

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – August 15, 2021  
Lectionary: 622

**Gathering Hymn**

Immaculate Mary



1. Im - mac - u - late Mar - y, your prais - es we sing;  
2. Pre - des - tined for Christ by e - ter - nal de - cree,  
3. To you by an an - gel, the Lord God made known  
4. Most blest of all wom - en, you heard and be - lieved;  
5. The an - gels re - joiced when you brought forth God's Son;



You reign now in splen - dor with Je - sus our King.  
God willed you both vir - gin and moth - er to be.  
The grace of the Spir - it, the gift of the Son.  
Most blest is the fruit of your womb then con - ceived.  
Your joy is the joy of all a - ges to come.



A - ve, a - ve, a - ve, Ma - rí - a.



A - ve, a - ve, Ma - rí - a.

6. Your child is the Savior, all hope lies in him:  
He gives us new life and redeems us from sin.

7. In glory for ever now close to your Son,  
All ages will praise you for all God has done.

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Tune: LOURDES HYMN, 11 11 with refrain; French melody, Grenoble, 1882

**Greeting**

**P.** The Lord be with you.

**R.** And with your spirit.

**Penitential Act Form A (Confiteor)**

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, 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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## **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. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. Amen.

## **Collect**

Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised. 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.

## **Reading 1**     **RV 11:19A; 12:1-6A, 10AB**

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**     **PS 45:10, 11, 12, 16**

**R. 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.**

## **Reading 2**    **1 COR 15:20-27**

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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.”

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## **Alleluia**

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**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**P.** The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

**P.** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **Gospel**    **LK 1:39-56**

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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.

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**P.** The Gospel of the Lord

**R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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## **Homily**

## **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, 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.

## **Universal Prayer**

**P.** Let us ask the Blessed Virgin Mary, who reigns in heaven for all eternity, to intercede on our behalf before the Lord.

**LECTOR:** For the Church, that we may continue to grow in holiness as we hear the word of God and observe it, as did Mary, the Mother of God, we pray to the Lord.

**R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**L.** For all those who are lowly and hungry, that they may be lifted up and filled with good things, now and always, we pray to the Lord.

**R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**L.** For women around the world, that they may receive the honor and respect that is due to all children of God, we pray to the Lord.

**R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**L.** For young people, that they may respond generously and willingly if the Lord calls them to ordained or consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

**R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**L.** That we may each strive to bring Christ into our world, imitating the Blessed Virgin Mary in taking on this responsibility, we pray to the Lord.

**R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**L.** For the repose of the soul of Toni Sheridan who died this past week, we pray to the Lord.

**R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**L.** For those who have served in our armed forces, and those who continue to serve, we pray to the Lord.

**R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**L.** For the silent prayers we hold in our hearts and for the intentions in the book of prayers: that they will be joined to those of our Blessed Virgin Mary, our patron St. Matthew, and all the saints, we pray to the Lord.

**R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**P.** Almighty God, You have blessed us with great things and holy is your name. Come to our aid and grant the needs we bring before you, through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

**R. Amen**

### Preparation of the Gifts and Altar

#### Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly



1. Sing of Mar - y, pure and low - ly, Vir - gin Moth - er  
2. Sing of Je - sus, son of Mar - y, In the home at  
3. Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther; Glo - ry be to



un - de - filed. Sing of God's own Son most ho - ly,  
Naz - a - reth. Toil and la - bor can - not wea - ry  
God the Son; Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it;



Who be - came her lit - tle child. Fair - est Child of  
Love en - dur - ing un - to death. Con - stant was the  
Glo - ry to the Three in One. From the heart of



fair - est Moth - er, God the Lord who came to earth,  
love he gave her, Though he went forth from her side,  
bless - ed Mar - y, From all saints the song as - cends,



Word - made - flesh, our ver - y broth - er,  
Forth to preach, and heal, and suf - fer,  
And the Church the strain re - ech - oes



Takes our na - ture by his birth.  
Till on Cal - va - ry he died.  
Un - to earth's re - mot - est ends.

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Tune: PLEADING SAVIOR, 8 7 8 7 D; *Christian Lyre*, 1830; harm. by Richard Proulx, 1937–2010

**P.** 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.

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*Then he places the paten with the bread on the corporal. If, however, the Offertory Chant is not sung, the Priest may speak these words aloud; at the end, the people may acclaim:*

**R. Blessed be God for ever.**

*The Deacon, or the Priest, pours wine and a little water into the chalice, saying quietly:*

**P.** 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.

*The Priest then takes the chalice and holds it slightly raised above the altar with both hands, saying in a low voice:*

**P.** 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.

*Then he places the chalice on the corporal. If, however, the Offertory Chant is not sung, the Priest may speak these words aloud; at the end, the people may acclaim:*

**R. Blessed be God for ever.**

### **Invitation to Prayer**

**P.** 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, Lord God.

*If appropriate, he also incenses the offerings, the cross, and the altar. A Deacon or other minister then incenses the Priest and the people.*

*Then the Priest, standing at the side of the altar, washes his hands, saying quietly:*

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

*Standing at the middle of the altar, facing the people, extending and then joining his hands, he says:*

**P.** Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**R. 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.**

*Then the Priest, with hands extended, says the Prayer over the Offerings, at the end of which the people acclaim:*

**R. Amen.**

### **Preface Dialogue**

**P.** The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

**P.** Lift up your hearts.

**R.** We lift them up to the Lord.

**P.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**R.** It is right and just.

### **Preface Acclamation**

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**

**P.** The mystery of faith.

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

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**P.** At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**R.** 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.

### **Doxology**

**P.** 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 Savior, Jesus Christ.

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

### **Sign of Peace**

**P.** 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.

**R.** Amen.

**P.** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**R.** And with your spirit.

*If appropriate, the Deacon, or the Priest, adds:*

**P.** Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*Comment: If the priest says "Let us offer each other the sign of peace." The congregation should avoid any contact with each other, and instead offer some other appropriate gesture. Then he takes the host, breaks it over the paten, and places a small piece in the chalice, saying quietly:*

**P.** May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.



## Closing Hymn

### Hail, Holy Queen Enthroned Above



1. Hail, ho - ly Queen en - throned a - bove, O Ma - rí - a. Hail,  
2. The cause of joy to all be - low, O Ma - rí - a. The  
3. O gen - tle, lov - ing, ho - ly one, O Ma - rí - a. The



Queen of mer - cy and of love, O Ma - rí - a.  
spring through which all grac - es flow, O Ma - rí - a.  
God of light be - came your Son, O Ma - rí - a.



Tri - umph, all ye Cher - u - bim; Sing with us, ye  
An - gels, all your prais - es bring; Earth and heav - en,  
Tri - umph, all ye Cher - u - bim; Sing with us, ye



Ser - a - phim. Heav'n and earth re - sound the hymn:  
with us sing; All cre - a - tion ech - o - ing:  
Ser - a - phim. Heav'n and earth re - sound the hymn:



Sal - ve, Sal - ve, Sal - ve Re - gí - na.

Text: *Salve Regina, mater misericordiae*; c.1080; tr. *Roman Hymnal*, 1884; st. 2-3, adapt. by M. Owen Lee, CSB, b.1930  
Tune: SALVE REGINA COELITUM, 8 4 8 4 777 4 5; *Choralmelodien zum Heiligen Gesänge*, 1808; harm. by Healey Willan, 1880-1968