



Solemn Vespers

with the Profession of Faith & Oath of Fidelity of the Most Reverend James Francis Checchio, ICD

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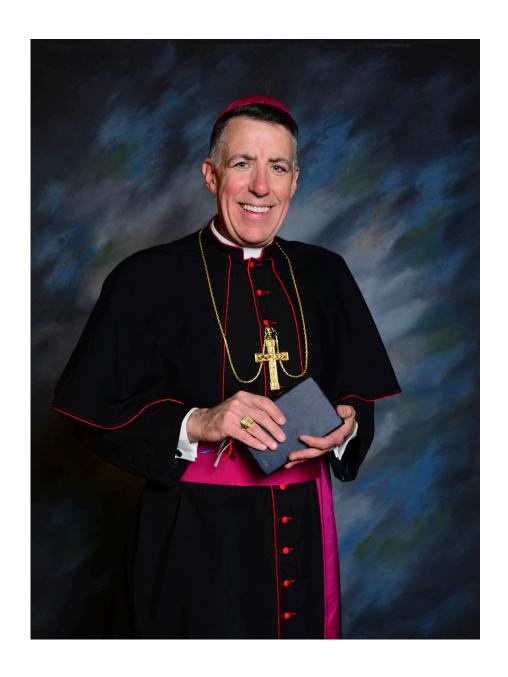




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Evening Prayer

All stand.

PROCESSIONAL

Pilgrims of Hope Hymn for the Jubilee Year 2025

Introductory Verse

Presider: God, *\mathbf{\psi}\$ come to my assistance. All: Lord, make haste to help me.

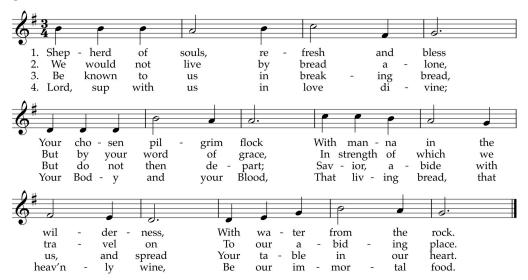
Presider: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

All: as it was in the beginning, is now,

and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.

HYMN

Shepherd of Souls



Psalm 113

Antiphon: I will give you shepherds after my own heart;

and they will nourish you with knowledge and sound teaching.

The antiphon is repeated. Psalm sung alternating sides. Side 1 is to the Presider's right, Side 2 is to the Presider's left.



Side I: 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!

Side 2:

High above all nations is the <u>Lord</u>, above the hea-**vens his glory**.

Who is like the **Lord**, **our** <u>God</u>, who has risen on high **to his** <u>throne</u> yet stoops from the heights **to look** <u>down</u>, to look down upon hea-**ven and** <u>earth</u>?

Side I: From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from his misery he rai-ses the poor to set him in the com-pany of princes, yes, with the princes of his people.

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

Side 2: Glory to the Father, and to the <u>Son</u>, and to the <u>Ho-ly Spirit</u>:

Side I: as it was in the beg-inning, is <u>now</u>, and will be for **ever. A-men**.

All chant the antiphon.

Antiphon: I will give you shepherds after **my own <u>heart</u>**; and they will nourish you with knowledge **and sound <u>teaching</u>**.

PSALM 146

Antiphon: I shall **feed my flock**;

I shall search for the lost and lead back those who have <u>strayed</u>.

The antiphon is repeated. Psalm sung alternating sides. Side 1 is to the Presider's right, Side 2 is to the Presider's left.



Side 1: My soul, give praise **to the Lord**; I will praise the Lord all **my <u>days</u>**, make music to my God while I <u>live</u>.

Side 2: Put no **trust in princes**, in mortal men in whom there is **no help**.

Take their breath, they re-**turn to clay** and their plans that day come **to nothing**.

Side I: He is happy who is helped by **Ja-cob's <u>God</u>**, whose hope is in the Lord **his <u>God</u>**, who alone made hea-**ven and** <u>earth</u>, the seas and all they **con-**<u>tain</u>.

Side 2: It is he who keeps **faith for <u>ever</u>**, who is just to those who are **o-ppressed**. It is he who gives bread **to the <u>hungry</u>**, the Lord, who sets priso-**ners** <u>free</u>,

Side I: the Lord who gives sight to the <u>blind</u>, who raises up those who are bowed <u>down</u>, the Lord, who pro-tects the <u>stranger</u> and upholds the widow and <u>orphan</u>.

Side 2: 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**.

Side I: Glory to the Father, and to the <u>Son</u>, and to the Ho-ly <u>Spirit</u>:

Side 2: as it was in the begin-ning, is now,

and will be for ever. A-men.

All chant the antiphon.

Antiphon: I shall **feed my <u>flock</u>**;

I shall search for the lost and lead back those who have <u>strayed</u>.

Ephesians 1:3-10

Antiphon: The Good Shepherd

laid down his life for his sheep.

The antiphon is repeated. Canticle sung alternating sides. Side 1 is to the Presider's right, Side 2 is to the Presider's left.



Side 1: Praised be the God and Father of our Lord Je-sus Christ, who has bestowed on us in Christ every spiritual blessing in the heavens.

Side 2: God chose **us in <u>him</u>** before the **world be-gan**,

to be <u>holy</u>

and blameless in his sight.

Side 1: He predestined us to be his adopted sons through **Jes-us** Christ, such was his will and pleasure, that all might praise the glo-ri-ous favor he has bestowed on us in his be-loved.

Side 2: In him and through his blood, we have been re-deemed, and our sins for-given, so immeasurably gen-e-rous is God's fa-vor to us.

Side I: God has given us the wisdom to understand ful-ly the mystery, the plan he was pleased to de-cree in Christ.

Side 2: A plan to be car-ried out

in Christ, in the full-ness of <u>time</u>, to bring all things into one in <u>him</u>,

in the heavens **and on** <u>earth</u>.

Side 1: Glory to the Father, and to the <u>Son</u>,

and to the Ho-ly Spirit:

Side 2: as it was in the begin-**ning**, is **now**,

and will be for ever. A-men.

All chant the antiphon.

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READING

1 Peter 5:1-4

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH AND OATH OF FIDELITY

Before assuming the office of coadjutor archbishop, Archbishop Checchio makes a Profession of Faith and takes an Oath of Fidelity before God and the Church.

In the Profession of Faith, he solemnly proclaims the Creed and affirms his wholehearted belief in all that the Catholic Church teaches, proclaims, and holds to be true. This public declaration manifests his full communion with the Church and his commitment to guard and hand on the deposit of faith in its integrity.

Then, placing his hand on the Book of the Gospels, he promises to serve and teach with faithfulness and obedience to the Church. In the Oath of Fidelity, the bishop pledges obedience and loyalty to the Pope and his successors, and promises to exercise his pastoral office with diligence, charity, and fidelity to the Gospel. Through this oath, he binds himself to uphold the unity of the Church, to teach and govern in accordance with its laws, and to serve the People of God entrusted to his care.

RESPONSORY

Reader: Priests of the Lord, give thanks and praise to the Lord. All: Priests of the Lord, give thanks and praise to the Lord.

Reader: You of holy and humble heart, acclaim your Lord.

All: give thanks and praise to the Lord.

Reader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: All: Priests of the Lord, give thanks and praise to the Lord.

CANTICLE OF MARY

Antiphon: Priest of the Most High God

and mirror of goodness,

you were a good shepherd to your people

and pleasing to the **Lord**.



My ★ soul proclaims the greatness of the <u>Lord</u>, my spirit rejoices in God my <u>Savior</u> for he has looked with favor on his low-ly <u>servant</u>.

From this day all generations will **call me** <u>blessed</u>: the Almighty has done great things for <u>me</u>, and holy is **his** <u>Name</u>.

He has mercy on **those who fear <u>him</u>** in every gen-**er**-**ation**. He has shown the strength **of his <u>arm</u>**, he has scattered the proud in their **con**-**ceit**.

He has cast down the mighty from their <u>thrones</u>, and has lifted up the <u>lowly</u>.

He has filled the hungry with good <u>things</u>, and the rich he has sent a-way <u>empty</u>.

He has come to the help of his ser-vant <u>Israel</u> for he has remembered his promise of <u>mercy</u>, the promise he made to our <u>fathers</u>, to Abraham and his children for <u>ever</u>.

Glory to the Father, and to the <u>Son</u>, and to the Ho-ly <u>Spirit</u>: as it was in the begin-ning, is <u>now</u>, and will be for ever. A-<u>men</u>.

All chant the antiphon.

Antiphon: Priest of the Most High God

and mirror of goodness,

you were a good shepherd to your people

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Intercessions

All respond to each intercession:

Lord, hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER

BLESSING

Presider: The Lord be with you, All: And with your spirit

Presider: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

All: Now and for ever

Presider: Our help in in the name of the Lord.

All: Who made heaven and earth.

Presider: May almighty God bless you,

the Father, ** and the Son, ** and the Holy ** Spirit.

All: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL

March Triomphale

Thank You!

With hearts filled with joy and thanksgiving, we extend our deepest gratitude to all who have gathered for this solemn celebration of Vespers on the eve of the Mass of Welcome for the Most Reverend James F. Checchio as Coadjutor Archbishop of New Orleans.

This sacred moment in the life of our local Church is a time to give thanks to God for his enduring care and for the faith of the people who make up this archdiocesan family.

This evening, as we join our voices in praise of God, we do so with confidence that Christ, the Good Shepherd, has granted to us a loving shepherd: one after his own heart.

We pray that Archbishop Checchio may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit, filled with wisdom, courage and compassion, and blessed with deep peace as he begins this new ministry among us.

WE ALSO EXPRESS OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION
TO ALL WHO HAVE MADE THIS CELEBRATION POSSIBLE

To the clergy, religious, and lay faithful who have gathered in prayerful unity, representing the many parishes, schools, offices and ministries of our Archdiocese;

To the readers, servers, musicians, masters of ceremonies, and all who assisted in the preparation of this celebration;

To the Archdiocesan Office of Worship, the Archdiocesan Special Events Committee, Reverend Wayne Paysse, the pastor of St. Dominic Church, and the St. Dominic Parish and School community, whose unseen hours of preparation made this celebration possible;

To His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan, for his gracious presence and for the inspiring homily he shared with us this evening;

To Archbishop Checchio's family and friends who join us for this joyous occasion. Your presence is a treasured reminder of the love and faith that have shaped his vocation and continue to surround him in prayer and support;

> Above all, we give thanks and praise to Almighty God, the source of every blessing and the author of every vocation.

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