

# MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

Monday after Pentecost

## ENTRANCE HYMN

*Sing a new song unto the Lord,  
let your song be sung from mountains high.  
Sing a new song unto the Lord,  
singing alleluia.*

1. God's people dance for joy,  
oh come before the Lord  
and play for him on glad tambourines,  
and let your trumpet sound.
2. Glad my soul, for I have seen  
the glory of the Lord.  
The trumpet sounds, the dead shall be raised.  
I know my Saviour lives.

## FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Genesis 3:9-15, 20  
*The mother of all those who live.*

The Lord God called to the man  
(after he had eaten of the tree).  
'Where are you?' he asked.  
'I heard the sound of you in the garden,'  
he replied  
'I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.'  
'Who told you that you were naked?' he asked.  
'Have you been eating of the tree  
I forbade you to eat?'  
The man replied,  
'It was the woman you put with me;  
she gave me the fruit, and I ate it.'  
Then the Lord God asked the woman,  
'What is this you have done?'  
The woman replied,  
'The serpent tempted me and I ate.'  
Then the Lord God said to the serpent,  
'Because you have done this,  
'Be accursed beyond all cattle, all wild  
beasts.  
You shall crawl on your belly and eat dust  
every day of your life.  
I will make you enemies of each other:  
you and the woman,  
your offspring and her offspring.  
It will crush your head and you will strike its  
heel.'

The man named his wife 'Eve'  
because she was the mother of all those who live.

The word of the Lord.

## Alternative First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 1:12-14  
*All joined in continuous prayer together with Mary,  
the mother of Jesus.*

After Jesus was taken up into heaven,  
the apostles went back  
from the Mount of Olives, as it is called,  
to Jerusalem, a short distance away,  
no more than a sabbath walk;  
and when they reached the city  
they went to the upper room where they were  
staying;  
there were Peter and John, James and Andrew,  
Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew,  
James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot,  
and Jude son of James.

All these joined in continuous prayer,  
together with several women,  
including Mary the mother of Jesus,  
and with his brothers.

The word of the Lord.

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## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 86:1-3. 5-7. R] v. 3

### R. Of you are told glorious things, O city of God.

1. On the holy mountain is his city  
cherished by the Lord.  
The Lord prefers the gates of Zion  
to all Jacob's dwellings. (R.)
2. Of you are told glorious things,  
O city of God!  
and Zion shall be called "Mother"  
for all shall be her children.'  
It is he, the Lord Most High,  
who gives each his place. (R.)
3. In his register of peoples he writes:  
'These are her children'  
and while they dance they will sing:  
'In you all find their home'. (R.)

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
O happy Virgin, you gave birth to the Lord;  
O blessed mother of the Church,  
you warm our hearts  
with the Spirit of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Alleluia!

