

# ASSUMPTION OF THE B.V. MARY

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*cf. Rev 12:1*

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.

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

FIRST READING

**A reading from the book  
of the Apocalypse**

11:19-212:1-6, 10

*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.**

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

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

15:20-26

*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.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

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

*Alleluia!*

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GOSPEL

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to 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? From 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'

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APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
(*All bow for the following*)  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come 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.

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COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Lk 1:48-49*

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