

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Cycle B

Entrance Antiphon:

Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King, who rules heaven and earth for ever.

ENTRANCE HYMN

1. Mary most holy, from your hands falling
are heaven's blessing, 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!

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. R] v. 2

R. O God, be gracious and bless us.

1. 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.)

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!

At various times in the past
and in various different ways,
God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;
but in our own time, the last days,
he has spoken to us through his Son.
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 Antiphon:

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and for ever.

COMMUNION HYMNS

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.

1. As I kneel before you,
As I bow my head in prayer,
Take this day, make it yours
and fill me with your love.
*Ave Maria, Gratia plena,
Dominus tecum, Benedicta tu.*
2. All I have I give you,
Ev'ry dream and wish are yours,
Mother of Christ, Mother of mine,
present them to my Lord.
3. As I kneel before you,
And I see your smiling face,
Ev'ry thought, ev'ry word
is lost in your embrace.

1. Hail, Queen of Heav'n, the ocean star,
Guide of the wand'rer here below;
Thrown on life's surge, we claim thy care;
Save us from peril and from woe.
Mother of Christ, star of the sea,
Pray for the wanderer, pray for me (x2)
2. O gentle, chaste and spotless Maid,
We sinners make our prayers through thee;
Remind thy Son that He has paid
The price of our iniquity.
Virgin most pure, star of the sea,
Pray for the sinner, pray for me (x2)
3. And while to Him who reigns above,
In Godhead One, in Persons Three,
The Source of life, of grace, of love,
Homage we pay on bended knee.
Do thou, bright Queen, star of the sea,
Pray for thy children, pray for me (x2)

1. 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 (x2)
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!
3. 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!
4. 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!

RECESSIONAL HYMN

*Mother of God, plead with your Son,
Pray for us sinners, Mary most pure.*

1. May God pour cleansing streams over us,
Washing our souls from every stain.
2. May he remove our stony hearts,
Give us a heart of flesh in its stead.
3. May he incline our minds to his voice,
That we may bend our hearts to his will.
4. May he renew the strength of the weak
And be the hope of wavering wills.
5. That he may wipe away every tear
And makes his light to shine on our face.