PREFACE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

VERE dignum et justum est, æquum et salutare, nos tibi semper, et ubique gratias agere: Domine sancte, Pater Omnipotens, æterne Deus: Et te in Festivitate beatæ Mariæ semper Virginis collaudare, benedicere et prædicare. Quæ et Unigenitum tuum Sancti Spiritus obumbratione concepit: et virginitatis gloria permanente, lumen æternum mundo effudit, Jesum Christum Dominum nostrum. Per quem majestatem tuam laudant Angeli, adorant Domininationes, tremunt Potestates Cœli, cœlorumque Virtutes, ac beata Seraphim, socia exsulatione concelebrant. Cum quibus et nostras voces, ut admitti jubeas, deprecamur, supplici confessione dicentes:

BEATA viscera Mariæ Virginis, quæ portaverunt æterni Patris Filium.

SUMPTIS, Dómine, salútis nostræ subsídiis: da, quæsumus, beátæ Maríæ semper Vírginis patrocíniis nos ubique prótegi; in cujus veneratióne hæc tuæ obtáúlimus majestáti. Per Dominum.

It is truly meet and just, right and availing unto salvation, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O holy Lord, Father almighty and everlasting God. That on the Festival of the blessed Virgin Mary, we should praise, bless and proclaim Thee. For she conceived Thine only-begotten Son by the over-shadowing of the Holy Ghost; and losing not the glory of her virginity, gave forth to the world the everlasting light, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through whom the angels praise Thy majesty, the Dominions worship it, and the powers stand in awe. The Heavens and the heavenly Hosts, and the blessed Seraphim join together in celebrating their joy. With these we pray Thee join our voices also, while we say with lowly praise:

COMMUNION

Blessed is the womb of the Virgin Mary, which bore the Son of the Eternal Father.

POSTCOMMUNION

Lord, grant, we beseech Thee, that, having received the aids of our salvation, we may always and everywhere be protected by the patronage of Blessed Mary ever virgin, in veneration of whom we have made this offering to Thy majesty. Through our Lord.

PROPER of the MASS

MOST HOLY NAME OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

September 12



Psalm 44, 13, 15-16

VULTUM tuum deprecabúntur omnes dívites plebis: adducéntur regi vírgines post eam: próximæ ejus adducéntur tibi in lætítia et exsultatióne. Ps. 44. 2. Eructávit cor meum verbum bonum: dico ego ópera mea Regi. Gloria Patri.

INTROIT

All the rich among the people shall entreat Thy countenance: after her shall virgins be brought to the King: her companions shall be brought to Thee in gladness and rejoicing. Ps. My heart hath uttered a good word: I speak my works to the King. Glory be to the Father.

CONCÉDE, quæsumus, omnipotens Deus: ut fidéles tui, qui sub sanctíssimæ Vírginis Maríæ nómine et protectióne lætántur, ejus pia intercessióne, a cunctis malis liberéntur in terris et ad gáudia ætérna perveníre mereántur in cœlis. Per Dominum.

Wisdom 24: 23-31

EGO quasi vitis fructificávi suavitátem odóris: et flores mei, fructus honóris et honestátis. Ego mater pulchræ dilectiónis, et timóris, et agnitiónis, et sanctæ spei. In me grátia omnis viæ et veritátis: in me omnis spes vitæ et virtútis. Transíte ad me omnes qui concupiscitis me, et a generationibus meis implémini. Spíritus enim meus super mel dulcis, et heréditas mea super mel et favum. Memória mea in generationes sæculórum. Qui edunt me, adhuc esúrient: et qui bibunt me, adhuc sítient. Qui audit me, non confundétur: et qui operántur in me, non peccábunt. Qui elúcidant me, vitam ætérnam habébunt.

Psalm 44, 12

BENEDICTA et venerabilis es, Virgo Maria: quæ sine tactu pudoris inventa es mater Salvatoris. V. Virgo Dei Genitrix, quem totus non capit orbis, in tua se clausit viscera factus homo.

COLLECT

Grant, we beseech Thee, O almighty God, that Thy faithful, happy under the invocation and protection of the most holy Virgin Mary, may, by her dear intercession, be delivered from all evils on earth and be worthy to attain unto eternal joys in heaven. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE

As the vine I have brought forth a pleasant odour, and my flowers are the fruit of honour and riches. I am the mother of fair love, and of fear, and of knowledge, and of holy hope. In me is all grace of the way and of the truth, in me is all hope of life and of virtue. Come over to me, all ye that desire me, and be filled with my fruits; for my spirit is sweet above honey, and my inheritance above honey and the honeycomb. My memory is unto everlasting generations. They that eat me, shall yet hunger; and they that drink me, shall yet thirst. He that harkeneth to me shall not be confounded, and they that work by me shall not sin. They that explain me shall have life everlasting.

GRADUAL

Thou art blessed and venerable, O Virgin Mary, who with purity unstained was found to be the Mother of our Saviour. V. Virgin Mother of God, He whom the whole world was unable to contain enclosed Himself in thy womb, being made man.



ALLELÚIA, allelúia. V. Post partum, Virgo invioláta permansísti: Dei Génitrix, intercéde pro nobis. Allelúia. Alleluia, alleluia. V. After childbirth thou didst remain a Virgin inviolate: Mother of God, intercede for us. Alleluia.

IN illo témpore: Missus est Angelus Gábriel a Deo in civitátem Galilææ. cui nomen Názareth, ad Vírginem desponsátam viro, cui nomen erat Joseph, de domo David, et nomen Vírginis María. Et ingréssus Angelus ad eam, dixit: Ave grátia plena: Dóminus tecum: benedícta tu in muliéribus. Quæ cum audísset, turbáta est in sermóne ejus: et cogitábat, qualis esset ista salutátio. Ét ait Angelus ei: Ne tímeas, María, invenísti enim grátiam apud Deum: ecce concípies in útero, et páries filium, et vocábis nomen ejus Jesum. Hic erit magnus, et Fílius Altíssimi vocábitur, et dabit illi Dóminus Deus sedem David patris eius: et regnábit in domo Jacob in ætérnum, et regni ejus non erit finis. Dixit autem María ad Angelum: Quómodo fiet istud, quóniam virum non cognósco? Et respóndens Angelus, dixit ei: Spíritus sanctus supervéniet in te, et virtus Altíssimi obumbrábit tibi. Ideóque et quod nascétur ex te Sanctum, vocábitur Fílius Dei. Et ecce Elísabeth cognáta tua, et ipsa concépit filium in senectúte sua: et hic mensis sextus est illi, quæ vocátur stérilis: quia non erit impossíbile apud Deum omne verbum. Dixit autem María: Ecce ancilla Dómini, fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum.

Luke 1: 28, 42

AVE, María, grátia plena: Dóminus tecum: benedícta tu in muliéribus, et benedíctus fructus ventrís tui.

TUA, Dómine, propitiatióne, et beátæ Maríæ semper Vírginis íntercessióne, ad perpétuam atque præséntem hæc oblátio nobis proficiat prosperitátem et pacem. Per Dominum.

At that time, the angel Gabriel was sent from God into a city of Galilee, called Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David: and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel being come in, said unto her: Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. Who having heard, was troubled at his saying and thought with herself what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said to her: Fear not, Mary, for thou hast found grace with God. Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb and shalt bring forth a son and thou shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great and shall be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of David his father: and he shall reign in the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there shall be no end. And Mary said to the angel: How shall this be done, because I know not man? And the angel answering, said to her: The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee. And therefore also the Holy which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And behold thy cousin Elizabeth, she also hath conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her that is called barren; because no word shall be impossible with God. And Mary said: Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it done to me according to thy word.

OFFERTORY

Hail Mary, full of grace: the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.

SECRET

By Thy mercy, O Lord, and the intercession of blessed Mary, ever virgin, may this oblation profit us unto eternal and present prosperity and peace. Through our Lord.