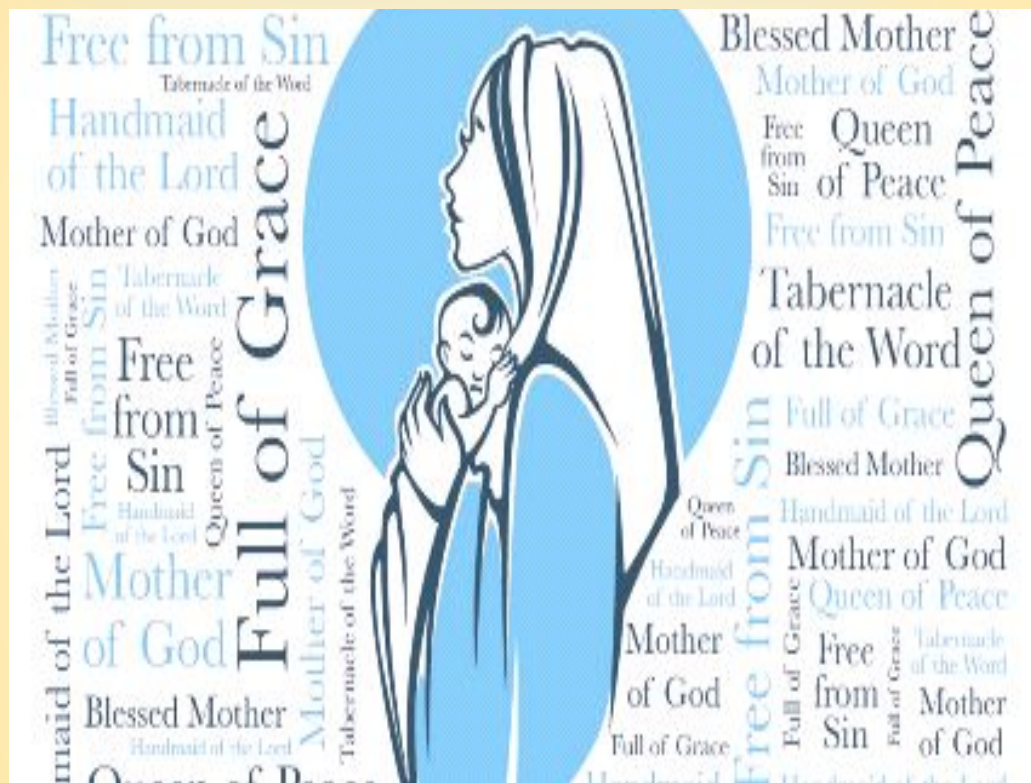




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# *Holy Mary Mother of God*



# The Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

## Gathering Song

### SONG OF MARY

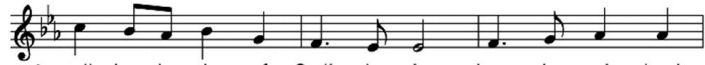
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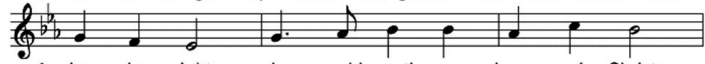
1. Let us sing the prais-es of Ma-ry, daugh-ter of Da-vid's
2. Let us sing the prais-es of Ma-ry, cho-sen as bless-ed
3. Let us sing the prais-es of Ma-ry, wom-an of strong and
4. Let us sing the prais-es of Ma-ry, pierced by the sword of
5. Let us sing the prais-es of Ma-ry, friend of the poor in



1. ho-ly line, she who heard the voice of an an-gel
2. from the least, she who heard the song of the an-gels
3. stead-fast love. She who raised the Sav-ior of na-tions
4. sor-row's pain, she who saw the child of her lov-ing
5. ev-'ry age, she who saw her Son and her Sav-ior



1. tell-ing the plan of God's de-sign, how in wis-dom's
2. fill-ing the night with heav-en's peace. When the prom-ised
3. held in her arms the Son of God. She who knew the
4. nailed on a cross to die in shame. Though his friends would
5. ris-en in glo-ry from the grave. Sin and death shall



1. ho-ly sight she would moth-er heav-en's Christ.
2. time had come she gave birth to God's own Son.
3. Fa-ther's grace taught her Son to know God's face.
4. flee in fear she re-mained for-ev-er near.
5. reign no more; Christ has o-pened heav-en's door.



- 1-5. Bless-ed be the name of Ma-ry, she who trust-ed the



- 1-5. love of God.



# Greeting

## **Penitential Act: *Confiteor***

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,  
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.

-AND/OR-

Lord have Mercy,  
Christ have Mercy,  
Lord have Mercy

# 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.  
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

# Liturgy of the Word

## 1st Reading Nm 6:22-27

The LORD said to Moses:

“Speak to Aaron and his sons and tell them:

This is how you shall bless the Israelites.

Say to them:

The LORD bless you and keep you!

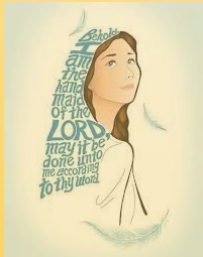
The LORD let his face shine upon  
you, and be gracious to you!

The LORD look upon you kindly and  
give you peace!

So shall they invoke my name upon the Israelites,  
and I will bless them.”.

The Word of the Lord,

**~Thanks be to God**



## **Responsorial Psalm** Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

**R. May God bless us in his mercy.**

May God have pity on us and bless us;  
may he let his face shine upon us.

So may your way be known upon earth;  
among all nations, your salvation.

**R. May God bless us in his mercy.**

May the nations be glad and exult  
because you rule the peoples in equity;  
the nations on the earth you guide.

**R. May God bless us in his mercy.**

May the peoples praise you, O God;  
may all the peoples praise you!

May God bless us,  
and may all the ends of the earth fear him!

**R. May God bless us in his mercy.**

## 2nd Reading Gal 4:4-7

Brothers and sisters:

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his  
Son,  
born of a woman, born under the law,  
to ransom those under the law,  
so that we might receive adoption as sons.  
As proof that you are sons,  
God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts,  
crying out, “Abba, Father!”  
So you are no longer a slave but a son,  
and if a son then also an heir, through God.

The Word of the Lord,

**~Thanks be to God**





## **Alleluia**

**R. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

In the past God spoke to our ancestors  
through the prophets;  
in these last days, he has spoken to us  
through the Son.

**R. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

## **Gospel Lk 2:16-21**

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem  
and found Mary and Joseph,  
and the infant lying in the manger.

When they saw this,  
they made known the message  
that had been told them about this child.

All who heard it were amazed  
by what had been told them by the shepherds.

And Mary kept all these things,  
reflecting on them in her heart.

Then the shepherds returned,  
glorifying and praising God  
for all they had heard and seen,  
just as it had been told to them.

When eight days were completed for his circumcision,  
he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel  
before he was conceived in the womb.

The Gospel of the Lord,

**~ Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

## 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,  
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.**

**Universal Prayer: Prayers of Petition**

~ Lord, hear our prayers

# Offertory Song:

## ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH/ ÁNGELES CANTANDO ESTÁN

GLORIA

Verses



1. An - gels we have heard on high Sweet-ly sing-ing o'er the plains,
2. Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro-long?
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4. See him in a man-ger laid Whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

1. *Án - ge - les can - tan - do es - tán Tan dul - cí - si - ma can - ción;*
2. *Los pas - to - res sin ce - sar Sus can - ta - res dan a Dios;*
3. *Hoy a - nun - cian con fer - vor Que ha na - ci - do el Sal - va - dor;*
4. *Oh, ve - nid pron - to a Be - lén Pa - ra con - tem - plar con fe*



1. And the moun-tains in re - ply Ech - o back their joy - ous strains.
2. Say what may the tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav'n-ly song.
3. Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new-born King.
4. Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, While we raise our hearts in love.

1. *Las mon - ta - ñas su e - co dan Co - mo fiel con - tes - ta - ción.*
2. *Cuán glo - rio - so es el can - tar De su me - lo - dio - sa voz.*
3. *Los mor - ta - les go - za - rán Paz y bue - na vo - lun - tad.*
4. *A Je - sús, Au - tor del bien, Al re - cién na - ci - do Rey.*

Refrain



Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!  
Glo - ri - a a Dios en el cie - lo.



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Text: 77 77 with refrain; trad. French Carol, ca. 18th cent.; tr. fr. *Crown of Jesus Music, II*, London, 1862;  
English tr. by James Chadwick, 1813–1882; Spanish tr., anon. Music: trad. French Carol.

# Liturgy of the Eucharist

## Eucharistic Acclamations:

R: Blessed be God forever

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R: 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

~\*~\*~\*~\*~\*~\*

R: And with your spirit

R: We lift them up to the Lord

R: It is right and just.

~\*~\*~\*~\*~\*~\*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

~\*~\*~\*~\*~\*~\*

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, Savior of the world,

for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free

~\*~\*~\*~\*~\*~\*

Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen

~\*~\*~\*~\*~\*~\*

**The Lord's Prayer**



# The Lord's Prayer

*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.*

~\*~\*~\*~\*~\*~

For the kingdom, the power and glory  
are yours now and forever.~Amen



## Sign of Peace

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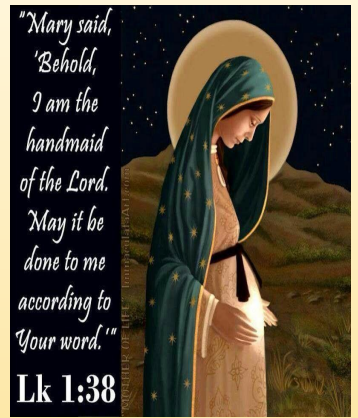
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.

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.

~\*~\*~\*~\*~\*~\*

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



## Spiritual Communion:

A photograph of a church altar. In the center is a red tabernacle with a glass door. To the left is a crucifix with a red cloth. To the right is a statue of the Virgin Mary in white. The altar is covered with a white cloth and has flowers. The background is a plain wall.

**My Jesus, I believe that you are present  
in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love you above all things,  
and I desire to receive you into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
Come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there  
And unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen.**



# Communion Song:

## O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

ST. LOUIS



1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry, And gath - ered all a - bove,
3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, The won - drous gift is giv'n!
4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem! De - scend to us, we pray;



1. A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by;
2. While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.
3. So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of his heav'n.
4. Cast out our sin and en - ter in; Be born in us to - day.



1. Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing Light:
2. O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
3. No ear may hear his com - ing, But in this world of sin,
4. We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;



1. The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
2. And prais - es sing to God the King, And peace to all on earth.
3. Where meek souls will re - ceive him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.
4. O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Em - man - u - el!

# Concluding Rite

## Closing Song:

### HAIL, HOLY QUEEN

SALVE REGINA COELITUM

Verses



1. Hail, ho - ly Queen en - throned a - bove; O Ma - ri - a! Hail,
2. Our life, our sweet - ness here be - low, O Ma - ri - a! Our
3. And when our life - breath leaves — us, O Ma - ri - a! Show

Refrain



1. moth - er of mer - cy and of love.
  2. hope — in sor - row and in woe.
  3. us — thy Son, Christ Je - sus.
- O Ma - ri - a! Tri - umph,



all ye cher - u - bim; Sing with us, ye ser - a - phim! Heav'n and earth re -



sound the hymn: Sal - ve, sal - ve, sal - ve, Re - gi - na!

Text: 84 84 with refrain; *Salve, Regina, mater misericordiae*, ca. 1080; tr. anon. in *Roman Hymnal*, 1884.

Music: Melchior Ludwig Herold, 1753–1810; *Choralmelodien zum Heiligen Gesänge*, 1808.



## **Vocations Prayer**

**Heavenly Father,**

**Bless our diocese with the grace of many vocations  
to the priesthood, diaconate and to religious life.**

**Through the intercession of the Blessed Mother,  
grant to those You have called**

**the willingness and the generosity of spirit  
to give of themselves in devoting their lives and their talents  
to the service of our Lord and to His Church.**

**Increase the faith of all within our diocese,  
and especially the faith of those You are calling.  
We ask this through Christ, Your Son our Lord.**

**~ Amen**

*Merry Christmas!!*



*And a blessed New Year!!!!*



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