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Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

15/16 August 2026

Introductory Rites

Gathering Song

Hail, Queen of heav'n (356)

Greeting & Introduction

Gloria

- 1 **Father, we love you,
we worship and adore you,
glorify your name in all the earth.
Glorify your name, glorify your name,
glorify your name in all the earth.**
- 2 **Jesus, we love you,
we worship and adore you,
glorify your name in all the earth...**
- 3 **Spirit, we love you,
we worship and adore you,
glorify your name in all the earth...**

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Collect

Gracious God,
you chose Mary to bear your incarnate Word,
and at her life's end
you brought her in body and spirit to heavenly glory.
Grant that like Mary
we may hear your word and keep it
and one day share with her
the risen life of Christ your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
R. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

(Rev 11: 19; 12: 1-6, 10)

A reading from the book of Revelation

God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple.

And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth. And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it. She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne, and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God.

And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, 'Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 35

**The queen stands at your right hand,
arrayed in gold.**

- 1 The queen takes her place at your right hand
in gold of Ophir.
- 2 Hear, O daughter, and see; turn your ear,
forget your people and your father's house.

Second Reading

(1 Cor 15: 20-27)

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

Brothers and Sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For 'God has put all things in subjection under his feet.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel

(Luke 1: 39-56)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.'

And Mary said,
'My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.
For behold, from now on
all generations will call me blessed;
for he who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
And 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 mighty from their thrones
and exalted those of humble estate;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his offspring for ever.'

And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Creed & Bidding Prayers

Please join in singing the refrain:

**Credo in unum Deum,
Credo in unum Deum.**
(I believe in one God)

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Anthem: Ave Maria – Simon Lindley (b. 1948)

Prayer over the Offerings

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

R. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

Mass of Hope – Bernadette Farrell (559)

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
Holy Lord, Holy Lord, God of hosts.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed, blessed, blessed, blessed is he
who comes in the name,
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

The Mystery of Faith

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.**

Communion Song

- 1 Hail, holy Queen enthroned above, O Maria!
Hail, Queen of mercy and of love, O Maria!

**Triumph all ye cherubim;
sing with us ye seraphim!
Heav'n and earth resound the hymn:
Salve, salve, salve, Regina!**
- 2 The cause of joy to all below, O Maria!
The spring through which all graces flow, O Maria!

**Angels all your praises bring;
earth and heaven with us sing!
All creation echoing:
Salve, salve, salve, Regina!**
- 3 O gentle, loving, holy one, O Maria!
The God of light became your Son, O Maria!

Triumph all ye cherubim...

Hermannus Contractus (11th century)

Prayer after Communion

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

R. Amen.

Concluding Rite

Final Song

Tell out my soul (880)

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