

The May Festival of Our Lady (Visitation) Solemn Mass with Outdoor Procession

Prelude

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The Gathering of the People

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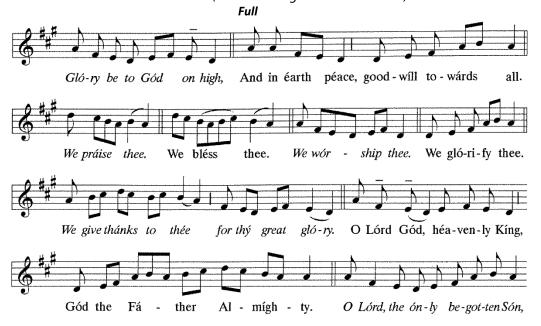
Introit

Rejoice we all, and praise the Lord, celebrating a holy day in honour of the Virgin Mary, for whose festival the angels are joyful, and glorify the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia. Ps. My heart is inditing of a goodly matter; I speak of the things which I have made unto the King. Glory be ... Rejoice ...

Blessing of Our Lady's Wreath of Flowers

Kyrie eleison *Missa Cum Jubilo (Gregorian chant) Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

Gloria in Excelsis MISSA DE ANGELIS (The choir sings the text in italics.)





Celebrant: Let us pray. Father in heaven, by whose grace the Virgin Mother of thine incarnate Son was blessed in bearing him, but still more blessed in keeping thy word: Grant us who honour the exaltation of her lowliness to follow the example of her devotion to thy will; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading 1 Samuel 2:1–10

Hannah prayed and said, 'My heart exults in the Lord; my strength is exalted in my God. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in my victory. 'There is no Holy One like the Lord, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God. Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. The bows of the

mighty are broken, but the feeble gird on strength. Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry are fat with spoil. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn. The Lord kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up. The Lord makes poor and makes rich; he brings low, he also exalts. He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honour. For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and on them he has set the world. 'He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness; for not by might does one prevail. The Lord! His adversaries shall be shattered; the Most High will thunder in heaven. The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king, and exalt the power of his anointed.'

Lector: The word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

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

Second Reading Romans 12:9–16

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are.

Lector: The word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

Alleluia. Alleluia. Blessed art thou, O holy Virgin Mary, and most worthy of all praise, for out of thee hath arisen the Sun of righteousness, Christ our God. Alleluia.

Please stand.

Sequence Hymn



Assistant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And with thy spirit.

Assistant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory be <u>to</u> thee, O Lord.

Gospel Reading Luke 1:39–57

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.

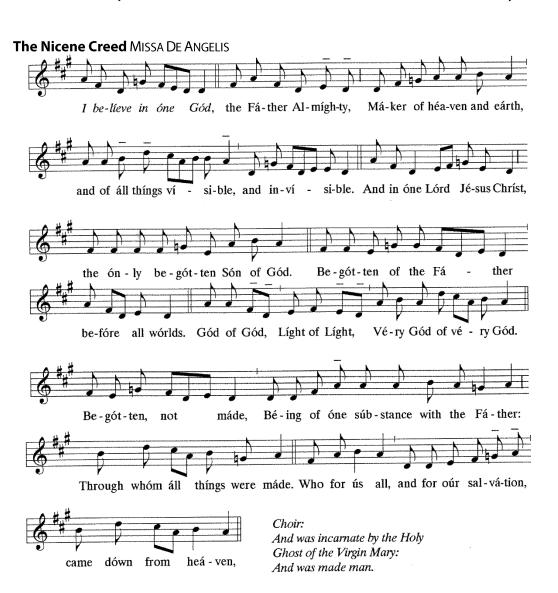
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought 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. Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son.

Assistant: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Homily

After the homily, we sit in silent reflection. Please stand when those in the sanctuary stand.





Prayers of the People



The Peace



Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be al-ways with you.



People: And with thy spir-it.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Tr Laurence Housman 1865-1959



NOW in holy celebration
Sing we of that Mother blest,
In whose flesh for our salvation
God incarnate deigned to rest,
When her cousin's salutation
Named in faith the mystic guest.

2* Lo, the advent Word confessing, Spake for joy the voice yet dumb, Through his mother's lips addressing Her, of motherhood the sum, Bower of beauty, blest and blessing, Crowned with fruit of life to come.

'Whence,' she cried, at that fair meeting, 'Comes to me this great reward? For when first I heard the greeting Of the Mother of my Lord, In my womb, the joy repeating, Leapt my babe in sweet accord!'

Lo, at that glad commendation
Joy found voice in Mary's breast
While in holy exultation
She her Maker's power confessed,
At whose word each generation
Now henceforward names her blest.

Triune Godhead, health supplying,
Ruler of eternity,
On the fount of grace relying,
We uplift our hearts to thee,
Praying that in realms undying
We at one with Life may be. Amen.

Please be seated.

Offertory Sentence

Blessed art thou, O Virgin Mary, who didst bear the Creator of all things; thou broughtest forth him who made thee, and for ever remainest a virgin.

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Celebrant: Pray, my brothers and sisters, that this, my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to

God the almighty Father.

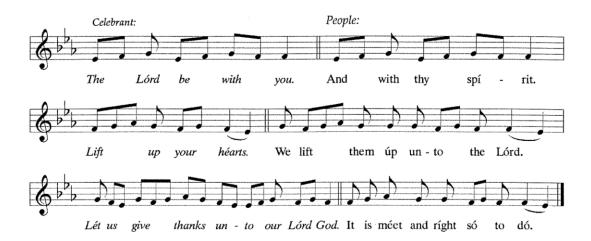
People: The Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his holy

name, to our benefit and that of all his holy Church.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O merciful God, who didst accept the love of the blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of thy Son Jesus Christ: Receive, we beseech thee, our gifts and oblations this day, that we may partake of his divinity, who did assume the fullness of our humanity, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.



Celebrant: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, creator and preserver of all things; because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory, in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; through whom, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and saying:

At the sound of the bells, please kneel or remain standing.

Sanctus *Missa Cum Jubilo (Gregorian chant)*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, who didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the body and blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

People: We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee, and we pray to thee, Lord our God.

Celebrant: And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this holy communion may worthily receive the most precious body and blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

People: Amen.

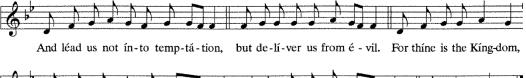
The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

Our Fá-ther, who art in héav-en: Hál-low - ed be thý Name: Thy Kíng-dom cóme:

Thý will be dóne, on éarth as it is in héa - ven. Gíve us this dáy our dái-ly bréad.

And for-give us our trés-pass-es, as we for-give them that trés-pass a-gáinst us.





The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **People:** Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei Missa Cum Jubilo, (Gregorian chant)

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: grant us thy peace.

The Communion

You are invited to come forward to receive communion, standing or kneeling. All who are baptized, regardless of age or denomination, are welcome to receive. If you wish to receive a gluten-free host at communion, please indicate this to the priest distributing communion. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please indicate this to the priest by crossing your arms across your chest.

Communion Sentence

All generations shall call me blessed, for he that is mighty hath magnified me. (Following the Communion Sentence the Ritual Choir sings the Magnificat, Luke 1:46–55).

Motet Regina Caeli, Giacomo Finetti

Regina Caeli laetare, alleluia, quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia, resurrexit sicut dixit, alleluia, ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia. Be joyful, Queen of Heaven, alleluia; he whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia, has arisen as he said, alleluia; pray to God for us, alleluia.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Please stand.

Grant, we beseech thee, O God, that we who have been nourished by thy gifts in this mystery may alway magnify thy holy Name for the great things that thou hast done for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

The Procession of the Statue of Our Lady

Assistant: Let us go forth in peace. Alleluia!

People: In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia!

The congregation follows the Sacred Ministers in the procession through the neighbourhood, singing hymn in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Meanwhile, we invite those of you watching from home to join in saying the Regina Caeli.

Regina Caeli

Assistant: Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven. Alleluia! **People:** He who thou was meet to bear. Alleluia!

Assistant: As he promised, hath arisen. Alleluia!

People: Pour for us to God thy prayer. Alleluia!

Assistant: Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia!

People: For the Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Assistant: Let us pray.

O God, who by the resurrection of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ hast vouchsafed to give joy to the whole world: Grant, we beseech thee, that by the intercession of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary we may be delivered from present sadness and come to the fruition of eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee

and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

Thank you for joining us online for our May Festival of our Lady!

Celebrant Father Eric Beresford Assistant Father Theo Ipema Homilist Father Nathan Humphrey Sub-Deacon Mark Stenabaugh

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