

# SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

## ENTRANCE 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.

## 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:

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!

Mary has been taken up into heaven;  
all the choirs of heaven are rejoicing.  
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  
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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.

### 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. 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! (x2)*
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.

### RECESSIONAL HYMN

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.