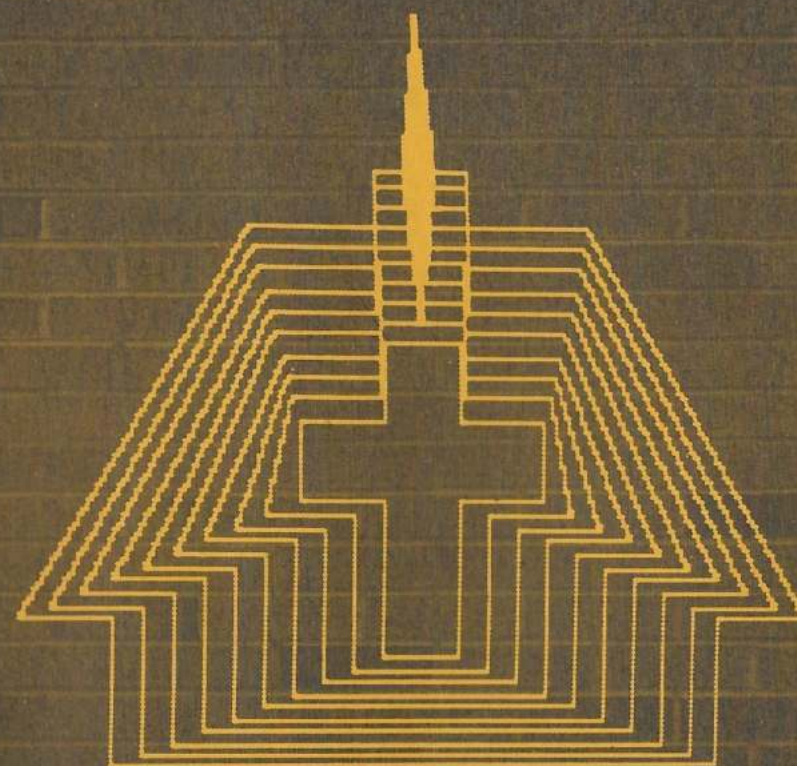


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DEDICATION MASS

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Living Temples of God

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*The Spirit dwells . . .
in the hearts of the faithful,
as in a temple.*

Lumen Gentium, Ch. 1, No. 4.

Mary . . . shines forth to the whole community of the elect as the model of virtues . . . as a sign of sure hope and solace to the people of God during its sojourn on earth.

Lumen Gentium (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, Vatican II, 1964)
Ch. VIII, No. 3, 4.

DEDICATION

We rededicate this church building and the holy ground on which it stands, to Almighty God, who in His providence and wisdom has sent us Mary, the Immaculate Conception, Mother of His Son, Jesus Christ. We place ourselves under her patronage. Her fulfillment of God's Will, receiving His Word in faith; her charity in carrying out her duties and privileges as Mother of God; her prayerful concern and love for all people; her triumphant sharing in the Resurrection of her Son — all constitute an example and an archetype of and to Holy Mother Church and the people of Immaculate Conception parish, East Aurora, New York.



Most Reverend Edward D. Head, D.D.,
 Bishop of the Diocese of Buffalo
 Reverend Arthur T. Sullivan, Pastor
 Reverend Alfons M. Osiander, Associate Pastor

THE ORDER OF MASS

Introductory Rites

ENTRANCE HYMN

(STAND)

Praise to the Lord

J. Neander, d. 1680
 (text altered)

Stralsund, Gesangbuch, 1665

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
 the King of creation!
 O my soul, praise him for he is our
 health and salvation.
 All you who hear now to his presence
 draw near;
 Join in profound adoration.

 Praise to the Lord, let us offer
 our gifts at the altar.
 Let not our sins and offenses now cause
 us to falter.
 Christ, the High Priest, bids us all
 join in his feast,
 Victims with him on the altar.

 Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in
 us adore Him.
 All that has life and breath come now
 rejoicing before Him.
 Let the Amen sound from his people again,
 As we here worship before Him.

ENTRANCE RITE

BISHOP: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

BISHOP: May the grace and peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ be upon all of you who are called to be His holy people.

ALL: And also with you.

(The Bishop pauses as water is brought to Throne.)

BISHOP: My beloved brothers and sisters; with solemn ceremony we will dedicate this place of worship to the Lord, our God. Calling to mind our baptism we ask that He bless this water that we may be washed again as members of a new Church. The Lord Himself will help us by His grace to be open to the Spirit, and to remain faithful in His Church forever.

(The Bishop pauses for silent prayer.)

BISHOP: O God, through Whom every living thing is given life, Your great care for mankind is shown by Your love, which washes away the sins of men, and constantly leads them to Christ their Head; You made it so that by Your mercy those who had fallen into the shadow of sin died with Christ, and have risen again with Him as members of His Body and heirs to eternal life. Bless, O God, and sanctify this water, that it may be a true renewal of Baptism and a promise of Heaven, that we, with all our brothers and sisters in this Church, may come to celebrate the Divine Mysteries in the Heavenly Jerusalem. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

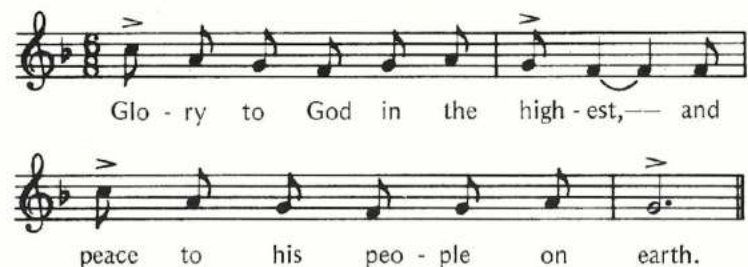
ALL: Amen.

(Bishop blesses church.)

Gloria

— C. Alexander Peloquin

REFRAIN: (Twice at beginning)



CHOIR: Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father.

ALL: (repeat refrain)

CHOIR: We worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

ALL: (refrain)

CHOIR: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father.

ALL: (refrain)

CHOIR: Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the
world, have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.

ALL: (refrain, twice)

CHOIR: For you alone are the Holy one,

ALL: (Glo - ry to God!)

CHOIR: You alone are the Lord,

ALL: Glory to God!

CHOIR: You alone are the Most High,

ALL: Glory to God!

CHOIR: Jesus Christ.

ALL: Glory to God!

CHOIR: with the Holy Spirit,

ALL: Glory to God!

CHOIR: in the glory of God the Father.

ALL: (refrain, twice)

ALL:



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OPENING PRAYER

BISHOP: Let us pray . . .

ALL: Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: Isaiah Ch. 56: 1, 6, 7.

(SIT)

READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 150

(English version — Omer Westendorf)

— Jan Vermulst

ALL (sing): (Refrain)



CHOIR: Praise God in his holy dwelling;
Praise him on his mighty throne;
Praise him for his wonderful deeds;
Praise Him for his sov'reign majesty.

ALL: Alleluia . . .

CHOIR: Praise Him with the blast of trumpet;
Praise Him now with lyre and harps;
Praise Him with the timbrel and dance;
Praise Him with the sound of string and reed.

ALL: Alleluia . . .

CHOIR: Praise Him with resounding cymbals;
With cymbals that crash, give praise;
O let everything that has breath,
Let all living creatures praise the Lord.

ALL: Alleluia . . .

CHOIR: Praise God, the almighty Father;
Praise Christ, His beloved Son;
Give praise to the Spirit of Love;
Forever the triune God be praised.

ALL: Alleluia . . .

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SECOND READING I Corinthians 3: 9-13, 16-17.

READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA . from Psalm 150 — Jan Vermulst (STAND)

CANTOR: Alleluia . . .

ALL: Alleluia . . .

CANTOR: The Spirit of God dwells in the hearts of the faithful as
in a temple.

ALL: Alleluia . . .

GOSPEL

PRIEST. The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

PRIEST: A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.
Ch. 5: vs. 23-24.

ALL: Glory to You, Lord.

At the end:

PRIEST: This is the gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY Rev. Alfons M. Osiander, Associate Pastor (SIT)

PROFESSION OF FAITH (STAND)

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father.
Through Him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
He came down from heaven
By the power of the Holy Spirit
he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered, died, and was buried.
On the third day He rose again
in fulfillment of the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead,
and His Kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and
glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy Catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS (Prayer of the Faithful)

ALL: Make us living temples, Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE ALTAR

(Following the Prayer of the Faithful, the Bishop goes to
the Altar of Sacrifice, places his hands upon the Altar,
and prays:)

BISHOP: Behold this altar and this house made holy, not by our
human service but by the power of the Lord Himself, so
that the mystery of Christ and His Church may be
expressed in visible signs.

(The Congregation responds in song while the Bishop
proceeds to the front of the Sanctuary to receive the
Gifts for the Eucharistic Sacrifice.)

ALL (sing): Old Hundredth

Thomas Ken, 1709

Louis Bourgeois, 1551

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PREPARATION OF GIFTS

(SIT)

BISHOP: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

ALL: Blessed be God for ever.

BISHOP: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become our spiritual drink.

ALL: Blessed be God for ever.

INCENSATION OF GIFTS

(After incensation of the altar, gifts and Bishop, the
CONGREGATION WILL RISE for incensation, a sign
of their priestly ministry.) (STAND)

INVITATION TO PRAYER

BISHOP: Pray, brethren, that our sacrifice
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

ALL: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his Church.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

(The Bishop, speaking in our name, asks the Father to
bless and accept these gifts.)

ALL: Amen.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

INTRODUCTORY DIALOGUE

BISHOP: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

BISHOP: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

BISHOP: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PREFACE OF DEDICATION OF A CHURCH

BISHOP: Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks.
Your house is a house of prayer, and your presence
makes it a place of blessing. You give us grace upon
grace to build the temple of your Spirit, creating its
beauty from the holiness of our lives. Your house of
prayer is also the promise of the Church in heaven.
Here your love is always at work, preparing the
Church on earth for its heavenly glory as the sinless
bride of Christ, the joyful mother of a great company
of saints.
Now, with the saints and all the angels we praise you
for ever:

Holy, Holy from Missa Bossa Nova, by Peter Scholtes

ALL (sing): Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER III (KNEEL)

BISHOP: Father, you are holy indeed and all creation rightly gives
you praise . . .

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

BISHOP: Let us proclaim the mystery of Faith:

ALL (sing) Christ has died, alleluia,
Christ is risen, alleluia,
Christ will come again, alleluia, alleluia.

DOXOLOGY

BISHOP: Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.



ALL (sing): A - men, a - men, a - men.

Communion Rite

LORD'S PRAYER (STAND)

ALL: Our Father . . . but deliver us from evil.

BISHOP: Deliver us, Lord, from every evil,
and grant us peace in our day.
In your mercy keep us free from sin
and protect us from all anxiety
as we wait in joyful hope
for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

ALL: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.

SIGN OF PEACE

BISHOP: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles:
I leave you peace, my peace I give you.
Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,
and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom
where you live for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

BISHOP: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

ALL: And also with you.

BISHOP: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Lamb of God from Missa Bossa Nova — Scholtes

CHOIR: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

ALL: (repeat)

CHOIR: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

ALL: (repeat)

ALL: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

COMMUNION (KNEEL)

BISHOP This is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

ALL: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.

BISHOP: Body of Christ.

ALL: Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN

The Gift of Wheat

Omer Westendorf

Robert E. Kreutz



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart— With
gift of fin - est wheat; Come give to us, O—
sav - ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.———

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MEDITATION

(SIT)

Bless This House

Words by
Helen Taylor

Music by
May H. Brahe

CHOIR: Bless this house, O Lord, we pray,
Make it safe by night and day;
Bless these walls, so firm and stout,
Keeping want and trouble out;
Bless the roof and chimney tall,
Let thy peace lie over all;
Bless this door that it may prove ever open
Ever open to joy and love.
Bless these windows shining bright,
Letting in God's heav'nly light;
Bless the hearth a-blazing there,
With smoke ascending like a prayer;
Bless the folk who dwell within,
Keep them pure and free from sin;
Bless us all that we may be
Fit, O Lord, to dwell with Thee,
Bless us all that one day we
May dwell, O Lord, with Thee.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(STAND)

BISHOP: Let us pray . . .

ALL: Amen.

Concluding Rite

BISHOP: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

BISHOP: The Lord of earth and heaven has assembled you before him this day to recall the dedication of His house of prayer. May He fill you with the blessings of heaven.

ALL: Amen.

BISHOP: God the Father wills that all His children scattered throughout the world become one family in His Son. May He make you His temple, the dwelling place of His Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

BISHOP: May God free you from every bond of sin, dwell within you and give you joy, may you live with Him forever in the company of all His saints.

ALL: Amen.

BISHOP: May Almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

CONCLUDING HYMN

Immaculate Mary

Hymnal version, alt.

Traditional Lourdes melody

ALL (sing): Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing.
You reign now in splendor with Jesus our King.

Refrain: Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave, Ave Maria!

In heaven the blessed your glory proclaim,
On earth we your children invoke your sweet name.

(Refrain)

We pray for our Mother, the Church upon earth;
And bless, holy Mary, the land of our birth.

(Refrain)

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Holy God, we praise thy name!
Lord of all we bow before thee!
All on earth thy sceptre claim,
All in heaven above adore thee.
Infinite thy vast domain,
Everlasting is thy reign!

Hark, the loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising!
Cherubim and Seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heavens with sweet accord;
Holy, holy, holy Lord!

The congregation and guests are cordially invited to a reception in the school immediately following Mass.

READINGS

ISAIAH 56: 1, 6, 7

Thus says the Lord: Observe what is right, do what is just, for my salvation is about to come, my justice about to be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, ministering to him, loving the name of the Lord, and becoming his servants — All who keep the Sabbath free from profanation and hold to my covenant, them will I bring to my holy mountain and make joyful in my house of prayer; their holocausts and sacrifices will be acceptable on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

I Corinthians 3: 9-13, 16-17

We are God's co-workers, while you are his cultivation, his building. Thanks to the favor God showed me I laid a foundation as a wise master-builder might do, and now someone else is building upon it. Everyone, however, must be careful how he builds. No one can lay a foundation other than the one that has been laid, namely Jesus Christ. If different ones build on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay or straw, the work of each will be made clear. The Day will disclose it. That day will make its appearance with fire, and fire will test the quality of each man's work. Are you not aware that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

Gospel according to Matthew 5: 23-24

If you bring your gift to the altar and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift at the altar, go first to be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift.