

SAINT EUGENE DE MAZENOD, Bishop

MAY 21 – Solemnity

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MISSIONARY OBLATES OF MARY IMMACULATE, ROME

By virtue of the faculties granted by Pope John Paul II to the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, the English text for the Liturgy of the Hours in honour of Saint Eugene de Mazenod, Bishop, was approved on February 16, 2001.

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Eugene de Mazenod was born in France, at Aix-en-Provence, in 1782. Having experienced exile in Italy, he was struck, on returning to his own country, by the urgent needs of the Church, so devastated by the French Revolution. Ordained a priest in 1811, he undertook a ministry to the poor and the youth in his native city, but very soon, in 1816, he felt called to bring around him a group of priests who would live together as brothers and devote themselves to the preaching of parish missions. This was the origin of the Congregation of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, which was approved by Pope Leo XII in 1826.

Made Bishop of Marseilles in 1837, Saint Eugene worked unceasingly for the progress of the Church in his diocese even as he was busy responding to appeals from bishops of faraway countries by sending his religious all over the world. A pastor impassioned by Jesus Christ and a wholehearted servant of the Church, he died at Marseilles 21 May, 1861



BLESSED

EUGENE DE MAZENOD

BISHOP OF MARSEILLES
Founder of the Congregation
of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

TIMELINE—ST. EUGENE DE MAZENOD

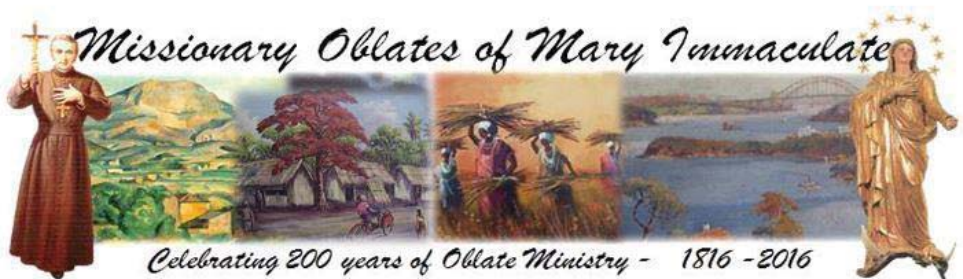
- 1782: Born 1st August in Aix-en-Provence, in the south of France—into a family of minor nobility.
- 1789: French Revolution begins in earnest
- 1790: Exiled with family. Forced to move to Italy for the next 11 years.
- 1794: Helped by the Zinalli family—one who was a priest: where, he later claimed, he discovered his vocation to the priesthood.
- 1800: “Adopted” by a wealthy family—the Cannizzaros.
- 1802: Returns from exile a worldly man—parents are separated.
- 1804: Napoleon Consecrated as Emperor
- 1807: Good Friday experience of Jesus' love and self-sacrifice.**
- 1808: Enter the Seminary of Saint Sulpice
- 1811: 21st December, Ordained to Priesthood**
- 1814: 6th April, Napoleon goes into exile (1st time)—France in turmoil.
- 1816: 25th January, Founds the "**Missionaries of Provence**" to bring "*Good News to the Poor.*"
- 1825: Patronage of Mary replaces St Charles.
- 1826: **February 17th** The missionaries are renamed "**Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate**"
The new institute is given papal approval by Pope Leo XII.
- 1832: Named Auxillary Bishop of Marseilles
- 1837: Named Bishop of Marseilles. The enormous missionary zeal that he brought to this office affected the whole French Church and gave greater stability to the Oblates.
- 1861: ✕ R.I.P. aged 78, Marseilles, France: 416 Oblates in 10 countries.**
- 1926: Begin process of Canonisation.
- 1975: Beatification (Pope Paul VI)
- 1995: Canonisation on 3rd December (Pope John Paul II)

TIMELINE—OBLATES AROUND THE WORLD

“Go to Marseilles. There is a bishop there whose Congregation is still small, but the man himself has a heart as big as Saint Paul’s, as big as the world.”

a contemporary bishop speaking of Bishop de Mazenod

1824: Corsica (Fr Albini)	1935: Argentina	1975: Puerto Rico
1831: Switzerland	Laos	1976: Senegal
1841: Canada, England.	1939: Philippines	1977: Norway, Tahiti, United Arab Emirates
1847: USA, Sri Lanka	1942: Haiti	French Guyana
1852: South Africa	1945: Brazil	1980: Singapore, Madagascar
1862: Lesotho	1946: Cameroon	1982: Zimbabwe (from South Africa)
1856: Ireland	1948: Chile, Japan, Luxemburg	1984: Zambia (from USA)
1858: Mexico	1949: Surinam	1988: Guatemala
1880: Holland	1951: Chad	1990: Venezuela, Nigeria, South Korea
1882: Italy Spain	1952: Bolivia	1991: Lebanon
1891: Belgium Namibia	1957: Peru	1992: Angola, Botswana, Ukraine, Belorussia
1894: Australia	1958: Denmark	1993: Mauritania
1895: Germany	1954: Western Sahara	1994: Columbia
1911: Czech Republic	1962: Sweden	1997 Turkmenistan
1920: Poland	1966: Thailand	1997 Kenya (from Canada)
1925: Paraguay	1966: Hong Kong	
1930: Uruguay	1967: New Zealand (closed in 1-Feb-2004)	
1931: Zaire	1968: India	
1934: Austria	1971: Pakistan	
	1972: Indonesia (Aust.)	
	1973: Bangladesh	



EVENING PRAYER I

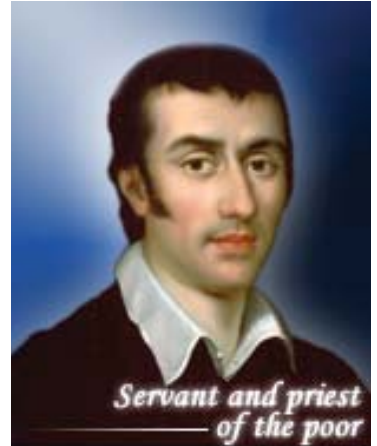
Common of Pastors

HYMN (*or another appropriate hymn*)

Shepherd of souls, in love come, feed us,
 Life-giving Bread for hungry hearts!
 To those refreshing waters lead us
 Where dwells that peace your grace imparts.
 May we, the wayward in your fold,
 By your forgiveness rest consoled.

Life-giving vine, come, feed and nourish,
 Strengthen each branch with life divine;
 Ever in you O may we flourish,
 Fruitful the branches on the vine.
 Lord, may our souls be purified
 So that in Christ may we abide.

Sinful is man who kneels before you.
 Worthy of you are you alone;
 Yet in your name do we implore you,
 Rich are the mercies you have shown.
 Say but the word, O Lord divine,
 Then are our hearts made pure like thine.



Ant. 1 Called with a holy calling, according to God's purpose
 and grace, he gave himself fully to the preaching of the
 Gospel (alleluia)

Psalm 112 (113) - Praise of the Lord's name

"He put down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly" (Lk 1:52).

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
 praise the name of the Lord!
 May the name of the Lord be blessed
 both now and for evermore!

From the rising of the sun to its setting
praised be the name of the Lord!

High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth?

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the dungheap he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people.

To the childless wife he gives a home
and gladdens her heart with children.

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.

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and grace, he gave himself fully to the preaching of the
Gospel (alleluia)**

**Ant. 2 Christ lives in me, who loved me and gave himself for
me (alleluia)**

*Psalm 145 (146) - The blessedness of those who hope in the Lord
"Let us praise the Lord all our days: that is, in all our conduct" (Arnobius).*

My soul, give praise to the Lord;
I will praise the Lord all my days,
make music to my God while I live.

Put no trust in princes,
In mortal men in whom there is no help.
Take their breath, they return to clay
and their plans that day come to nothing.

He is happy who is helped by Jacob's God,
 whose hope is in the Lord his God,
 who alone made heaven and earth,
 the seas and all they contain.

It is he who keeps faith for ever,
 who is just to those who are oppressed.
 It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
 the Lord, who sets prisoners free,
 the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
 who raises up those who are bowed down
 the Lord, who protects the stranger
 and upholds the widow and orphan.

It is the Lord who loves the just
 but thwarts the path of the wicked.
 The Lord will reign for ever,
 Zion's God, from age to age.

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.

**Ant. 2 Christ lives in me, who loved me and gave himself for
 me (alleluia)**

**Ant. 3 He became minister of the Church and strived for it
 with all the energy which Christ mightily inspired within
 him (alleluia)**

Canticle: Ephesians 1 - God the Saviour

Blessed be the God and Father
 of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 who has blessed us in Christ
 with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

He chose us in him
 before the foundation of the world,
 that we should be holy / and blameless before him.



He destined us in love
to be his sons through Jesus Christ
according to the purpose of his will,
to the praise of his glorious grace
which he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

In him we have redemption through his blood,
the forgiveness of our trespasses,
according to the riches of his grace
which he lavished upon us.

He has made known to us
in all wisdom and insight / the mystery of his will,
according to his purpose
which he set forth in Christ.

His purpose he set forth in Christ
as a plan for the fullness of time,
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, as it was
in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

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with all the energy which Christ mightily inspired within
him (alleluia)**

READING

Phil 3: 7-9a

Whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake, I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ.

RESPONSORY**Mt 16: 24-25**

R/. If anyone wants to come after me—let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me (alleluia, alleluia). *repeat*

V/. Whoever would lose his life for my sake will find it—let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me (alleluia, alleluia). **R/.**

V/. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. **R/.**

CANTICLE OF MARY

Ant. Set apart for the Gospel, Saint Eugene followed with courage in the footsteps of the apostles: by word and example, he taught the poor who Jesus Christ is (alleluia)

Canticle: Magnificat – My soul rejoices in the Lord

My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her lowliness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his name!
His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him.

He puts forth his arm in strength
and scatters the proud-hearted.
He casts the mighty from their thrones
and raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering 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.

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INTERCESSIONS

God our Father, through the preaching of the Gospel you have revealed your plan of salvation and made us heirs to the Kingdom of heaven.

We call upon your immense love saying:

R/. The people redeemed in Christ implore you, Lord.

You sent your Son Jesus to bring the Good News to the poor—help us to preach the Gospel to every creature.

You filled the heart of Bishop Saint Eugene with an intense love for Christ and the desire to serve his Church unconditionally—may our pastors guide your flock with a wise and magnanimous heart.

You call us to proclaim your Kingdom and to seek it before all else—may we grow in faith, hope and love, so that we may be a leaven of the Beatitudes at the heart of the world.

You made Mary, blessed among women, the Mother of mercy—may we experience her motherly love in the midst of our apostolic works.

You are the source of life and raised up from the dead Christ, Head of the Church—receive into your Kingdom the dead redeemed at the price of His blood.

Our Father.

PRAYER

O God, in your mercy, you blessed your Bishop Saint Eugene de Mazenod with the zeal of an apostle to preach the Good News to the nations. Grant that by his intercession we may be filled with the same spirit and dedicate ourselves wholeheartedly to the service of the Church and the salvation of all. We ask this 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. Amen.

OFFICE OF READINGS

INVITATORY:

On this Solemnity/Feast/Memorial of Saint Eugene, let us worship the supreme Shepherd, Christ the Lord (*alleluia*)

HYMN (*or another appropriate hymn*)

The earth is full of the goodness of Christ,
He feeds his lambs and guards his sheep,
He walks abroad as the Shepherd of souls,
And gathers all into his keep.

We know the voice of our Pastor, the Lord,
He calls our names eternally
Our hearts rejoice at the words that he speaks:
"And I know mine and mine know me."

When danger comes all the hirelings will flee,
But Christ remains to guard our sleep,
When evil comes the Good Shepherd of souls
Lays down his life to save his sheep.

Ant. 1 Guided by the Spirit, he urged his own not to accept the grace of God in vain (alleluia)

O Lord, your strength gives joy to the king;
how your saving help makes him glad!
You have granted him his heart's desire;
you have not refused the prayer of his lips.

You came to meet him with the blessings of success
you have set on his head a crown of pure gold.
He asked you for life and this you have given,
days that will last from age to age.

Your saving help has given him glory.
You have laid upon him majesty and splendor,
you have granted your blessings to him for ever.
You have made him rejoice with the joy of your presence.



The king has put his trust in the Lord:
through the mercy of the Most High he shall stand firm.
O Lord, arise in your strength,
we shall sing and praise your power.

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.

Ant. 1 Guided by the Spirit, he urged his own not to accept the grace of God in vain (alleluia)

Ant. 2 He went about the cities and villages, entreating all on behalf of Christ: Be reconciled to God (alleluia)

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night,
on the ten-stringed lyre and the lute,
with the murmuring sound of the harp.

Your deeds, O Lord, have made me glad;
 for the work of your hands I shout with joy.
 O Lord, how great are your works!
 How deep are your designs!
 The foolish man cannot know this
 and the fool cannot understand.

Though the wicked spring up like grass
 and all who do evil thrive:
 they are doomed to be eternally destroyed.
 But you, Lord, are eternally on high.

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.

**Ant. 2 He went about the cities and villages, entreating all on
 behalf of Christ: Be reconciled to God (alleluia)**

**Ant. 3 Like a skilled master builder, he built God's house on
 the foundation of the crucified Christ (alleluia)**

See how your enemies perish;
 all doers of evil are scattered.

To me you give the wild-ox's strength;
 you anoint me with the purest oil.
 My eyes looked in triumph on my foes;
 my ears heard gladly of their fall.
 The just will flourish like the palm-tree
 and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

Planted in the house of the Lord
 they will flourish in the courts of our God,
 still bearing fruit when they are old,
 still full of sap, still green,
 to proclaim that the Lord is just;
 in him, my rock, there is no wrong.

Glory be to the Father, ...



Ant. 3 Like a skilled master builder, he built God's house on the foundation of the crucified Christ (alleluia)

R/. God's holiness was revealed by them (alleluia).

V/. All nations saw God's glory (alleluia).

FIRST READING:

2 Cor 4:1-12

(The strength and weakness of the apostle)

Having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. We have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways; we refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the likeness of God. For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said: "Let light shine out of darkness", who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

RESPONSORY

2 Cor 4: 5-6

R/. What we preach is not ourselves but Jesus Christ as Lord—with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake (alleluia).

V/. To give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ—with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake (alleluia).

or, in Easter time: From the Acts of the Apostles 2:1, 14, 36-47
(Call to conversion and baptism)

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and said: Let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles: "Brethren, what shall we do?" And Peter said to them: "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children and to all that are far off, every one that the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other words and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation". So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

And fear came upon every soul; and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common; and they sold their possessions and goods and distributed them to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they partook of food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

RESPONSORY

Mk 16:15-16; Jo 3:5

R/. Go out to the ends of the earth, and tell every living creature the good news of Christ—Everyone who believes and is baptized will be saved (alleluia).

V/. Unless one is born anew of water and the Holy Spirit, one cannot enter the Kingdom of God—Everyone who believes and is baptized will be saved (alleluia).

SECOND READING: From a Pastoral Letter of Saint
Eugene de Mazenod, Bishop (Lent, 1860)
(Love for Christ and love for the Church)

How is it possible to separate our love for Jesus Christ from that we owe to the Church? These two kinds of love merge into one: to love the Church is to love Jesus Christ and vice versa.

We love Jesus Christ in his Church because she is his immaculate spouse who came out of his opened side on the cross, just as Eve came out of the first Adam. In his Incarnation the divine Word united himself to human nature, and this union is so perfect that there is in the Man-God only one person, that of the Word. The human race, although assumed in only one of its members, in the new Adam who is Jesus Christ, was, through the mercy of the Most High, called to participate really and as a whole in this ineffable union of the divine and human natures in the Word made flesh. Jesus Christ had to associate mankind to himself mystically so as to form one whole with it while allowing the personality proper to each person united to him to subsist. And just as there is only one person in Jesus Christ, all Christians should form with him but one body, whose head he is and whose members they are.

The Church, therefore, is the prize won by the blood of Jesus Christ and the object of his infinite love for people. He loved her more than his own life, and because of him she is dear to God the Father, who already from all eternity had loved her even to the point of giving his only Son for her sake (Jn 3:16). Furthermore, it is to her that the Holy Spirit, promised by the divine Saviour, inseparably united himself as her soul, to inspire her, enlighten her, guide and support her, and to work in her the mighty deeds of God (Acts 2:11).

All who are members of the Church live in God's spiritual house; rather, they themselves are this house which is a huge temple into which the whole world must enter and of which all the stones are

living stones. This temple is the vestibule and image of the eternal one. In both cases, the Spouse showers all the riches of his love upon the Bride. God himself has built this house out of divine cement.

Now, we ask you: if we do not love as sons the Bride of Jesus Christ, her whom he wanted to give to us as our Mother; if we do not love the family of the Man-God, his living habitation, his holy temple, his earthly city, image of the eternal city, his kingdom, his flock, the society he founded, in a word, the enterprise which has been the object of all his labours and delight here below: is this not the same as not wanting to love Jesus himself? Does it not amount to disregarding the designs of his mercy, the rights of his love and of his power? Is this not tantamount to dishonouring him as Saviour, as Redeemer of mankind, as conqueror over hell and death, and as the sovereign Master "to whom all the nations of the earth have been given as heritage?" (Ps 2:8).

RESPONSORY

Act 20:28; 1 Cor 4:2

- R/.** Take heed to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you guardians—to feed the Church of the Lord which he obtained with his own blood.
- V/.** It is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy—to feed the Church of the Lord which he obtained with his own blood.

HYMN - Te Deum

PRAAYER:

O God, in your mercy, you blessed your Bishop Saint Eugene de Mazenod with the zeal of an apostle to preach the Good News to the nations. Grant that by his intercession we may be filled with the same spirit and dedicate ourselves wholeheartedly to the service of the Church and the salvation of all. We ask this 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. Amen.

MORNING PRAYER

HYMN (*or another appropriate hymn*)

The King of love my shepherd is
Whose goodness fails me never;
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,
To rest my soul he leads me;
Where fresh and fertile pastures grow,
With heav'nly food he feeds me.

Perverse and foolish I have strayed,
But he with love has sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
With you, dear Lord, beside me;
Your rod and staff my comfort still,
Your cross will ever guide me.

You spread a banquet in my sight,
My head with oil anointing,
And let me taste the sweet delight
From your pure chalice flowing.

And so through all my length of days
Your goodness fails me never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise
Within your house forever.

Ant. 1 I press on toward the goal to make it my own, because
Christ Jesus has made me his own (alleluia)

Thirsting for God



O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water.
So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise.
So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy.

On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.

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.

**Ant. 1 I press on toward the goal to make it my own, because
Christ Jesus has made me his own (alleluia)**

**Ant. 2 Good and faithful servant, the Spirit of the Lord has
chosen you to spread the fragrance of the knowledge of
Christ everywhere (alleluia)**

Canticle: Daniel 3:57-88,56 - All creatures, bless the Lord

O all you works of the Lord, O bless the Lord.
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, angels of the Lord, O bless the Lord.
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, the heavens of the Lord, O bless the Lord.
And you, clouds of the sky, O bless the Lord.
And you, all armies of the Lord, O bless the Lord.
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, sun and moon, O bless the Lord.
And you, the stars of the heavens, O bless the Lord.
And you, showers and rain, O bless the Lord.
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, all you breezes and winds, O bless the Lord.
And you, fire and heat, O bless the Lord.
And you, cold and heat, O bless the Lord.
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, showers and dew, O bless the Lord.
And you, frosts and cold, O bless the Lord.
And you, frost and snow, O bless the Lord.
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, night-time and day, O bless the Lord.
And you, darkness and light, O bless the Lord.
And you, lightning and clouds, O bless the Lord.
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

O let the earth bless the Lord.
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, mountains and hills, O bless the Lord.
And you, all plants of the earth, O bless the Lord.
And you, fountains and springs, O bless the Lord.
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, rivers and seas, O bless the Lord.
And you, creatures of the sea, O bless the Lord.
And you, every bird in the sky, O bless the Lord.
And you, wild beasts and tame, O bless the Lord.
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, children of men, O bless the Lord.

To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

O Israel, bless the Lord, O bless the Lord.

And you, priests of the Lord, O bless the Lord.

And you, servants of the Lord, O bless the Lord.

To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, spirits and souls of the just, O bless the Lord.

And you, holy and humble of heart, O bless the Lord.

Ananias, Azarias, Mizael, O bless the Lord.

To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

Let us praise the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit:

To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

May you be blessed, O Lord, in the heavens:

To you be highest glory and praise for ever.

Ant. 2 Good and faithful servant, the Spirit of the Lord has chosen you to spread the fragrance of the knowledge of Christ everywhere (alleluia)

Ant. 3 The Holy Spirit has made you overseer, to shepherd the church of God that he obtained with the blood of his own Son (alleluia)

Psalm 149 - The saints rejoice

Sing a new song to the Lord,

his praise in the assembly of the faithful.

Let Israel rejoice in its Maker,

let Zion's sons exult in their king.

Let them praise his name with dancing

and make music with timbrel and harp.

For the Lord takes delight in his people.
He crowns the poor with salvation.
Let the faithful rejoice in their glory,
shout for joy and take their rest.
Let the praise of God be on their lips
and a two-edged sword in their hand,

to deal out vengeance to the nations
and punishment on all the peoples;
to bind their kings in chains
and their nobles in fetters of iron;
to carry out the sentence pre-ordained:
this honour is for all his faithful.

Glory be to the Father,...

**Ant. 3 The Holy Spirit has made you overseer, to shepherd
the church of God that he obtained with the blood of his
own Son (alleluia)**

READING

2 Tim 1:8-12

Do not be ashamed of testifying to our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but take your share of suffering for the Gospel in the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not in virtue of our works but in virtue of his own purpose and the grace which he gave us in Christ Jesus ages ago, and now has manifested through the appearance of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a preacher and an apostle and a teacher.

RESPONSORY

R/. Declare the Lord's glory among the nations (Alleluia, alleluia).

V/. His wonderful deeds among all the peoples (alleluia, alleluia)

R/.

V/. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. **R/.**

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

Ant. Fired by an ardent love for Christ and touched at the sight of the Church cruelly ravaged, Saint Eugene did all in his power to rekindle the flame of faith that had all but died in the hearts of so many (alleluia)

The Messiah and the one who was sent before him

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel!

He has visited his people and redeemed them.

He has raised up for us a mighty saviour
in the house of David his servant,
as he promised by the lips of holy men,
those who were his prophets from of old.

A saviour who would free us from our foes,
from the hands of all who hate us
So his love for our fathers is fulfilled
and his holy covenant remembered.

He swore to Abraham our father to grant us,
that free from fear, and saved from the hands of our foes,
we might serve him in holiness and justice
all the days of our life in his presence

As for you, little child,
you shall be called a prophet of God, the Most High.
You shall go ahead of the Lord
to prepare his ways before him,

To make known to his people their salvation
through forgiveness of all their sins,
the loving-kindness of the heart of our God
who visits us like the dawn from on high.

He will give light to those in darkness,
those who dwell in the shadow of death,
and guide us into the way of peace.

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.

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INTERCESSIONS

To Christ, High Priest and Good Shepherd, who gave his life for his people, we pray with confidence:

R/. Save your people, Lord.

Christ Jesus, you raised up in your Church Bishop Saint Eugene de Mazenod to preach the gospel to the poor—rekindle his spirit in those who follow him as father and master.

R/. Save your people, Lord.

You gathered the Twelve around you to be your companions and your messengers—may your call and your presence among us bind us together in charity and in our common mission.

You felt pity for the tired and helpless crowds, wandering like sheep without a shepherd—send into your harvest numerous workers who will seek out new ways to make known the message of salvation.

You preserved your Mother Mary, the Immaculate Virgin, from all stains of sin—keep us free from sin and make us living temples of your Spirit.

OUR FATHER

PRAYER:

O God, in your mercy you blessed your bishop Saint Eugene de Mazenod with the zeal of an apostle to preach the Good News to the nations. Grant that by his intercession we may be filled with the same spirit and dedicate ourselves wholeheartedly to the service of the Church and the salvation of all. Grant this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

DAYTIME PRAYER

On a solemnity, the complementary psalmody is used.

MIDMORNING

Ant. Jesus called to him those whom he desired, and they came to him (alleluia)

READING**1Thes 2:10-12**

You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our behaviour to you believers; for you know how, like a father with his children, we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

V/. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples (alleluia).

R/. If you have love for one another (alleluia).

MIDDAY

Ant. This is God's commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as he has commanded us (alleluia)

READING**1 Tim 1:15-16**

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. And I am the foremost of sinners; but I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience for an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.

V/. I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses (alleluia).

R/. That the power of Christ may rest upon me (alleluia).

MIDAFTERNOON

Ant. Strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness,
and all these things will be given to you as well (alleluia)

READING**Col 3:12-14**

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

V/. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts (alleluia).

R/. To which indeed you were called in the one body (alleluia).

PRAYER as in Morning Prayer

EVENING PRAYER II

HYMN (*or another appropriate hymn*)

Shepherd of souls, in love come, feed us,
 Life-giving Bread for hungry hearts!
 To those refreshing waters lead us
 Where dwells that peace your grace imparts.
 May we, the wayward in your fold,
 By your forgiveness rest consoled.

Life-giving vine, come, feed and nourish,
 Strengthen each branch with life divine;
 Ever in you O may we flourish,
 Fruitful the branches on the vine.
 Lord, may our souls be purified
 So that in Christ may we abide.



Sinful is man who kneels before you.
 Worthy of you are you alone;
 Yet in your name do we implore you,
 Rich are the mercies you have shown.
 Say but the word, O Lord divine,
 Then are our hearts made pure like thine.

Ant. 1 Called with a holy calling, according to God's purpose
 and grace, he gave himself fully to the preaching of the
 Gospel (alleluia)

Psalm 14 (15) - Who is worthy to face the Lord?

"You have come to Mount Sion, to the city of the living God" (Heb 12:22).

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

He who walks without fault;
 he who acts with justice
 and speaks the truth from his heart;
 he who does not slander with his tongue;

he who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord;

he who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.

Such a man will stand firm forever. **Glory be to the father,...**

**Ant. 1 Called with a holy calling, according to God's purpose
and grace, he gave himself fully to the preaching of the
Gospel (alleluia)**

**Ant. 2 Christ lives in me, who loved me and gave himself for
me (alleluia)**

Psalm 111 (112) - How blessed are the just

*“Be like the children of the light; for the fruits of the light are seen in
complete goodness and right living and truth” (Eph 5:8,9).*

Happy the man who fears the Lord,
who takes delight in all his commands.
His sons will be powerful on earth;
the children of the upright are blessed.

Riches and wealth are in his house;
his justice stands firm for ever.
He is a light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just.

The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour.
The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.

He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord.
With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
he will see the downfall of his foes.

Open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory.

The wicked man sees and is angry,
grinds his teeth and fades away;
the desire of the wicked leads to doom.

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.

**Ant. 2 Christ lives in me, who loved me and gave himself for
me (alleluia)**

**Ant. 3 He became minister of the Church and strived for it
with all the energy which Christ mightily inspired within
him (alleluia)**

Canticle - Apocalypse 15 - A hymn of adoration

Great and wonderful are your deeds,
O Lord God the Almighty!
Just and true are your ways,
O King of the ages!

Who shall not fear and glorify your name, O Lord?
For you alone are holy.
All nations shall come and worship you,
for your judgements have been revealed.

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.

Ant. 3 He became minister of the Church and strived for it with all the energy which Christ mightily inspired within him (alleluia)

READING

1 Pt 5:1-4

I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ as well as a partaker in the glory that is to be revealed. Tend the flock of God that is in your charge, not by constraint but willingly, not for shameful gain but eagerly, not as domineering over those in your charge but being examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd is manifested you will obtain the unfading crown of glory.

RESPONSORY

R/. This is a man who loved his brethren and ever prayed for them
(Alleluia, alleluia) *repeat*

V/. He spent himself in their service (Alleluia, alleluia). **R/.**

V/. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. **R/.**

CANTICLE OF MARY

Ant. Through Saint Eugene, a pastor overflowing with love for Christ the Saviour, the Gospel reached the far corners of the earth and the poor with their many faces saw the salvation of our God (alleluia)

Canticle: Magnificat - My soul rejoices in the Lord

My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her lowliness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me.

Holy his name!

His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him.

He puts forth his arm in strength
and scatters the proud-hearted.

He casts the mighty from their thrones
and raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy,
the mercy promised to our fathers,
to Abraham and his sons for ever.



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Amen.

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INTERCESSIONS

Father, source of all holiness, you continually raise up new witnesses
in your Church. Through the prayer of the saints and the strength
of their example, make us like your Son as we say:

R/. Renew us in your Spirit.

You call us to fulfill our mission in communion with the successor of Peter and the pastors you have given to your people—may we receive their word with docility and in faith, and collaborate in a spirit of fraternity with all Gospel workers.

R/. Renew us in your Spirit.

You reconciled the world to yourself by the blood of Christ—fill the ministers of reconciliation with mercy so that they may greet all with a heart full of compassion.

The Messiah you sent has sown the good seed of the Word—grant an abundant harvest to those who toil to preach the Gospel.

The Immaculate Virgin consecrated herself entirely as a humble servant to the person and work of the Saviour—grant us to persevere united in prayer & love with Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

Strengthen our faith in the resurrection and glorification of your Son—receive our deceased brothers, relatives and benefactors into your heavenly glory.

OUR FATHER

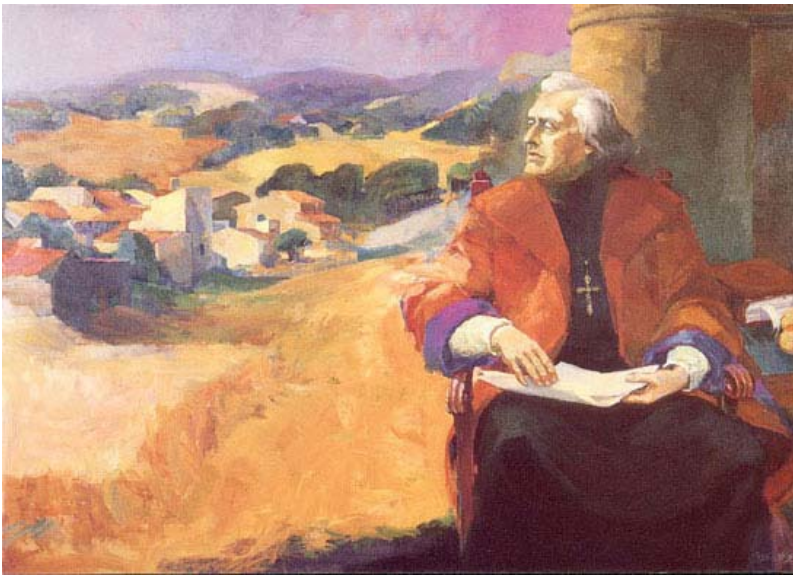
PRAYER

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Words of Wisdom from the Founder:

1. Discover who you are in the eyes of God
2. Leave nothing undared for the Kingdom of God
5. Examine your conscience before God
6. See everything in a good light
7. We need to have courage and confidence in God
8. Be the instruments of God's mercy
9. You must have patience and resignation
10. Avoid putting all people into the same mould
11. Superiors are in charge of brothers, not subordinates
12. Charity is the pivotal point on which our whole existence revolves



“Amongst yourselves practice charity, charity, charity; and, outside, zeal for the salvation of souls.” St Eugene de Mazenod