



THE BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL  
CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE  
**MAY CROWNING**  
OF THE BLESSED MOTHER

PRELUDE

**On This Day, O Beautiful Mother**

*Refrain:*

**On this day, O Beautiful Mother!  
On this day we give thee our love;  
Near thee, Madonna, fondly we hover,  
Trusting thy gentle care to prove.**

1. On this day we ask to share,  
Dearest Mother, thy sweet care;  
Aid us ere our feet astray,  
Young hearts gain, O Virgin pure,  
Wander from thy guiding way. *(Refrain)*
2. Queen of Angels, deign to hear  
Humble children's tender prayer;  
Young hearts gain, O Virgin pure,  
Jesus' love for them assure *(Refrain)*

**Regina Mundi** Antiphon sung in Latin

O Virgin Mary, thou whom, because of thy worth,  
God has set up as queen over the whole world, pray  
for our peace and for our salvation; for thou didst  
bring forth Christ the Lord, the Savior of us all.



GREETING

P. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**R. Amen.**

P. Come, let us worship the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of Mary.

**R. Let us give praise and thanks to the Lord as we keep this day in loving memory of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

P. We gather today to crown this image of the Mother of Jesus. As we acclaim Mary, the Mother of God, as our queen, and as the Mother of the Church, let us imitate her example and be attentive to the Word of God. As we honor Mary, who is higher than the cherubim and yet like us, let us pray that through her intercession we may achieve holiness of life, and a deepened faith, hope, and love, as we seek to do the will of God in all things.

OPENING PRAYER

P. Father, you have given us the Mother of your Son to be our Queen and Mother. With the support of her prayers may we come to share the glory of your children in the kingdom of heaven. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**R: Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading  
Canticle of our Lady (Magnificat)

Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab  
Luke 1:46-55

*Verses may be sung in alternation between cantor(s) and congregation.*

VIII  
**M**Y soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, \* and  
my spir- it re-joic- es in God my Sav- ior.  
2. for he has looked with fav- or on his low-ly servant. \* From  
this day all gen- er- a- tions will call me bless- ed :  
3. the Al- might- y has done great things for me, \* and ho- ly  
is his Name.  
4. He has mer- cy on those who fear him \* in ev- 'ry gen-  
er- a- tion.  
5. He has shown the strength of his arm, \* he has scattered  
the proud in their con- ceit.  
6. He has cast down the might- y from their thrones, \* and has  
lift- ed up the low- ly.

7. He has filled the hun- gry with good things, \* and the rich he  
has sent a- way emp- ty.  
8. He has come to the help of his ser- vant, Is- ra- el \* for  
he has re- membered his promise of mer- cy,  
9. the prom- ise he made to our fa- thers, \* to A- bra- ham and  
his children for ev- er.  
10. Glo- ry to the Fa- ther, and to the Son, \* and to the  
Ho- ly Spir- it :  
11. as it was in the be- gin- ning, is now \* and will be for  
ev- er. A- men.

Gospel  
Homily

Luke 1:26-38

## RITE OF CROWNING

P. O Mary, conceived without sin,

**R: Pray for us who have recourse to thee.**

Thanksgiving and Invocation

P. Lord, we bless you, for you are full of mercy and justice: you humble the proud and exalt the lowly.

**R. You gave us the highest example of your Divine Wisdom in the mystery of the Word made flesh and of His Virgin Mother.**

P. You Son, humbled by death, rose gloriously at your right hand, the King of all creation.

**R. The Virgin, who acknowledged herself to be a servant, became the Mother of the Redeemer and of those reborn in her Son. Now, raised above the angels, she prays for all: the Queen of mercy and grace.**

P. Bless us as we crown this image of the Mother of your Son.

**R. We confess Christ to be the King of creation and call upon Mary, our Queen. May we walk in their likeness spending ourselves for the sake of others. Content with our place in this life may we one day hear your voice inviting us to take our place in heaven and receive the crown of victory.**

Crowning

HAIL MARY...

Recited by all

## BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

### HYMNS TO OUR LADY

**Ave Maria**, gratia plena, Dominus tecum;  
benedicta tu in mulieribus,  
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.  
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,  
ora pro nobis peccatoribus,  
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

**Regina Caeli**, laetare, Alleluia.  
Quia quem meruisti portare, Alleluia.  
Resurrexit sicut dixit, Alleluia.  
Ora pro nobis Deum. Alleluia.