



THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
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## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul;  
for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation,  
and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bride adorned with her jewels.**

### 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**

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING

Genesis 3:9-15, 20

After the man, Adam, had eaten of the tree, the LORD God called to the man and asked him, "Where are you?" He answered, "I heard you in the garden; but I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself." Then he asked, "Who told you that you were naked? You have eaten, then, from the tree of which I had forbidden you to eat!" The man replied, "The woman whom you put here with me — she gave me fruit from the tree, and so I ate it." The LORD God then asked the woman, "Why did you do such a thing?" The woman answered, "The serpent tricked me into it, so I ate it."

Then the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, you shall be banned from all the animals and from all the wild creatures; on your belly shall you crawl, and dirt shall you eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike at your head, while you strike at his heel."

The man called his wife Eve, because she became the mother of all the living.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 98:1-4

**R. Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous deeds.**

Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done wondrous deeds;  
His right hand has won victory for him, his holy arm.

**R. Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous deeds.**

The LORD has made his salvation known:  
in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.  
He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness  
toward the house of Israel.

**R. Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous deeds.**

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God.  
Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands; break into song; sing praise.

**R. Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous deeds.**

## SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12

Brothers and sisters: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him. In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will, for the praise of the glory of his grace that he granted us in the beloved.

In him we were also chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things according to the intention of his will, so that we might exist for the praise of his glory, we who first hoped in Christ.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you;

Blessed are you among women.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

## GOSPEL

Luke 1:26-39

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his Kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## 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 (bow)*  
*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

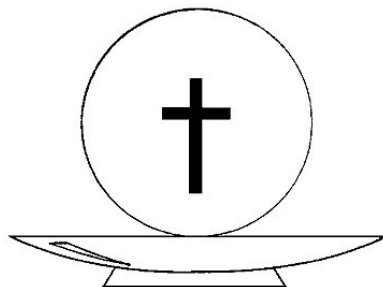
## LAMB OF GOD

**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

**Glorious things are spoken of you, O Mary,  
for from you arose the sun of justice, Christ our Lord.**

COMMUNION PROCESSION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING

DISMISSAL