



The Cathedral
Church of **Saint John**
the **Divine**

The Blessing of Bicycles

Saturday, 4 May, 9:00 AM

PRELUDE MUSIC

Dan Ficarri
Organist

WELCOME

The Very Reverend Patrick Malloy
XI Dean

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Glen Goldstein

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH

HAVE you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.
Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
but those who wait for the Lord
shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint. (40:28-31)

PSALM 121

The People all say together

I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.

The Lord shall watch over your going out *
and your coming in,
from this time forth for evermore.

HOMILY

The Very Reverend Patrick Malloy

A MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE


The Officiant announces a moment of silence to remember the cyclists who have died in the past year. A rider-less bicycle is brought through the People.

The Officiant concludes

Go forth, journeying souls, on your travels from this world, in the name of God who is guiding you home.

A PRAYER

The Officiant says

 GOD, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: We ask your blessing upon these bicycles and for those who travel upon them. Surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to all their journey's end.

People Amen

THE BLESSING OF THE BIKES

The Officiant blesses the bicycles, asperging them with water with intentions for safety, health and well-being.

THE BENEDICTION

The Officiant pronounces this blessing

MAY the road rise to meet you.
 May the wind be ever at your back. May all your journeying be joyous. And until we meet again, May the Lord hold you and your bicycles in the palm of his hand.

People Amen.

The Blessing concludes with a grand procession around the Cathedral.