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THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY



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THE PARISH MASS

The Introductory Rites

When the bell rings we stand for our first hymn

**SING we of the blessed Mother
who received the angels word,
And obedient to his summons
bore in love the infant Lord;
Sing we of the Joys of Mary
at whose breast that child was fed
Who is Son of God eternal
and the everlasting Bread.**

**Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,
of the sword that pierced her through
When beneath the cross of Jesus
she his weight of suffering knew,
Looked upon her Son and Saviour
reigning high on Calvary's tree,
Saw the price of man's redemption
paid to set the sinner free.**

**Sing again the joys of Mary
when she saw the risen Lord,
And in prayer with Christ's apostles,
waited on his promised word:
From on high the blazing glory
of the Spirit's presence came,
Heavenly breath of God's own being,
Manifest through wind and flame.**

**Sing the chiefest joy of Mary
when on earth her work was done,
And the Lord of all creation
brought her to his heavenly home:
Virgin Mother, Mary blessed,
Raised on high and crowned with grace,
May thy Son, the world's redeemer,
Grant us all to see his face.**

Priest: ✠ In the name of the Father and of
the Son and of the Holy Spirit

People: **Amen**

Priest: The Lord be with you
People: **And with your spirit.**

The Mass is introduced

Priest: Brothers and sisters, let us
acknowledge our sins, and so
prepare ourselves to celebrate the
sacred mysteries.

People: **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,**

And, striking their breast, they 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.**

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

People: **Amen.**

People: **Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, (eleison) Christe eleison, Christe eleison Christe eleison, (eleison) Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, (eleison)**

The Gloria in Excelsis follows

People: **Glory, (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, Amen.**

The Collect or prayer for the day

Let us pray
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, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

We sit for The First Reading

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse
Apocalypse 11:19,12:1-6,10

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

Psalm 44(45):10-12,16

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

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

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.

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

Priest: Go forth the Mass is ended
People: **Thanks be to God**

We sing the final Hymn

**Hail Holy Queen, enthroned above,
O Maria!
Hail, Mother of Mercy and of love!
O Maria! Triumph, all ye Cherubim,
Sing with us ye Seraphim
Heaven and earth resound the hymn;
Salve, Salve, Salve Regina!**

**O gate of life we honour thee,
O Maria!
Our joy, our hope and heaven's key.
O Maria! Triumph, all ye Cherubim...**

**O Mary hasten with thine aid,
O Maria!
Most Gentle, loving, joyous maid,
O Maria! Triumph, all ye Cherubim...**

**And when our life on earth is done,
O Maria!
Then show us Christ, thy Holy Son,
O Maria! Triumph, all ye Cherubim...**

**O clement, gracious, Mother sweet,
O Maria!
O Virgin Mary, we entreat,
O Maria! Triumph, all ye Cherubim...**

The Breaking of the Bread

People: 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.

We kneel

Priest: ✠ 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.

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

The Communion Sentence

Priest: All generations will call me
blessed, for he who is mighty
has done great things for me.

We come forward to receive Holy Communion

We sing the Communion Hymn

**A sign is seen in heaven,
a maiden-mother fair;
her mantle is the sunlight,
and stars adorn her hair.
The maiden's name is Mary;
in love she brings to birth
the Lord of all the ages,
the King of all the earth.**

**Like moonlight on the hilltops
she shines on all below,
like sunlight on the mountains
her Child outshines the snow.
O Mary, Queen of mothers,
still smile on young and old;
bless hearth and home and harvest,
bless farm and field and fold.**

**Pray, Mother, Queen in glory,
before the Father's throne;
praise God's eternal Wisdom,
the Child Who is your own;
rejoice in God the Spirit,
Whose power let you conceive
the Child of Eden's promise,
O new and sinless Eve**

*The Post Communion prayer
We stand*

Priest: 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.

People: Amen

Any Notices etc may follow now.

The Concluding Rites

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: and with your spirit.

Priest: Bow down for God's blessing

May God, who through the child-
bearing of the Blessed Virgin Mary
willed in his great kindness to redeem
the human race, be pleased to enrich
you with his blessing
People: Amen.

May you know always and everywhere
the protection of her, through whom
you have been found worthy to receive
the author of life.
People: Amen.

May you, who have devoutly gathered
on this day, carry away with you the
gifts of spiritual joys and heavenly re-
wards.
People: Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the
Holy Spirit, come down on you and re-
main with you for ever.
People: Amen.

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.

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

Second Reading

A Reading from the first Letter of Saint
Paul to the Corinthians
1 Corinthians 15:20-26

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 de-
stroyed is death, for everything is to be
put under his feet.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

We stand for the Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
Mary has been taken up to heaven;
all the choirs of angels are rejoicing.
**Alleluia alleluia alleluia alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Priest: The Lord be with you
People: And with your spirit.

✠ A reading from the Holy Gospel
according to John
John 6:41-51
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 Eliza-
beth 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.

The Homily now follows

We sit

We stand for

The Profession of Faith (Creed)

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,
At the words that follow, up to and including and became man, all bow.
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.

The Bidding Prayers now follow

Response

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord
People: **Lord, hear our prayer**

Priest: ✠Rest eternal grant unto them
O Lord

People: **and let light perpetual shine upon them**

Priest: May they rest in peace

People: **Amen**

People: **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.**

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

We sing the Offertory Hymn

Chosen by God, high favoured and elected, Mary of Nazareth, of David's line, Before Messiah's coming was expected God had you steadfastly in his design. Before the world's foundations were created, Before the sun and stars were set in space, You and none other were predestinated To be the gateway of salvation for our race.

Came round the time in God's design intended, You bore God's Son. At Nazareth you made A home for him, And then, his course expended, Saw him despised, rejected, and betrayed. And since your Son is evermore our brother, And since your heart holds all for whom he cares, You are to us for evermore a mother, And shelter us with the protection of your prayers.

High in the heavens John's eagle-vision found you, The blazing sun enfolds you in its light, To make your crown the stars are shining round you Beneath you feet the silver moon is bright. To such a station God's great mercy raised you No word of ours can ever match your fame; Yet as all generations past have praised you, So we in unison with them exalt your name.

If the prayers of blessing are said aloud the people respond each time

Blessed be God for ever.

We stand

Pray, my Brothers and Sisters that this 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.

The 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.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Priest: The Lord be with you

People: **And with your spirit**

Priest: Lift up your hearts

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right and just**

The Preface follows, at the end of the preface we say

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full (are full) of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We kneel

The Priest continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

After the words of Consecration the priest says:

Priest: The mystery of faith.

People: **Save us (save us) saviour of the world for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.**

At the conclusion of the prayer:

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.

People: **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer We stand

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

People: **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.

Priest: 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.

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

Priest: 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.

People: **Amen.**

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of peace