

# SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY OF ARABIA

*Principal Patroness of the Gulf*

## Entrance Antiphon:

*Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel! He has visited his people and redeemed them; he has raised up for us a mighty saviour, as he had promised to our fathers by the lips of his holy prophets.*

## ENTRANCE HYMN

1. Immaculate Mary! Our hearts are on fire,  
That title so wondrous fills all our desire.  
***Ave, Ave, Ave Maria***  
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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.

## 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  
*Above you the glory of the Lord appears.*

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, 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 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] cf. v. 11

**R. All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.**

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 the letter of St. Paul to the Romans 12:9-16  
*If any of the saints are in need you must share with them.*

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

*Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?*

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.

## 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. Take and receive O Lord my liberty  
Take all my will, my mind, my memory  
Do Thou direct, and govern all and sway  
Do what Thou wilt, command and I obey.

*Only thy grace and love on me bestow  
Possessing these all riches I forego.* } 2

2. All things I hold, and all I own are thine  
Thine was the gift, to thee I all resign  
Do Thou direct and govern all and sway  
Do what Thou wilt, command and I obey.

## Communion Antiphon:

*All generations will call me blessed, for God has looked on his lowly handmaid.*

## 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. 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  
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  2. O gentle, chaste and spotless maid,  
We sinners make our prayers through thee  
Remind thy that he has paid  
The price of our iniquity  
Virgin most pure, star of the sea  
Pray for the sinner, pray for me,  
Pray for the sinner, pray for me.
  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  
pray for thy children, pray for me.

## 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.