

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

ENTRANCE HYMN

1. We are gathering together unto him (2)
Unto him shall the gath'ring of the people be.
We are gathering together unto him.
2. We are offering together unto him.... (2)
3. We are singing together unto him.... (2)
4. We are praying together unto him.... (2)

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 Genesis 3: 9-15. 20
I will make enemies of your offspring and the offspring of the woman..

After Adam had eaten of the tree the Lord God called to him, 'Where are you?' he asked. 'I heard the sound of you in the garden;' he replied. 'I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.' 'Who told you that you were naked?' he asked 'Have you been eating of the tree I forbade you to eat?' The man replied, 'It was the woman you put with me; she gave me the fruit, and I ate it.' Then the Lord God asked the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman replied, 'The serpent tempted me and I ate.'

Then the Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this,

'Be accursed beyond all cattle,
all wild beasts.
You shall crawl on your belly and eat dust
every day of your life.
I will make you enemies of each other:
you and the woman,
your offspring and her offspring.
It will crush your head
and you will strike its heel.'

The man named his wife 'Eve' because she was the
mother of all those who live.

The word of the Lord.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 97:1-4 R) v.1

R. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. (R)
2. The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations,
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. (R)
3. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. (R)

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians
1: 3-6. 11-12
Before the world was made, God chose us in Christ.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of
heaven in Christ.
Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in
Christ,
to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his
presence,
determining that we should become his adopted sons,
through Jesus Christ
for his own kind purposes,
to make us praise the glory of his grace,
his free gift to us in the Beloved,
And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own,
chosen from the beginning,
under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all
things
as he decides by his own will;
chosen to be,
for his greater glory,
the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he
came.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Lk 1:28

Alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 1:26-38
Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee
called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named
Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name
was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly
favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply
disturbed by these words and asked herself what this
greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do
not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You
are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him
Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most
High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his
ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for



