

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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AN ORDER FOR COMPLINE

Celebrating Blandina and Her Companions, the Martyrs of Lyons

Wednesday, June 2, 2021

6:00 pm



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you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy,
for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls."*

~1 Peter 1:9

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The Officiant begins

(BCP Page 127)

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. *Amen.*

Officiant Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

People *The maker of heaven and earth.*

The Officiant may then say

Let us confess our sins to God.

Officiant and People

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:

We have sinned against you,

through our own fault,

in thought, and word, and deed,

and in what we have left undone.

For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,

forgive us all our offenses;

and grant that we may serve you in newness of life,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Officiant

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins,
and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

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The Officiant then says

O God, make speed to save us.

People O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and People

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

Psalm 126

(BCP Page 782)

Officiant and People read in unison.

*When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.*

*Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy.*

*Then they said among the nations,
"The LORD has done great things for them."*

*The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.*

*Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses of the Negev.*

*Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.*

*Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.*



A Reading from I Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Officiant The word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

A Reflection

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Hymn: Harken To The Anthem Glorious, (vs 1,2,4)

(Hymn #241)



1. Hark - en to the an - them glo - rious of the mar - tyrs robed in white;
2. Liv - ing, they pro - claimed sal - va - tion, heaven - en - dowed with grace and power;
4. Take from him what ye will give him, of his full - ness grace for grace;



1. they, like Christ, in death vic - to - rious dwell for ev - er in the light.
2. and they died in im - i - ta - tion of their Sa - vior's fi - nal hour.
4. strive to think him, speak him, live him, till you find him face to face.

The Officiant continues

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V. Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

R. *For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.*

V. Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

R. *Hide us under the shadow of your wings.*

Lord, have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Lord's Prayer

(BCP Pages 132-133)

Officiant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.



Officiant: Lord, hear our prayer;

People: *And let our cry come to you.*

Officiant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day: Blandina and Her Companions, the Martyrs of Lyons

The Officiant says

Almighty God, who gave such courage and endurance to Blandina and her companions that by their deaths many hearts were turned to you; Grant that we, in accordance with their example, may also gladly endure all that is required of us as we witness to you in our own day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Collect Of the Holy Trinity

(BCP Page 251)

The Officiant says

Almighty God, you have revealed to your Church your eternal Being of glorious majesty and perfect love as one God in Trinity of Persons: Give us grace to continue steadfast in the confession of this faith, and constant in our worship of you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; for you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Collect Of a Martyr

(BCP Page 247)

The Officiant says

Almighty and everlasting God, who kindled the flame of your love in the heart of your holy martyr Blandina: Grant to us, your humble servants, a like faith and power of love, that we who rejoice in her triumph may profit by her example; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*



A time of silence is offered followed by your intercessions and thanksgivings.

A Collect at the Prayers

(BCP Page 394)

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

All

(BCP Page 134)

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Lord, you now have set your servant free
to go in peace as you have promised;*

*For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:*

*A Light to enlighten the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.*

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

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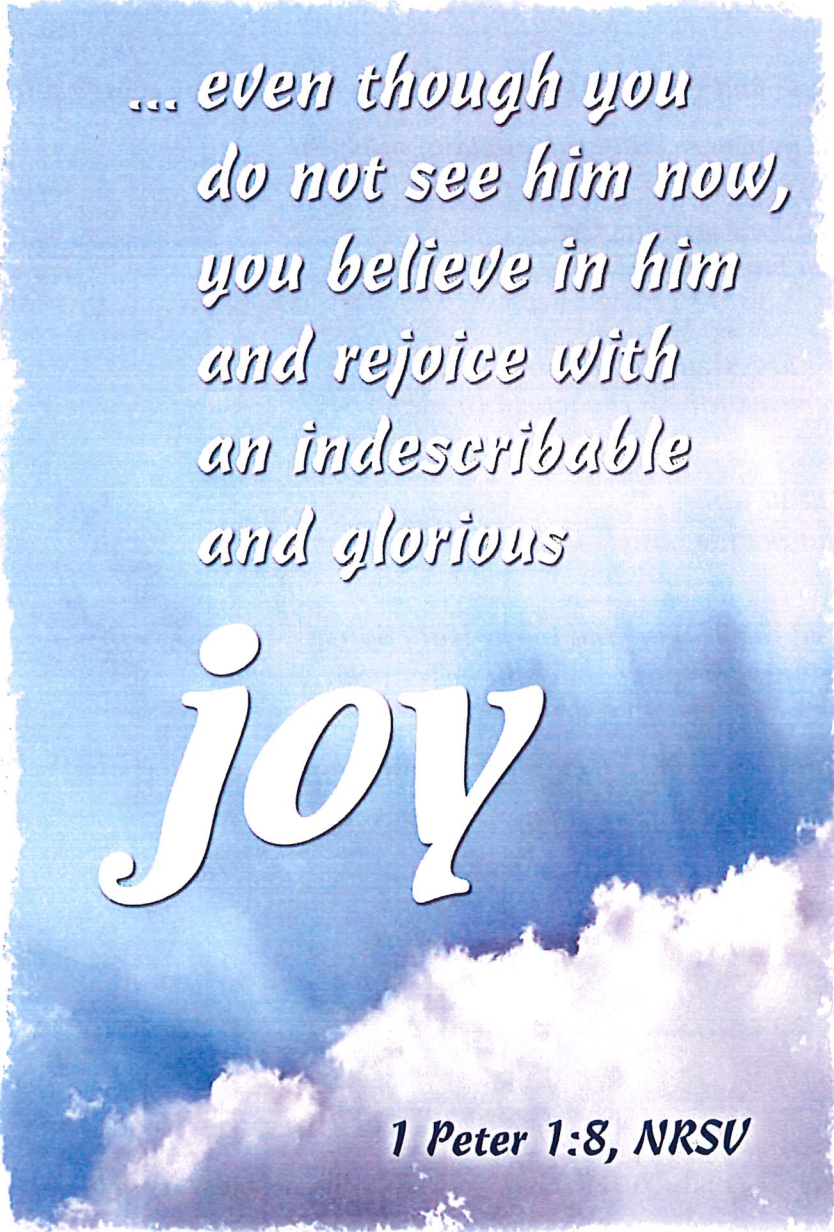
Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Officiant concludes

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. *Amen.*





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1 Peter 1:8, NRSV