

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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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 book of the Apocalypse 11:19;12:1-6.10
A woman adorned with the sun standing on the moon.

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened, and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it.

Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready. Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 44:10-12.16. R] v.10

**R. On your right stands the queen,
in garments of gold.**

1. The daughters of kings are among your loved ones.
On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.
Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words:
forget your own people and your father's house. (R.)
2. So will the king desire your beauty: njj
He is your lord, pay homage to him.
They are escorted amid gladness and joy;
they pass within the palace of the king. (R.)

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians
15:20-26

Christ as the first-fruits and then those who belong to him.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL

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

The Almighty has done great things for me, he has exalted the lowly.

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into 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? From 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 saviour;
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 for ever.'

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 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

1. Lift up your hands and offer to the Lord
 Lift up your hands and offer to your God
 All that your life may hold of joy and care
 Lift up your hands unto the Lord
2. Lift up your eyes and see the works of God
 Lift up your eyes to the glory of the Lord
 See all the beauty He has spread for you
 Lift up your eyes unto the Lord
3. Lift up your heart unto the heart of God
 Offer your love with His love to accord
 Eager is He to have this gift from you
 Lift up your heart unto the Lord.

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.

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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 ravishing face.

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.

