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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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## INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**Let us all rejoice in the Lord,  
As we celebrate the feast day in honor of the Virgin Mary,  
at whose Assumption the Angels rejoice and praise the son of God.**

GREETING

PENITENTIAL ACT .....Lord, have mercy.....Christ, 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,  
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.**

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING

Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 1010ab

God's temple in heaven was opened,  
and the ark of his covenant could be seen in the temple.

A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun,  
with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.  
She was with child and wailed aloud in pain as she labored to give birth.  
Then another sign appeared in the sky;  
it was a huge red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns,  
and on its heads were seven diadems.  
Its tail swept away a third of the stars in the sky  
and hurled them down to the earth.  
Then the dragon stood before the woman about to give birth,  
to devour her child when she gave birth.  
She gave birth to a son, a male child, destined to rule all the nations with an iron rod.  
Her child was caught up to God and his throne.  
The woman herself fled into the desert where she had a place prepared by God.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say:  
"Now have salvation and power come,  
and the Kingdom of our God  
and the authority of his Anointed One."

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 45: 10,11, 12, 16

R. (10bc) **The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.**

The queen takes her place at your right hand in gold of Ophir.

R. **The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.**

Hear, O daughter, and see; turn your ear,  
forget your people and your father's house.

R. **The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.**

So shall the king desire your beauty;  
for he is your lord.

R. **The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.**

They are borne in with gladness and joy;  
they enter the palace of the king.

R. **The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.**

## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:20-27

Brothers and sisters:

Christ has been raised from the dead,  
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since death came through man,  
the resurrection of the dead came also through man.

For just as in Adam all die,  
so too in Christ shall all be brought to life,  
but each one in proper order:

Christ the firstfruits;

then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ;  
then comes the end,

when he hands over the Kingdom to his God and Father,  
when he has destroyed every sovereignty  
and every authority and power.

For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

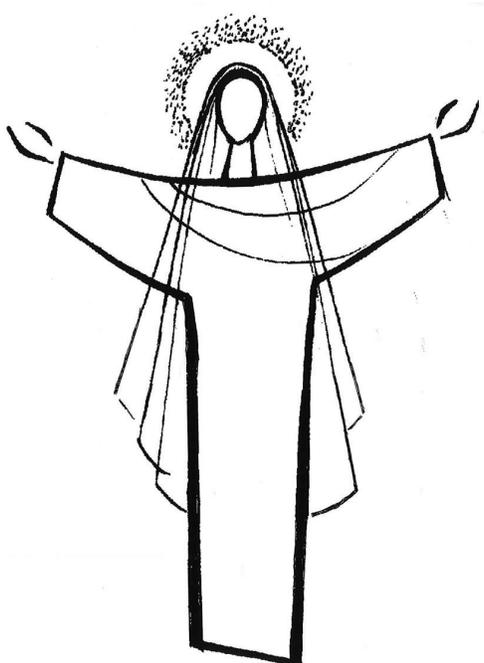
The last enemy to be destroyed is death,  
for "he subjected everything under his feet."

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!**

Mary is taken up to heaven; a chorus of angels exults.

**ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!**



Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

And Mary said:

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, and has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever."

Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

## HOMILY

### THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

**I believe in one God, the Father, the 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:  
*and by the Holy Spirit (how)*  
*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.**

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL “Lord, hear our prayer.”

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

Priest: ".....that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father,"

All respond: **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

### *The Eucharistic Prayer*

## PREFACE

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.**

## HOLY

**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.**

## THE MYSTERY OF FAITH

**Save us, Savior of the world,  
for by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free.**

## AMEN

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## THE SIGN OF PEACE

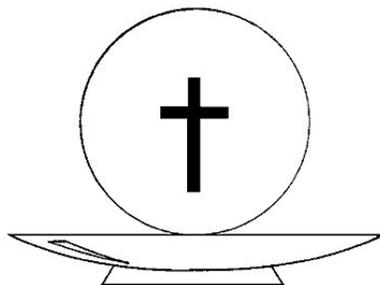
## LAMB OF GOD

**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.**

## COMMUNION

*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.

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



## AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION—*ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI*

All: **My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

## COMMUNION PROCESSION

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## BLESSING

## DISMISSAL