

Solemn Vespers  
and Evening Prayer  
Service for  
Divine Mercy



*Saturday, April 10, 2021*  
*7:30 pm*

Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels  
Olean, New York

PRELUDE MUSIC

PROCESSION WITH BLESSED SACRAMENT

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: *Praise to the Lord, the  
Almighty* #585, vv. 1 & 4  
Journeysongs (JS)

INTRODUCTORY VERSE

**Presider:** God, + come to my assistance.

**All:** Lord, make haste to help me.

**Presider:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and  
to the Holy Spirit;

**All:** as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be  
forever. Amen.

OPENING HYMN     *Alleluia, Sing to Jesus* #458,  
vv. 1 and 3

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

His the scepter, His the throne.

Alleluia! His the triumph,

His the victory alone.

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion

Thunder like a mighty flood:

“Jesus out of ev’ry nation

Has redeemed us by His blood.”

Alleluia! Bread of angels,  
Here on earth our food, our stay!  
Alleluia! Here the sinful  
Flee to You from day to day.  
Intercessor, friend of sinners,  
Earth's redeemer, plead for me,  
Where the songs of all the sinless  
Sweep across the crystal sea.

PSALMODY (*All Sit, Cantor leads*)

**Ant. 1** Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came  
to see the Lord's tomb, alleluia.

## Psalm 110

**Ambo side:** The Lord's revelation to my Master:  
"Sit on my right:  
your foes I will put beneath your feet."

**Chair side:** The Lord will wield from Zion  
your scepter of power:  
rule in the midst of all your foes.

**Ambo side:** A prince from the day of your birth  
on the holy mountains;  
from the womb before the dawn I begot you.

**Chair side:** The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change.

“You are a priest forever,  
a priest like Melchizedek of old.”

**Ambo side:** The Master standing at your right hand will shatter kings in the day of his great wrath. He shall drink from the stream by the wayside and therefore he shall lift up his head.

**All:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**All:** Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the Lord’s tomb, alleluia.

PSALM PRAYER (*Presider stands and reads*)

Most Merciful Jesus, from the treasury of Your mercy, You impart Your graces in great abundance to each and all. Receive us into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart and never let us separate ourselves from It. We beg this grace of You by that most wondrous love for the heavenly Father with which Your Heart burns so fiercely.

***Ant. 2 (Cantor leads):*** Come and see the place where the Lord was buried, alleluia.

## Psalm 114

**Ambo side:** When Israel came forth from Egypt,  
Jacob's sons from an alien people  
Judah became the Lord's temple,  
Israel became his kingdom.

**Chair side:** The sea fled at the sight:  
the Jordan turned back on its course,  
the mountains leapt like rams  
and the hills like yearling sheep.

**Ambo side:** Why was it, sea, that you fled,  
that you turned back, Jordan, on your course?  
Mountains, that you leapt like rams;  
hills, like yearling sheep?

**Chair side:** Tremble, O earth, before the Lord,  
in the presence of the God of Jacob,  
who turns the rock into a pool  
and flint into a spring of water.

**All:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the  
Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and  
will be forever. Amen.

**All:** Come and see the place where the Lord was  
buried, alleluia.

PSALM PRAYER (*Presider stands and reads*):  
Most Merciful Jesus, whose Heart is Love Itself,  
receive into the abode of Your Most Compassionate  
Heart the souls of those who particularly extol and  
venerate Your great and loving mercy. These souls  
are close to the very power of God. In the midst of  
all afflictions and adversities they go forward,  
confident of Your mercy; and united to You, O  
Jesus. We ask You to help them carry all  
humankind with them. These souls will be  
embraced by You and Your loving Mother as they  
depart from this life to join you in eternity.

*Ant. 3 (Cantor leads)*: Jesus said: Do not be afraid.  
Go and tell my brothers to set out for Galilee; there  
they will see me, alleluia

**. Cantic: Revelation 19:1-7**

**Ambo side**: Alleluia! Salvation, glory, and power  
to our God.

His judgments are honest and true. Alleluia!

**Chair side**: Alleluia! Sing praise to our God,  
all you his servants,  
all who worship him reverently, great and small.  
Alleluia!

**Ambo side**: Alleluia! The Lord our all-powerful  
God is King;  
Let us rejoice, sing praise, and give him glory.  
Alleluia!

**Chair side:** Alleluia! The wedding feast of the Lamb has begun, and his bride is prepared to welcome him. Alleluia!

**Ambo side:** Alleluia! Who would dare refuse you honor,

or the glory due your name, O Lord? Alleluia!

**Chair side:** Alleluia! Since you alone are holy, all nations shall come and worship in your presence.

Your mighty deeds are clearly seen. Alleluia!

**All:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**All:** Jesus said: Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to set out for Galilee; there they will see me, alleluia.

PSALM PRAYER (*Presider stands and reads*)

Most compassionate Jesus, You are Compassion Itself. We bring all souls into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart. In this fire of Your pure love, let all souls be filled with such deep love and be set aflame in praising You. O Most Compassionate Jesus, exercise Your all enduring love and Your unfathomable mercy and draw all into the very ardor of Your love, and bestow upon all of your children, the gifts of Your grace and goodness.

READING (*Reader stands and reads from Ambo*)

**1 Peter 2:9-10**

You are “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people he claims for his own to proclaim the glorious works” of the One who called you from darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were no people, but now you are God’s people; once there was no mercy for you, but now you have found mercy.

RESPONSORY (*after Reading, Sacred Silence*)

**All:** This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad, alleluia.

REFLECTION

MEDITATION HYMN *Remember Your Love,*  
#533, **Cantor:** Refrain & verses  
**All:** Refrain only

**Refrain:** “Remember your love and your faithfulness, O Lord. Remember your people and have mercy on us, Lord”

GOSPEL CANTICLE (Mary) (*All stand, Cantor leads*) *Ant.* After eight days, although the doors were locked, the Lord came among them and said: Peace be with you, alleluia.

**ALL:** My soul † proclaims  
the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed:  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who  
fear him in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm,  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
the promise he made to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his children for ever.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is  
now, and will be forever. Amen.

**ALL** After eight days, although the doors were locked, the Lord came among them and said: Peace be with you, alleluia.

INTERCESSIONS FOR MERCY(*All Kneel or sit*):

**Presider:** Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

**Cantor:** For the sake of His sorrowful Passion,  
**All:** have mercy on us and on the whole world.

1. **Presider:** You are the stone rejected by the builders which became the chief cornerstone,  
— make us living stones in the temple of your Church.

**Cantor:** For the sake of His sorrowful Passion,  
**All:** have mercy on us and on the whole world.

2. **Presider:** You are the faithful and true witness, the firstborn from the dead,  
— make your Church bear constant witness to yourself.

**Cantor:** For the sake of His sorrowful Passion,  
**All:** have mercy on us and on the whole world.

3. **Presider:** You alone are the Bridegroom of the Church, born and poured forth from your wounded side,

— make us reveal to the world the Your love  
and Mercy you have for us.

**Cantor:** For the sake of His sorrowful Passion,

**All:** have mercy on us and on the whole world.

4. **Presider:** You are the first and the last, You  
are the firstborn of the dead and You are  
alive,  
— keep those who have been baptized  
faithful until death, that they may receive the  
crown of victory.

**Cantor:** For the sake of His sorrowful Passion,

**All:** have mercy on us and on the whole world.

5. **Presider:** Light the lamp of God's holy city,  
— shine Your Mercy and Your Love on our  
family and friends who have died, that they  
may embraced by You forever.

**Cantor:** For the sake of His sorrowful Passion,

**All:** have mercy on us and on the whole world.

**All Conclude with:** Holy God, Holy Mighty One,  
Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the  
whole world.

THE LORD'S PRAYER ( *Presider leads* )

(Gathering our prayers for mercy and love into one,  
let us offer the prayer Christ himself taught us:)

(*All*) Our Father . . .

*Presider intones concluding prayer:*

God of everlasting mercy,  
who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast  
kindle the faith of the people you have made your  
own, increase, we pray, the grace you have  
bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand  
in what font they have been washed,  
by whose Spirit they have been reborn,  
by whose Blood they have been redeemed.  
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.

BLESSING

DIVINE PRAISES

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.  
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *Canticle of the Turning*,  
#728 vv. 1,2,4 Ritual Song

My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
That the God of my heart is great  
And my spirit sings of the Wondrous things  
That you bring to the ones who wait  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight  
And my weakness you did not spurn  
So from east to west shall my name be blest  
Could the world be about to turn?

*Refrain: My heart shall sing of the day you bring  
Let the fires of your justice burn  
Wipe away all tears for the dawn draws near  
And the world is about to turn!*

Though I am small, my God, my all, you  
Work great things in me  
And your mercy will last from the Depths  
Of the past to the end of the age to be  
Your very name puts the proud to shame  
And to those who would for you yearn  
You will show your might  
Put the strong to flight  
For the world is about to turn

*Refrain*

Though the nations rage from age to age  
We remember Who holds us fast  
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's  
crushing grasp This saving word that our forebears  
heard is the promise which holds us bound  
'til the spear and rod can be crushed by God  
Who is turning the world around.

*Refrain*

***Jesus, I trust in You!***

