

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH—JEBEL ALI

CYCLE A,B,C

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Entrance Antiphon

A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, the moon beneath her feet, and a crown of twelve stars on her head.

Entrance Hymn

1. Mary most holy, from your hands falling are heaven's blessings. Hear us now calling. Teach us to pray and work for God's glory.
Ave Maria, ave.
2. Help us to witness Christ is still living, service to others cheerfully giving. Teach us to pray and work for God's glory.
3. Through joy and sorrow, each day's condition, ever, dear Mother, hear our petition. Teach us to pray and work for God's glory.

CHRIST
as the
FIRST-
FRUITS



Greeting

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

All: AMEN

C: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Penitential Rite

C: My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins.

Pause for silent reflection. After a brief silence all say:

All: I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own fault in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do; and 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. AMEN

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

P: AMEN

The Kyrie

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Lord, have mercy.

C: Christ, have mercy.

P: Christ, have mercy.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Lord, have mercy.

The Gloria

All: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth, Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father, we worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. 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.

Opening Prayer

All-powerful and ever-living God, you raised the sinless Virgin Mary, mother of your Son, body and soul to the glory of heaven. May we see heaven as our final goal and come to share her glory.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

11:19; 12:1-6. 10

First Reading

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

A woman adorned with the sun, standing on the moon.

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."

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 44:10-12. 16. R v. 10

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

1. 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. **R**
2. 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. **R**

Second Reading

15:20-26

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Christ as the first-fruits and then those who belong to him.

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 destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet. This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Mary has been taken up into heaven; all the choirs of angels are rejoicing.

Alleluia!

Gospel

1:39-56

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The Almighty has done great things for me, he has exalted the lowly.

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 Elizabeth 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Nicene Creed

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 men and for our salvation he came down from heaven: (*all bow*) by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He 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.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn

1. Look upon our offerings,
look within our hearts.
Lord, accept our ev'rything,
make us one with you.
*Here in this Mass, Lord,
we find our giving,
then in our lives, Lord,
you'll go on living.*
2. What have we to offer you,
Lord of heaven and earth?
Lord, accept our nothingness,
make us one with you.



The Offering

(If no song is sung, then the people may make the responses to the prayer of offering given here.)

- C:** Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.
- P:** Blessed be God for ever.
- C:** Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.
- P:** Blessed be God for ever.
- C:** Pray, brethren, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
- P:** 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.

Prayer over the gifts

Lord, receive this offering of our service. You raised the Virgin Mary to the glory of heaven. By her prayers, help us to seek you and to live in your love.

Eucharistic Prayer

- C:** The Lord be with you.
- P:** And also with you.
- C:** Lift up your hearts.
- P:** We lift them up to the Lord.
- C:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- P:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Acclamation

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, 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.

Memorial Acclamation

- C:** Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
- P:** Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

Communion Rite

- C:** Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Saviour gave us:
- All:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.
- C:** Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
- All:** For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Breaking of the Bread

- All:** 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.
- C:** This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.
- All:** Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

Communion Antiphon

All generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me.

Communion Hymn

1. Hail Queen of heaven, the ocean star,
guide of the wanderer here below,
thrown on life's surge we claim Thy care;
save us from peril and from woe.
Mother of Christ, star of the sea,
pray for the wanderer, pray for me. (2x)

2. O gentle, chaste and spotless maid,
we sinners make our prayers through Thee;
remind Thy Son that He has paid
the price of our iniquity.
Virgin most pure, star of the sea,
pray for the sinner, pray for me. (2x)
3. And while to Him who reigns above
in Godhead One, in Persons Three,
the source of life, of grace, of love,
homage we pay on bended knee.
Do thou, bright Queen, star of the sea,
pray for Thy children, pray for me. (2x)

*Let's sing to our Mother
as we would sing to our love;
Mother in heaven
yet Mother with us on earth.*

1. Mary we love you, Mary we praise you;
you are the joy of the earth.
Angels revere you, saints gather near you;
heaven rejoiced at your birth.
2. Virgin most prudent, daughter of Sion;
bright as the morning star.
Fair as the moonbeams, clear as the sunshine;
your splendour reaches afar.
3. Fairest of creatures, purest of virgins;
you are our pride and our boast.
Bringing the Saviour, conquering evil;
guiding the sinner when lost.
4. Child of the Father, mother of Jesus;
bride of the Spirit of love.
Reigning triumphant, leading your children
home to heaven above.

Ending:

*Let's sing to our Mother as we would sing to our love.
Day after day recalling, recalling her goodness and beauty.
For she is our Mother and she is our love.
Mother in heaven yet mother with us on earth.*

Prayer After Communion

Lord,
may we who receive this sacrament of salvation be led to the glory of heaven
by the prayers of the Virgin Mary.

Concluding Rite

- C:** The Lord be with you.
- P:** And also with you.
- C:** May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.
- P:** Amen.
- C:** The Mass is ended, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
- P:** Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn

1. As I kneel before you, as I bow my head in prayer,
Take this day, make it yours and fill me with your love.
*Ave, Maria, gratia plena,
Dominus tecum, benedicta tu.*
2. All I have I give you, every dream and wish are yours;
Mother of Christ, mother of mine, present them to my Lord.
3. As I kneel before you, and I see your smiling face,
Every thought, every word, is lost in your embrace.

HE HAS EXULTED THE LOWLY

