

Sunday 16 August 2020

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary –
Mass of the Day**

Liturgical Colour: White.

Readings at Mass

These readings are for the day of the feast itself:

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.

Or:

Let us all rejoice in the Lord,
as we celebrate the feast day in honour of the Virgin
Mary,
at whose Assumption the Angels rejoice
and praise the Son of God.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
who assumed the Immaculate Virgin Mary, the
Mother of your Son,
body and soul into heavenly glory,
grant, we pray,
that, always attentive to the things that are above,
we may merit to be sharers of her glory.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

First reading

Apocalypse 11:19,12:1-6,10

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 44(45):10-12,16

On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold.

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.

On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold.

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.

On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 15:20-26

**A reading from the first Letter of St Paul to the
Corinthians**

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Mary has been taken up to heaven;
all the choirs of angels are rejoicing.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 1:39-56

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

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? For 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

Prayer over the Offerings

May this oblation, our tribute of homage,
rise up to you, O Lord,
and, through the intercession of the Most Blessed
Virgin Mary,
whom you assumed into heaven,
may our hearts, aflame with the fire of love,
constantly long for you.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Lk 1: 48-49

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

Prayer after Communion

Having received the Sacrament of salvation,
we ask you to grant, O Lord,
that, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin
Mary,
whom you assumed into heaven,
we may be brought to the glory of the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord.

Copyright © 1996-2020 Universalis Publishing Limited: see www.universalis.com. Scripture readings from the Jerusalem Bible are published and copyright © 1966, 1967 and 1968 by Darton, Longman & Todd, Ltd and Doubleday, a division of Random House, Inc, and used by permission of the publishers. Text of the Psalms: Copyright © 1963, The Grail (England). Used with permission of A.P. Watt Ltd. All rights reserved.