SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY OF ARABIA

ENTRANCE HYMN

Glory and praise to our God
Who alone gives light to our days
Many are the blessings He bears
To those who trust in His ways

We, the daughters and sons of Him
Who built the valleys and plains
Praise the wonders our God has done
In every heart that sings

In His wisdom, He strengthens us
Like gold that's tested in fire
Though the power of sin prevails
Our Lord is there to save

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen

FIRST READING

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah 60: 1-6

Arise, shine out, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you His glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you, the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13)

R. **Before Him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve Him.**

1. O God, give your judgement to the king,
   to a king's son your justice,
   that He may judge your people in justice
   and your poor in right judgement. (R.)

2. In His days justice shall flourish
   and peace till the moon fails.
   He shall rule from sea to sea,
   from the great river to earth's bounds. (R.)

3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay Him tribute.
   The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring Him gifts.
   Before Him all kings shall fall prostrate,
   all nations shall serve Him. (R.)

4. For He shall save the poor when they cry
   and the needy who are helpless.
   He will have pity on the weak
   and save the lives of the poor. (R.)

SECOND READING

A reading from letter of St. Paul to the Romans 12: 9-16

Do not let your love be a pretence, but sincerely prefer good to evil. Love each other as much as brothers should, and have a profound respect for each other. Work for the Lord with untiring effort and with great earnestness of spirit. If you have hope, this will make you cheerful. Do not give up if trials come; and keep on praying. If any of the saints are in need, you must share with them; and you should make hospitality your special care. Bless those who persecute you: never curse them, bless them. Rejoice with those who rejoice and be sad with those in sorrow. Treat everyone with equal kindness, never be condescending but make real friends with the poor.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Lk 1:45

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed is she who believed
that the promise made her by the Lord
would be fulfilled. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 1: 39-56

Mary set out at that time and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went in Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said: "Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled". And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my Savior; because He has looked upon his lowly handmaid. Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed for the Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is His name, and His mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear Him. He has shown the

power of His arm, He has routed the proud of heart. He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly. The hungry He has filled with good

things, the rich sent empty away. He has come to the help of Israel his servant mindful of his mercy - according to the promise He made to our ancestors - of His mercy to Abraham and to his descendants forever". Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
(All bow)
and by the of the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with 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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Take our bread, we ask you,
take our hearts, we love you,
take our lives, oh Father,
we are yours, we are yours.

1. Yours as we stand at the table you set,
   yours as we eat the bread our hearts can't forget.
   We are the signs of your life with us yet;
   we are yours, we are yours.
2. Your holy people stand washed in your blood,
   Spirit-filled, yet hungry, we await your food.
   Poor though we are,we have brought ourselves to you:
   we are yours, we are yours.

COMMUNION HYMN

1. My soul proclaims the Lord my God,
   my spirit sings his praise!
   He looks on me, he lifts me up,
   and gladness fills my days.
2. All nations now will share my joy,
   His gifts he has outpoured;
   His little one he has made great;
   I magnify the Lord.
3. For those who love his holy name,
   His mercy will not die.
   His strong right arm puts down the proud
   And lifts the lowly high.
4. He filled the hungry with good things,
   The rich he sends away.
   The promise made to Abraham
   is filled to endless day.
5. Magnificat, magnificat,
   magnificat, praise God!
   praise God, praise God, praise God, praise God
   magnificat, praise God.

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1. Immaculate Mary! Our hearts are on fire,
   that title so wondrous fills all our desire

   Ave, ave, ave Maria!
2. We pray for God's glory, may his kingdom come!
   we pray for his vicar, our Father, and Rome.
3. We pray for our mother the church upon earth,
   and bless, sweetest Lady, the land of our birth.
4. For poor, sick, afflicted thy mercy we crave;
   and comfort the dying, thou light of the grave.
5. In grief and temptation, in joy or in pain,
   we'll ask thee, our mother, nor seek thee in vain.
6. In death's solemn moment, our mother, be nigh;
   as children of Mary O teach us to die.
7. And crown thy sweet mercy with this special grace,
   to behold soon in heaven God's

RECESSIONAL HYMN

1. Mary most holy, from your hands falling
   are heaven's blessings. Hear us, now calling.
   Teach us to pray, and work for God's glory.
   Ave Maria, ave.
2. Help us to witness Christ is still living,
   service to others cheerfully giving.
   Teach us to pray, and work for God's glory.
   Ave Maria, ave.
3. Through joy and sorrow, each day's condition,
   ever, dear Mother, hear our petition.
   Teach us to pray and work for God's glory.
   Ave Maria, ave.