

# SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

## ENTRANCE HYMN

1. We are gathering together unto him (x2)  
Unto him shall the gath'ring of the people be.  
We are gathering together unto him.
2. We are offering together unto him (x2)  
Unto him shall the offering of the people be.  
We are offering together unto him.
3. We are singing together unto him (2)  
Unto him shall the singing of the people be.  
We are singing together unto him.

## 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 you enemies of each other; your offspring and her offspring.*

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!

Hail, Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee!  
Blessed art thou amongst women.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
1:26-38

*You are to conceive and bear a Son.*

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 ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

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.



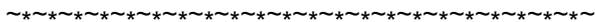
### OFFERTORY HYMN

- 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.*
- All I have I give you,  
 Ev'ry dream and wish are yours,  
 Mother of Christ, Mother of mine,  
 present them to my Lord.
- As I kneel before you,  
 And I see your smiling face,  
 Ev'ry thought, ev'ry word  
 Is lost in your embrace.

### COMMUNION HYMNS

- 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.
- All nations now will share my joy,  
 His gifts he has outpoured;  
 His little one he has made great;  
 I magnify the Lord.

- 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.
- He filled the hungry with good things,  
 The rich he sends away.  
 The promise made to Abraham  
 is filled to endless day.
- Magnificat, magnificat,  
 magnificat, praise God!  
 praise God, praise God, praise God, praise God  
 magnificat, praise God.



- Immaculate Mary! Our hearts are on fire,  
 that title so wondrous fills all our desire  
*Ave, ave, ave Maria!*
- We pray for God's glory, may his kingdom come!  
 we pray for his vicar, our Father, and Rome.
- We pray for our mother the church upon earth,  
 and bless, sweetest Lady, the land of our birth.
- For poor, sick, afflicted, thy mercy we crave;  
 and comfort the dying, thou light of the grave.
- In grief and temptation, in joy or in pain,  
 we'll ask thee, our mother, nor seek thee in vain.
- In death's solemn moment, our mother, be nigh;  
 as children of Mary O teach us to die.
- Now to God be glory, and worship for aye,  
 And to Gods Virgin Mother, an endless Ave.

### RECESSIONAL HYMN

- 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  
 Pray for the wanderer, pray for me.
- 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  
 Pray for the sinner, pray for me.
- 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.

