

'Thy Kingdom Come'

Propers for a Eucharist of Mary, Mother of the Mission of the Church

Entrance Antiphon

The disciples were constantly at prayer together, with Mary, the Mother of Jesus.
(Alleluia.)

Acts 1.14

Prayers of Penitence

Christ calls us to share the banquet of his love with all the saints in earth and heaven.
Knowing our unworthiness and sin, let us ask from him both mercy and forgiveness.

You do great things for us, and holy is your name:

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

You have mercy on those who fear you in every generation:

Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

You cast the mighty from their thrones and lift up the lowly:

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Collect

God of mercies,
your only Son, while hanging on the cross,
appointed the Blessed Virgin Mary, his mother,
to be our mother also.

Like her, and under her loving care,
may your Church grow day by day,
rejoice in the holiness of its children,
and draw the peoples of the earth to your saving love.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

1: 12-14

They joined in continuous prayer with Mary the mother of Jesus

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Isaiah 12: 2-3, 4-6

R. Among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

- 1.) Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear.
For the Lord is my strength, my song,
he became my saviour.
With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. **R/.**
- 2.) Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!
Declare the greatness of his name. **R/.**
- 3.) Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds,
make them known to all the earth!
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **R/.**

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment
of what was spoken to her by the Lord.

Alleluia.

Gospel

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

1: 39-56

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

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

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.'

And Mary remained with her for about three months and then returned to her home.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Intercessions

As we pray to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we say with Mary:

Lord, have mercy on those who fear you.

Holy is your name.

All or some of these petitions may be used

Your prophet of old foretold a day when a virgin would conceive
and bear a son who would be called God-with-us.

Help us to look forward to your deliverance

and to seek the fullness of your kingdom.

Lord, have mercy on those who fear you.

Holy is your name.

Your angel declared to Mary that she was to be
the mother of the Saviour.

Help [... and] every Christian person to be open to your word
and obedient to your will.

Lord, have mercy on those who fear you.

Holy is your name.

Mary rejoiced with Elizabeth and sang your praise,
'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord.'

Help us to live joyful lives that sing your praise.

Lord, have mercy on those who fear you.

Holy is your name.

Mary bore a son of David's line,
a king whose reign would never end.

Bless [... and] all the nations of the world with Christ's gift of peace.

Lord, have mercy on those who fear you.

Holy is your name.

The child Jesus grew in wisdom and stature
in the home of Mary and Joseph.

Strengthen our homes and families,

and keep under your protection [... and] all those whom we love.

Lord, have mercy on those who fear you.

Holy is your name.

At the foot of the cross of Christ stood his mother,
and from the cross she received his lifeless body in her arms.

Give comfort and healing to [... and] all who suffer
and all who watch the suffering of those they love.

Lord, have mercy on those who fear you.

Holy is your name.

The apostle John saw a vision of a woman in heaven,
robed with the sun.

Bring us with [... and] all those who have died in the faith of Christ
to share the joy of heaven with Mary and all the saints.

Lord, have mercy on those who fear you.

Holy is your name.

Almighty and everlasting God,
your handmaid Mary magnified your name
and rejoiced in your saving love:
trusting in that same love,
we ask all these our prayers
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Introduction to the Peace

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
All **and also with you.**

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, accept our gifts
and make them the sacrament of our salvation.
By its power warm our hearts
with the love of the Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church,
and join us more closely with her
in sharing the redeeming work of her Son.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Extended Preface

Father, all powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks;
we especially praise you and proclaim your glory
as we honour the Blessed Virgin Mary.
She received your Word in the purity of her heart,
and, conceiving in her virgin womb,
gave birth to our Saviour
and so nurtured the Church at its very beginning.
She accepted God's parting gift of love
as she stood beneath the cross
and so became the mother of all who were brought to life
through the death of her Son.
She joined her prayers with those of the apostles,
as together they awaited the coming of your Spirit,
and so became the perfect pattern of your Church at prayer.
Raised to the glory of heaven,
she cares for the pilgrim Church with a mother's love,
following its progress homeward
until the day of the Lord dawns in splendour.
Now, with all the angels and saints,
we proclaim your glory
and join in their unending hymn of praise.

Communion antiphon

Blessed are you, Mary, full of grace, mother and virgin;
you are a shining example of faith, hope and love to the Church.

Post Communion

Lord,
we have received the foretaste and promise
of the fullness of redemption.
We pray that your Church,
through the intercession of the Virgin Mother,
may proclaim the gospel to all nations
and by the power of the Spirit
reach to the ends of the earth.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Blessing

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary,
fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**