

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

INTRODUCTION

INTROIT HYMN (others from Celebration Hymnal)

1. **In splendour arrayed,
in vesture of gold,
the Mother of God in glory behold!
O daughter of David,
thou dwellest on high,
excelling in brightness
the hosts of the sky.**
2. **O maiden thou art, a mother renowned:
a mother who yet as virgin art crowned.
The Lord of the angels,
God high and supreme,
took flesh of thy substance
the world to redeem.**
3. **All kindreds and tongues
thine offspring adore;
creation must bow his footstool before.
At thy gentle pleadings
may he from his height
disperse all our shadows
and fill us with light.**
4. **The Father we praise
who chose for his Son
a mother all-pure, th' immaculate one.
All praise to her offspring
who saveth our race.
Like praise to the Spirit
who filled her with grace.**

In the name of the Father, and of ✠ the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All respond: Amen.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

The PRAYERS OF PENITENCE are introduced.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you,
through our own fault,
in thought, and word, and deed,**

and in what we have left undone.

**We are heartily sorry,
and repent of all our sins.**

**For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly
repent, have mercy upon you, pardon ✠ and
deliver you from all your sins, confirm and
strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you
in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

KYRIE ELEÏSON is sung.

**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS is sung.

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to
his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God
and Father, we worship you, we give you
thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the
sin of the world: have mercy on us; you
are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**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.**

All remain standing for the COLLECT.

Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Rev 11.19–12.6,10

A reading from the book of Revelation.

God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple. There were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail.

And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth. And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it. She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne, and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, in which she is to be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God."

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

from Ps 45

℟. On your right stands the Queen in garments of gold. (*All repeat*)

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. ℟.

So will the king desire your beauty; he is your lord, so pay him homage.

The people of Tyre shall come with gifts; the richest of the people shall seek your favour. ℟.

The king's daughter is clothed with splendour, her robes embroidered with cloth of gold. She is brought to the king with her maiden companions; they enter his palace amid joy and gladness. ℟.

Sons shall be yours in place of your fathers: you will make them rulers over all the earth. I will make your name to be remembered forever; therefore shall the peoples praise you from age to age. ℟.

SECOND READING

Gal 4.4–7

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN—**6**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 1.47,48

Alleluia. My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour: for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. **Alleluia.**

GOSPEL READING

Lk 1.46–55

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Hear the Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring for ever.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

A SERMON follows.

All stand to recite the NICENE CREED.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

(all bow) **was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

(all rise) **For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

The INTERCESSIONS are introduced, and all kneel. One of these responses may be used:

∇. Lord, hear us. ℞. **Lord, graciously hear us.**
or ∇. Lord, in your mercy, ℞. **Hear our prayer.**

At the Commemoration of the Departed:

∇. Rest eternal ✠ grant unto them, O Lord;
℞. **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

The Intercessions end:

Merciful Father,

Accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

All stand as the priest introduces the PEACE.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN— **659**

The people unite their prayers with the priest, who says the PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS.

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.

May our prayerful offerings rise before you, Lord, and may the blessed Virgin Mary pray for us in heaven, so that our hearts, aflame with the fire of love, may ever strive towards you; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The PREFACE follows.

All respond with the SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he ✠ who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

All kneel. After the Consecration, all acclaim:
Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died; Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

The Eucharistic Prayer continues, and ends:
... for ever and ever. **Amen.**

RITE OF COMMUNION

The priest introduces the LORD'S PRAYER.
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The priest breaks the Host; AGNUS DEI is sung.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace.

The priest gives the COMMUNION INVITATION.
Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

Holy Communion is distributed.

COMMUNION HYMN— **238**

The priest says the POST-COMMUNION prayer.
Grant, Lord, that we who have received these sacraments of our salvation may be brought, by the intercession in heaven of the blessed Virgin Mary, to the glory of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONCLUSION

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

May God, who of his love redeemed mankind through the child-bearing of the blessed Virgin Mary, pour upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

At all times and in all places, may you know the patronage of her through whom you have received the author of life. **Amen.**

Gathered today in devotion to celebrate her feast, may you obtain the gifts of spiritual joy and the rewards of heaven. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN— **29**

The service may be followed by the ANGELUS.
V. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary:
R. **And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.**
Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death.

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord:
R. **Be it unto me according to thy word.**
Hail Mary ...

V. And the Word was made flesh:
R. **And dwelt among us.**
Hail Mary ...

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God:
R. **That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

Let us pray. Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts; that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ, your Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by his Passion and Cross ✠ be brought to the glory of his Resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**