

17/8/25 - The Blessed Virgin Mary

GATHERING SONG: Hush, be still

Hush, be still, the Holy Infant sleeps.
His mother Mary sings so lightly,
To her breast, she holds him tightly.
Hush be still, fulfilled now is God's will.

Hush, be still, the Holy Infant sleeps.
In dreams he hears the angels singing,
Bells from heaven faintly ringing.
Hush be still, fulfilled now is God's will.

ENTRANCE HYMN:

Stand

188 Ye who own the faith of Jesus

GREETING

✠ In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

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

You came to reconcile us to the Father,
Have mercy, Lord, have mercy.
Have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

You heal the wounds of sin and division:
Have mercy, Christ, have mercy.
Have mercy, Christ, have mercy.

You intercede for us at the right hand of the Father:
Have mercy, Lord, have mercy.
Have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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

Repeat

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, 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, mercy on us:
have mercy, mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer, receive our prayer;
receive our prayer, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand,
at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy, mercy on us;
have mercy, mercy on us.

Refrain

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, glory of God,
the glory of God the Father.

Refrain

Amen! Amen!

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who looked upon the lowliness
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
and chose her to be the mother of your only Son:
grant that we who are redeemed by his blood
may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

FIRST READING: Isaiah 61:10-end

Sit

'I Will Greatly Rejoice In The Lord'

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God;

for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

This is the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Psalm 45

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.

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:

Galatians 4:4-7

You Are No Longer A Slave But A Child

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

This is the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Stand

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

GOSPEL:

Luke 1:46-55

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

✠ Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

‘All Generations Will Call Me Blessed’

And Mary said,
‘My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his
servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call
me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their
hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.’

The Gospel of the Lord:
Praise to you, O Christ

HOMILY

<i>Sit</i>

NICENE CREED

<i>Stand</i>

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
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.
We 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 worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

<i>Stand</i>

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

✕ Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

PEACE

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 always with you.
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS: Abba Father

Abba Father, let me be
yours, and yours alone.
May my will for ever be
evermore your own.
Never let my heart grow cold,
never let me go,
Abba Father, let me be
yours, and yours alone

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OFFERTORY HYMN:

186 Sing we of the blessed mother

OFFERTORY PRAYERS

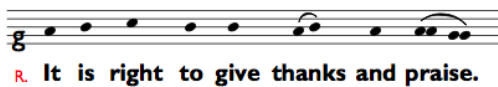
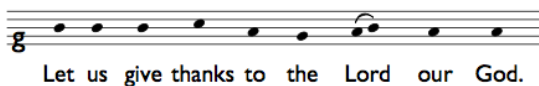
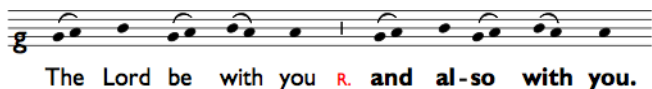
Pray, my brothers and sisters,
that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

**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 Church.**

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

Amen

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER



The Priest continues singing the Preface, ending with:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and God of might:
heaven and earth, heaven and earth
are full of your glory, your power and might.
Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest heavens.
Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest heavens.**

**Blessed, blessed is he who comes,
blessed, blessed is he who comes;
blessed is he, blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest heavens.
Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest heavens.**

The Priest continues the Eucharistic Prayer

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come; Lord Jesus, come.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest heav'ns.
Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest heav'ns.**

*The Priest concludes the Eucharistic Prayer
At the end all sing*



A - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

AGNUS DEI

Jesus, Lamb of God and source of life:
Jesus, loving bearer of our sins:

***Hear our prayer, have mercy;
Hear our prayer, have mercy; give us your peace.***

Jesus, Son of God and Son of Man:
Jesus, true redeemer of the world:

Jesus Christ, our Way, our Truth, our Life:
Jesus Christ, our living cornerstone:

Jesus, Lord of life and Lord of light:
Jesus, here in form of bread and wine:

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

This is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*If you would like to receive a blessing instead, please
bring your service sheet with you.*

COMMUNION HYMN

184 Shall we not love thee, Mother dear

**COMMUNION HYMN:
O Lord Your Tenderness**

Sit

O Lord, your tenderness -
melting all my bitterness!
O Lord, I receive your love.
O Lord, your loveliness,
changing all my ugliness,
O Lord, I receive your love,
O Lord, I receive your love,
O Lord, I receive your love.

**COMMUNION HYMN:
342 Purify My Heart**

Purify my heart,
let me be as gold
and precious silver.
Purify my heart,
let me be as gold,
pure gold.

*Refiner's fire,
my heart's one desire
is to be holy,
set apart for you, Lord.
I choose to be holy,
set apart for you, my master,
ready to do your will.*

Purify my heart,
cleanse me from within
and make me holy.
Purify my heart,
cleanse me from my sin,
deep within.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

<i>Stand</i>

God most high,
whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh:
we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption
you visit us with your Holy Spirit
and overshadow us by your power;
strengthen us to walk with Mary
the joyful path of obedience
and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

NOTICES

<i>Sit</i>

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

<i>Stand</i>

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: 186 Tell out, my soul
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