

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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INTRODUCTORY RITE

Entrance Antiphon

I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God; for he has clothed me in the garment of salvation and robed me in the cloak of justice, like a bride adorned with her jewels.

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.

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

Father, you prepared the Virgin Mary to be the worthy mother of your Son. You let her share beforehand in the salvation Christ would bring by his death, and kept her sinless from the first moment of her conception. Help us by her prayers to live in your presence without sin.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

3:9–15. 20

A reading from the book of Genesis

I will make enemies of your offspring and the offspring of the woman.

After Adam had eaten of the tree the Lord God called to him, "Where are you?" he asked. "I heard the sound of you in the garden," he replied. "I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid." "Who told you that you were naked?" he asked. "Have you been eating of the tree I forbade you to eat?" The man replied, "It was the woman you put with me; she gave me the fruit, and I ate it." Then the Lord God asked the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman replied, "The serpent tempted me and I ate."

Then the Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, Be accursed beyond all cattle, all wild beasts. You shall crawl on your belly and eat dust every day of your life. I will make you enemies of each other: you and the woman, your offspring and her offspring. It will crush your head and you will strike its heel."

The man named his wife "Eve" because she was the mother of all those who live.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:1–4. R̥ v. 1

R̥ Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. R̥
2. The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. R̥
3. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. R̥

Second Reading

1:3–6. 11–12

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians

Before the world was made, God chose us in Christ.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determining that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved. And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

cf. Lk 1:28

Alleluia, alleluia!

Hail, Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee! Blessed art thou among women.

Alleluia!

Gospel

1:26–38

C: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

C: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, "Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you." She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, "Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end." Mary said to the angel, "But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?" "The Holy Spirit will come upon you" the angel answered "and the power of the Most High will come over you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called the Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God." "I am the handmaid of the Lord," said Mary "let what you have said be done to me." And the angel left her.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. 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, accept this sacrifice on the feast of the sinless Virgin Mary. You kept her free from sin from the first moment of her life. Help us by her prayers, and free us from our sins.

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 honour to you, Mary! From you arose the sun of justice, Christ our God.



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)
1. My soul proclaims the Lord my God,
my spirit sings his praise!
He looks on me, he lifts me up,
and gladness fills my days.
 2. All nations now will share my joy,
his gifts he has outpoured.
His little one he has made great;
I magnify the Lord.
 3. For those who love his holy name
his mercy will not die.
His strong right arm puts down the proud
and lifts the lowly high.
 4. He fills the hungry with good things,
the rich he sends away.
The promise made to Abraham
is filled to endless day.
 5. Magnificat, magnificat,
magnificat, praise God!
Praise God, praise God, praise God, praise God,
magnificat, praise God!

Prayer After Communion

Lord our God,
in your love, you chose the Virgin Mary and kept her free from sin. May this sacrament of your love free us from our sins.

Concluding Rite

- C:** The Lord be with you.
- P:** And also with you.

SOLEMN BLESSING

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

Born of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Son of God redeemed mankind. May he enrich you with his blessings.

R: Amen.

You received the author of life through Mary. May you always rejoice in her loving care.

R: Amen.

You have come to rejoice at Mary's feast. May you be filled with the joys of the Spirit and the gifts of your eternal home.

R: Amen.

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

R: Amen.

The Mass is ended, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

R: 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.