

**Prayer over the Offerings**

May this oblation, our tribute of homage, rise up to you, O Lord, and, through the intercession of the most Blessed Virgin Mary,

whom you assumed into heaven, may our hearts, aflame with the fire of love, constantly long for you... **Amen.**

**The Eucharistic Prayer**

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.**

*The priest gives praise to God and all acclaim:*

**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.**

*After the Consecration we acclaim the mystery of faith:*

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again.**

*or*

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

*or*

**Save us, Saviour of the world,  
for by your Cross and Resurrection  
you have set us free.**

*At the end of the Eucharistic Prayer: Amen.*

**The Communion Rite**

**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.**

Deliver us...

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

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And with your spirit.**

**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.**

Behold the Lamb of God...

**Lord, I am not worthy  
that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word  
and my soul shall be healed.**

**Communion Antiphon**

**All generations will call me blessed,  
for he who is mighty has done great things  
for me.**

**Prayer after Communion**

Having received the Sacrament of salvation,  
we ask you to grant, O Lord,  
that, through the intercession of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary,  
whom you assumed into heaven,  
we may be brought to the glory of the  
resurrection... **Amen.**

**THE CONCLUDING RITES**

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**

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

*At the end of Mass the people respond:*  
**Thanks be to God.**

**THE INTRODUCTORY RITES**

**Entrance Antiphon**

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

*or*

**Let us all rejoice in the Lord,  
as we celebrate the feast day in honour of  
the Virgin Mary,  
at whose Assumption the Angels rejoice  
and praise the Son of God.**

*All make the Sign of the Cross as the priest says:*

**Priest** In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**People** Amen.

*The priest greets the people in one of these ways:*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

**And with your spirit.**

*or*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**And with your spirit.**

*or*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

**Penitential Act**

*One of the following acts of penance is now made:*

**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,**

*(all strike their breast and say:)*

**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.**

*or*

Have mercy on us, O Lord.  
**For we have sinned against you.**

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.  
**And grant us your salvation.**

*or*

Lord, have mercy. *or* Kyrie, eleison.  
**Lord, have mercy. Kyrie, eleison.**

Christ, have mercy. *or* Christe, eleison.  
**Christ, have mercy. Christe, eleison.**

Lord, have mercy. *or* Kyrie, eleison.  
**Lord, have mercy. Kyrie, eleison.**

*After the absolution all respond: Amen.*

**The 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.**

## The Collect

Almighty ever-living God,  
who assumed the Immaculate Virgin Mary,  
the Mother of your Son,  
body and soul into heavenly glory,  
grant, we pray,  
that, always attentive to the things that are  
above,  
we may merit to be sharers of her glory...  
**Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Reading** Apocalypse 11:19; 12:1-6. 10  
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."  
The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm** Psalm 44

**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** 1 Corinthians 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.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

**Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according  
to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel** Luke 1:39-56

*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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**The Homily**

**The 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,**

*(all bow during the next three lines)*

**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.**

*The bidding prayers now follow:*

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

**THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

*If the prayers of blessing are said aloud the  
people acclaim each time:*

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters)...

**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.**