

SUNDAY, August 15, 2021

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Prayer for the Morning

Come, let us rejoice with the angels in the Assumption of the Virgin Mary.

Glory to the Father... Amen. Alleluia!

Hymn

Meter: LM

Just like the morning's dawning bright
She rises to the heav'nly height,
Maria, splendid as the sun,
Just like the moon, most lovely one.
Today, the queen of all the earth,
Who to that Son has given birth—
Who is, before the daystar shone—
Ascends unto her glorious throne.
Assumed above the angels, higher
Than every heav'nly angel choir
This single woman has outrun
The merits all the saints have won.
The One whom in her womb she fed,
And laid within a manger bed,
She sees as Lord of everything,
Now in his Father's glory, King.
Virgin of virgins, intercede
And with your Son with fervor plead:
He took up what is ours through you.
May what is his come through you, too.

Canticle of Isaiah

61:10-11; 62:2-3

Adorn yourself with grandeur and majesty, / and array yourself with glory and splendor. (Jb 40:10)

Through the power of his Resurrection, Christ has adorned Mary with the robe of his own grandeur and majesty, and arrayed her with glory and splendor. These garments of salvation are the revelation and crown of the holiness with which she lived her life on earth.

I rejoice heartily in the Lord,
in my God is the joy of my soul;
for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation,
and wrapped me in a mantle of justice,
like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem,
like a bride bedecked with her jewels.
As the earth brings forth its plants,
and a garden makes its growth spring up,
so will the Lord God make justice and praise
spring up before all the nations.

Nations shall behold your vindication,
and all kings your glory;
you shall be called by a new name
pronounced by the mouth of the Lord.
You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the Lord,
a royal diadem held by your God.

Word of God

1 Corinthians 15:53-54

That which is corruptible must clothe itself with incorruptibility, and that which is mortal must clothe itself with immortality. And when this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality, then the word that is written shall come about:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. (Rv 12:1)

Canticle of Zechariah

Who is this that comes forth like the dawn, / as beautiful as the moon, as resplendent as the sun?
(Sg 6:10)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

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

Glory to the Father...

Intercessions

Let us praise Jesus Christ, our Savior, who crowned his Mother with glory:

R/ Jesus, Son of Mary, hear us!

Sun of Justice, the Virgin went before you as the dawn goes before the day: make us walk by your light. **R/**

Source of our salvation, Mary heard your Word in love and kept it in faith: make us servants of your saving work. **R/**

Only Begotten Son of God, the Mother received you with joy and followed you in fidelity: make us faithful in word and deed. **R/**

Personal intentions

Our Father....

Blessed are you, O God, in the Virgin Mary.
Through her, your Son came into the world.
Through him, she entered into the new world of your glory. Come and sow in our bodies the gift of eternal life, so that one day we may enter with her into your kingdom through Christ, your Son and Son of Mary, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

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Reading 1 Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab

God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant could be seen in the temple.

A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was with child and wailed aloud in pain as she labored to give birth. Then another sign appeared in the sky; it was a huge red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on its heads were seven diadems. Its tail swept away a third of the stars in the sky and hurled them down to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman about to give birth, to devour her child when she gave birth. She gave birth to a son, a male child, destined to rule all the nations with an iron rod. Her child was caught up to God and his throne. The woman herself fled into the desert where she had a place prepared by God.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have salvation and power come, and the Kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Anointed One."

Reading 2 1 Corinthians 15:20-27

Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man.

For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the Kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death, for "he subjected everything under his feet."

Gospel

Luke 1:39-56

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed; the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him, in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, and has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel, for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever."

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

Men of St. Joseph Prayer

St. Joseph, help me to be like you. Help me to be obedient to the teachings of the Church and faithful to God's commands. Help me to patiently endure my cross each day. Let me be a model of holiness and a pillar of virtue. I solemnly promise to embrace God's will and I accept the challenge to work tirelessly for my family's salvation. Be my guide and companion on this journey. St. Joseph, terror of demons, pray for us!

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