

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

— STAND —

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Rev 12: 1*

Let us all rejoice in the Lord,
as we celebrate the feast day in
honour of the Virgin Mary, at whose
Assumption the Angels rejoice
and praise the Son of God.

ENTRANCE HYMN

When creation was began,
God had chosen you to be
mother of his blessed Son,
Holy Mary, full of grace.
Ave, ave, ave, Maria.

When creation was restored,
you were there beside the Lord
whom you cherished and adored,
Holy Mary, full of grace.
Ave, ave, ave, Maria.

All of us are children too,
Often doubtful what to do,
Needing to confide in you.
Holy Mary, full of grace.
Ave, ave, ave, Maria.

You are with us day by day
In our joys and our dismay
Make us joyful as we say
'Holy Mary, full of grace.'
Ave, ave, ave, Maria.

Praise the Father and the Son
and the Spirit, three in one,
as it was when time began,
now and ever more. Amen.
Ave, ave, ave, Maria.

Priest: In the name of the Father and
of the Son, of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen.**
The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the
love of God, and the Communion of the
Holy Spirit be with you all.
And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Brethren (Brothers and sisters),
let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves to
celebrate the sacred mysteries.

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I
have failed to do,

Striking your breast as you say:
through my fault, through my fault,



through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary
ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

The absolution by the priest follows:

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.

Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

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,

15th August

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.

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
who assumed the Immaculate Virgin
Mary, the Mother of your Son,
body and soul into heavenly glory,
grant, we pray, that, always attentive
to the things that are above,
we may merit to be sharers of her
glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son, who lives and reigns with
you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

— SIT —

FIRST READING 11:19;12:1-6.10

**A reading from the book of the
Apocalypse**

The sanctuary of God in heaven
opened, and the ark of the covenant
could be seen inside it. Now a great
sign appeared in heaven: a woman,
adorned with the sun, standing on the
moon, and with the twelve stars on
her head for a crown. She was
pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud
in the pangs of childbirth. Then a
second sign appeared in the sky, a
huge red dragon which had seven
heads and ten horns, and each of the
seven heads crowned with a coronet.
Its tail dragged a third of the stars
from the sky and dropped them to the
earth, and the dragon stopped in front
of the woman as she was having the
child, so that he could eat it as soon

as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready. Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, "Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps44:10-12.16.R.v.10

R. On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold.

1. 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. **R.**
2. So will the king desire your beauty:
He is your lord,
pay homage to him.
They are escorted amid gladness and joy:
they pass within the palace of the king. **R.**

SECOND READING

15:20-26

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

STAND

ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Mary has been taken up into heaven;
all the choirs of angels are rejoicing.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

1:39-56

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy

Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.



Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into 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 saviour; 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 for ever."

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

STAND

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial
with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
(All bow during the next three lines)
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
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.
I 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
adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the
forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection
of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

SIT

Raising the host, the priest says:

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation,
for through your goodness
we have received the bread we offer
you: fruit of the earth and work of
human hands,
it will become for us the bread of life.
Blessed be God for ever.



The priest pours wine and a little water into the chalice, saying quietly:

By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

Raising the chalice, the priest says:

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

Blessed be God for ever.

Bowing the priest says quietly:

With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted by you, O Lord, and may our sacrifice in your sight this day be pleasing to you, O Lord.

Then the priest washes his hands, saying quietly:

Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity; and cleanse me from my sin.

STAND

Facing the people the priest says:

Pray, brethren (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 holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this oblation, our tribute of homage, rise up to you, O Lord, and, through the intercession of the most Blessed Virgin Mary, whom you assumed into heaven, may our hearts, aflame with the fire of love, constantly long for you. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II
PREFACE The Glory of Mary
assumed into heaven

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

For today the Virgin Mother of God was assumed into heaven as the beginning and image of your Church's coming to perfection and a sign of sure hope and comfort to your pilgrim people; rightly you would not allow her to see the corruption of the tomb since from her own body she marvellously brought forth your incarnate Son, the Author of all life. And so, in company with the choirs of Angels, we praise you, and with joy we proclaim:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
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.**

KNEEL

You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness.

The Priest joins his hands and, holding them extended over the offerings, says:

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body ✠ and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion, he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.**

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying:

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,
WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.**

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

The mystery of faith

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.

Then the Priest, with hands extended, says:

Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you.

Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with our Pope, Leo **N**. our Bishop, his assistant Bishop(s), and all the clergy.

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face. Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her Spouse, with the blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.

The Priest takes the chalice and the paten with the host and, elevating both, he says:

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

COMMUNION RITE

STAND

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

Lord Jesus Christ,
who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
look not on our sins,
but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.
Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you
always.

And with your Spirit.

The priest may add these or similar words.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

The priest places a small piece of the host in the chalice saying quietly:

May this mingling of the body and
blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
bring eternal life to us who receive it.

Meanwhile the people sing or say:

**Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world
grant us peace.**



The priest says quietly:

May the receiving of your Body and
Blood, Lord Jesus Christ,
not bring me to judgement and
condemnation,
but through your loving mercy
be for me protection in mind and body,
and a healing remedy.



Raising the host the priest says:

Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of
the world.

Blessed are those called to the supper
of the Lamb.

And together with the people he says once:

**Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.**

May the Body of Christ
keep me safe for eternal life.

The Priest reverently consumes the Body of Christ.

Then he takes the chalice and says quietly:

May the Blood of Christ
keep me safe for eternal life.

The Priest raises a host slightly and shows it to each of the communicants, saying:

The Body of Christ.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Lk 1: 48-49
**All generations will call me blessed,
for he who is mighty has done
great things for me.**

COMMUNION HYMN

My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her lowliness
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his name!
His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him.

He puts forth his arm in strength
and scatters the proud-hearted.
He fills the starving with good things.
Sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel his servant,
remembering his mercy,
the mercy promised to our fathers,
for Abraham and his children for ever.

Give praise to the Father Almighty,
to his Son Jesus Christ, the Lord,
to the Spirit who dwells in our hearts,
both now and for ever. **Amen.**

PRIVATE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Mary, holy virgin mother,
I have received your Son,
Jesus Christ.

With love you became his mother,
gave birth to him, nursed him,
and helped him grow to manhood.
With love I return him to you,
to hold once more,
to love with all your heart,
and to offer to the Holy Trinity
as our supreme act of worship
for your honour and for the good
of all your pilgrim brothers and
sisters.



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having received the Sacrament of
salvation, we ask you to grant, O Lord,
that, through the intercession of the
Blessed Virgin Mary, whom you
assumed into heaven, we may be
brought to the glory of the
resurrection. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen

CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

Bow head for the blessing – short silence

May almighty God bless you:
the Father, and the Son,
and the Holy Spirit,
Amen.

Go forth, the Mass is ended,
Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

**Praise my soul the King of heaven,
to his feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored,
forgiven,**

Who am I his praise to sing?

Praise him. Praise him.

Praise him. Praise him.

Praise the everlasting King

**Praise him for his grace and favour
To our fathers in distress:
Praise him still the same for ever,
Slow to chide and swift to bless.**

Praise him. Praise him.

Praise him. Praise him.

Glorious in his faithfulness.