

Mary, Mother of God

Liturgical Colour: White.

Readings at Mass

Entrance Antiphon

Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King,
who rules heaven and earth for ever.

Or:

Cf. Is 9: 1, 5; Lk 1: 33

Today a light will shine upon us, for the Lord is
born for us;
and he will be called Wondrous God,
Prince of peace, Father of future ages:
and his reign will be without end.

Collect

O God, who through the fruitful virginity of Blessed
Mary
bestowed on the human race
the grace of eternal salvation,
grant, we pray,
that we may experience the intercession of her,
through whom we were found worthy
to receive the author of life,
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

Numbers 6:22-27

A reading from the book of Numbers

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, ‘Say this to Aaron
and his sons: “This is how you are to bless the sons
of Israel. You shall say to them:

May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord let his face shine on you and be
gracious to you.
May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you
peace.”

This is how they are to call down my name on the
sons of Israel, and I will bless them.’

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 66(67):2-3,5,6,8

R/ O God, be gracious and bless us.

1. God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. *R/*
 2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. *R/*
 3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. *R/*
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Second reading

Galatians 4:4-7

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son,
born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to
redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be
adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that
God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the
Spirit that cries, ‘Abba, Father’, and it is this that
makes you a son, you are not a slave any more; and
if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Heb1:1-2

Alleluia, alleluia!
At various times in the past
and in various different ways,
God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;
but in our own time, the last days,
he has spoken to us through his Son.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 2:16-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.

When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who in your kindness begin all good things and bring them to fulfilment,
grant to us, who find joy in the Solemnity of the
holy Mother of God,
that, just as we glory in the beginnings of your
grace,
so one day we may rejoice in its completion.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Heb 13: 8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and for
ever.

Prayer after Communion

We have received this heavenly Sacrament with joy,
O Lord:
grant, we pray,
that it may lead us to eternal life,
for we rejoice to proclaim the blessed ever-Virgin
Mary
Mother of your Son and Mother of the Church.
Through Christ our Lord.

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