

***Renewing the Church in Manville
Prayer Service: May 21, 2012***

Presider: God, come to our assistance.

All: Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

Opening Prayer

Presider: Almighty God, we call upon your Holy Spirit to bless our efforts to Renew the Church in Manville. May we be guided by wisdom and truly serve the Body of Christ bringing honor and glory to your holy Name.

Psalm 30

All: You changed my sorrow into joy, alleluia.

Men: I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up,
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.

O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

Women: Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment;
his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.

Men: As for me, I said in my prosperity,
‘I shall never be moved.’
By your favor, O LORD,
you had established me as a strong mountain;
you hid your face;
I was dismayed.

Women: To you, O LORD, I cried,
and to the LORD I made supplication:
‘What profit is there in my death,
if I go down to the Pit?
Will the dust praise you?
Will it tell of your faithfulness?
Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me!
O LORD, be my helper!’

Men: You have turned my mourning into dancing;
you have taken off my sackcloth
and clothed me with joy,
so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Women: 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

All: You changed my sorrow into joy, alleluia.

Scripture (John 17:11-19)

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed, saying:
"Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me,
so that they may be one just as we are one.
When I was with them I protected them in your name that you gave me,
and I guarded them, and none of them was lost except the son of destruction,
in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled.
But now I am coming to you.

I speak this in the world so that they may share my joy completely.
I gave them your word, and the world hated them,
because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world.
I do not ask that you take them out of the world
but that you keep them from the Evil One.
They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world.
Consecrate them in the truth.
Your word is truth.
As you sent me into the world,
so I sent them into the world.
And I consecrate myself for them,
so that they also may be consecrated in truth."

Reflection (Rev. Msgr. Joseph Celano)

Magnificat

All: He has filled the hungry with good things.

Women: My soul magnifies the Lord,
And my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.
For He has regarded the low estate of His handmaiden,
For behold, henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
For He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name. And His
mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.

Men: He has shown strength with His arm:
He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He has put down the mighty from their thrones,
and exalted those of low degree.

Women: He has filled the hungry with good things;
and the rich He has sent empty away.
He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy;
As He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to His posterity forever.

Men: 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

All: He has filled the hungry with good things.

Intercessions (Response: Alleluia, Christ is Risen)

Presider: God of all goodness, we seek your inspiration as we gather tonight to discuss the future of the Church in Manville. Hear us as we pray...

All: Alleluia, Christ is Risen.

Presider: Let prudence direct our steps. Hear us as we pray...

All: Alleluia, Christ is Risen.

Presider: May we appreciate wisdom in our sisters and brothers present here tonight. Hear us as we pray...

All: Alleluia, Christ is Risen.

Presider: May we always keep the needs of the faithful in Manville as our highest priority. Hear us as we pray...

All: Alleluia, Christ is Risen.

Presider: May wisdom help us to discern your will for our faith communities. Hear us as we pray...

All: Alleluia, Christ is Risen.

Our Father

Closing Prayer (Rev. Slawomir Romanowski, C.Ss.R.)