed be God**

*Celebrant* Blessed be His Holy Name

*All* **Blessed be His Holy Name**

*Celebrant* Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man

*All* **Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man**

*Celebrant* Blessed be the name of Jesus

*All* **Blessed be the name of Jesus**

*Celebrant* Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart

*All* **Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart**

*Celebrant* Blessed be His Most Precious Blood

*All* **Blessed be His Most Precious Blood**

*Celebrant* Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar

*All* **Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar**

*Celebrant* Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the paraclete

*All* **Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the paraclete**

*Celebrant* Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy

*All* **Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy**

*Celebrant* Blessed be her holy and immaculate conception

*All* **Blessed be her holy and immaculate conception**

*Celebrant* Blessed be her glorious Assumption

*All* **Blessed be her glorious Assumption**

*Celebrant* Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother

*All* **Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother**

*Celebrant* Blessed be Saint Joseph, her spouse most chaste

*All* **Blessed be Saint Joseph, her spouse most chaste**

*Celebrant* Blessed be God in His angels and in His Saints

*All* **Blessed be God in His angels and in His Saints**

*Celebrant* Blessed be God

*All* **Blessed be God**

**REPOSITION**

*Please remain kneeling, and stand when the bell is rung.*

Musical notation for the CANTOR and ALL parts of the 'Let us adore' text. The CANTOR part is on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The ALL part is on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The text is: 'Let us a - dore \_\_\_ for e - ver the Most Ho - ly Sac - ra - ment'. The CANTOR part has a fermata over the first measure. The ALL part has a fermata over the first measure and a dashed line under the last measure.

*All*

- 1 O praise the Lord, all ye | heathen :  
praise him, | all ye nations.
- 2 For his merciful kindness is ever more and more to- | ward us :  
and the truth of the Lord endureth for | ever. Praise the Lord.

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 with- | out end. Amen.

Musical notation for the ALL part of the 'Let us adore' text. The staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The text is: 'Let us a - dore \_\_\_ for e - ver the Most Ho - ly Sac - ra - ment'. There is a fermata over the first measure and a dashed line under the last measure.