

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

ENTRANCE HYMN

1. Joy to the world, the Lord has come.
Let earth receive her king.
Let every heart prepare Him room.
And heaven and nature sing (2)
And heaven and heaven and nature sing.
2. Joy to the earth the Saviour reigns!
Let men their songs employ.
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy (2)
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good

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 Numbers 6:22-27
*They are to call down my name on the sons of Israel,
and I will bless them.*

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Say this to Aaron and his sons: "This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them:

May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace."

This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.'

The word of the Lord.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 66:2-3, 5.6.8. Rv.2

R. O God, be gracious and bless us.

1. God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)
2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. (R.)
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Galatians
4: 4-7

God sent his Son, born of a woman.

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father', and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave any more; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Heb 1:1-2

Alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
2:16-21

They found Mary and Joseph and the babe.....When the eighth day came, they gave him the name Jesus.

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.

When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.

The Gospel of the Lord.

APOSTLE'S 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. Blest are you, Lord, God of all creation,
thanks to your goodness this bread we offer:
fruit of the earth, work of our hands,
it will become the bread of life.

*Blessed be God, Blessed be God,
Blessed be God, forever! Amen! (2)*

2. Blest are you, Lord, God of all creation,
thanks to your goodness this wine we offer:
fruit of the earth, work of our hands,
it will become the cup of life.

COMMUNION HYMNS

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where
he lay,
the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.
2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stand by my side until morning is nigh.
3. Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

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1. Silent night, holy night,
all is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child
Holy Infant, so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace (2)
2. Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing Hallelujah
Christ, the Saviour is born. (2)



3. Silent night, holy night
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from Thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth (2)

4. Silent night, holy night
Bethlehem sleeps yet what light
Floats around the Holy pair
Songs of angels fill the air
Strains of heavenly peace (2)

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1. Hark, the herald angels sing,
glory to the new-born King;
peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled:
joyful all ye nations rise,
join the triumph of the skies,
with the angelic host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.

*Hark, the herald angels sing,
glory to the new-born King.*

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a Virgin's womb!
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel

RECESSIONAL HYMN

1. Long time ago in Bethlehem
So the Holy Bible say,
Mary's boy child Jesus Christ
Was born on Christmas Day
*Hark, now hear the angels sing
A new king's orn today
And man will live for ever more
because of Christmas Day.
Trumpets sound and angels sing
Listen to what they say
That man will live for ever more
because of Christmas Day*

2. While shepherds watched their flock by night
They see a bright new shining star
They hear a choir of angels sing
Music seemed to come from afar.