

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Cycle A, B & C

ENTRANCE HYMN

Come on and celebrate
His gift of love, we will celebrate
The Son of God who loved us
And gave us life.

We'll shout your praise, O King
You gave us joy nothing else can bring
We'll give to you our offering
In celebration praise.

*Come on and celebrate, celebrate
Celebrate and sing
Celebrate and sing to the king*



God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)

2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. (R.)

3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

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 book of Numbers
6:22-27

*They are to call down my name on the sons of Israel,
and I will bless them.*

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Say this to
Aaron and his sons: "This is how you are to bless
the sons of Israel. You shall say to them:

May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord let his face shine on you and be
gracious to you.
May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring
you peace."

This is how they are to call down my name on
the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 66:2-3, 5.6.8. Rv 2
R. O God, be gracious and bless us.



SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Galatians
4: 4-7

God sent his Son, born of a woman.

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son,
born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to
redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to
be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is
that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our
hearts: the Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father', and it is
this that makes you a son, you are not a slave any
more; and if God has made you son, then he has
made you heir.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Heb 1:1-2

Alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
2:16-21

*They found Mary and Joseph and the babe....When the
eighth day came, they gave him the name Jesus.*

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and
found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the
manger. When they saw the child they repeated
what they had been told about him, and everyone
who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds
had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these
things and pondered them in her heart. And the
shepherds went back glorifying and praising God
for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as
they had been told.

When the eighth day came and the child was to
be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus,
the name the angel had given him before his
conception.

The Gospel of the Lord.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
(All bow)
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit

born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died and was buried;
 he descended into hell;
 on the third day he rose again from the dead;
 he ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
 almighty;
 from there he will come to judge the living and the
 dead,



I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
 and life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN

1. In bread we bring you, Lord, our bodies labour.
 In wine we offer you, our spirit's grief.
 We do not ask you, Lord, who is my neighbour?
 but stand united now, one in belief.
 Oh we have gladly heard, your Word, your holy
 Word,
 and now in answer, Lord, our gifts we bring.
 Our selfish hearts make true, our failing faith
 renew,
 our lives belong to you, our Lord and King.

2. The bread we offer you is blessed and broken,
 and it becomes for us our spirit's food.
 Over the cup we bring your Word is spoken;
 make it your gift to us, your healing blood.
 Take all that daily toil, plants in our heart's poor
 soil
 take all we start and spoil, each hopeful dream,
 the chances we have missed, the graces we
 resist,
 Lord, in thy Eucharist, take and redeem.

COMMUNION HYMNS

1. In His time, in His time
 He makes all things beautiful in His time
 Lord, please show me ev'ryday
 As you're teaching me your way
 That you do just what You say in Your time.

2. In Your time, in Your time
 You make all things beautiful in Your time
 Lord, my life to You I bring
 May each song I have to sing
 Be to You a lovely thing in Your time.

3. There's a time, there's a time
 Both for sowing and for reaping there's a time
 Time for losing, time for gain
 Time for joy and time for pain
 Ev'ry purpose under heaven has a time.

4. There are times, there are days
 Weeks and months we cannot understand God's ways
 If for years we fail to scan
 What is His eternal plan
 We'll remember that he can, all the time.



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Holy Virgin by God's decree
 You were called eternally
 That he could give his Son to our race
 Mary, we praise you, hail, full of grace!

Ave, Ave, Ave Maria (2)

By your faith and loving accord
 As the handmaid of the Lord
 You undertook God's plan to embrace
 Mary, we thank you, hail, full of grace

Refuge for your children so weak,
 Sure protection all can seek
 Problems of life you help us to face
 Mary, we trust you, hail full of grace

To our needy world of today,
 Love and beauty you portray,
 showing the path to Christ we must trace
 Mary, our Mother, hail full of grace

O Lady, full of God's own grace,
 Whose caring hands the child embraced,
 Who listened to the Spirit's word,
 Believed and trusted in the Lord.

***O Virgin fair, star of the sea
 My dearest Mother, pray for me (2)***

O Lady, who felt daily joy in caring for the holy
 boy,
 Whose home was plain and shorn of wealth,
 Yet was enriched by God's own breath.

O Lady, who bore living's pain
 But still believed that love would reign,
 Who on a hill watched Jesus die
 As on the cross they raised Him high.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

No man can live as an island
 journeying through life alone
 Since we're most loved by a mother,
 Jesus gave us His own.

Refrain:
*Be with us, Mary, along the way,
 Guide every step we take
 Lead us to Jesus your loving Son.
 Come with us Mary, come*

2. When Jesus met rejection,
 Mary stood by the cross;
 How can a mother desert her Son?
 She'll also stand by us.

3. Help us, O star of the ocean,
 Be with us in our strife,
 When we are faced with temptation,
 Tossed by the storms of life.