

PROFESSION OF FAITH*The Profession of Faith is said.***PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Receive, we pray, O Lord,
the sacrifice of conciliation and praise,
which we celebrate on the Assumption of the holy Mother of God,
that it may lead us to your pardon
and confirm us in perpetual thanksgiving.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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*Preface: The Glory of Mary assumed into heaven, page 70.***COMMUNION ANTIPHON** *cf Luke 11:27*

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

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having partaken of this heavenly table,
we beseech your mercy, Lord our God,
that we, who honour the Assumption of the Mother of God,
may be freed from every threat of harm.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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A solemn blessing may be used.**ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN — DURING THE DAY**

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
15 AUGUST

*If this Solemnity falls on a Sunday, it replaces the Sunday in Ordinary Time.
In certain territories, this Solemnity may be transferred to the nearest Sunday,
replacing the Sunday in Ordinary Time.*

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *cf Revelation 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.

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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. **Amen.**

FIRST READING *Apocalypse 11:19; 12:1–6, 10**A woman adorned with the sun, standing on the moon.*

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.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalms 44:10–12, 16 response v 10*

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

- 1 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.
- 2 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.

SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 15:20–26**Christ as the first-fruits and then, those who belong to him.*

Christ has been raised from the dead, asleep. Death came through one man
the first-fruits of all who have fallen 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.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Mary has been taken up into heaven;

all the choirs of angels are rejoicing.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 1:39–56

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Almighty has done great things for me, he has exalted the lowly.

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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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. Amen.

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COMMUNION ANTIPHON Luke 1:48–49

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

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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. Amen.

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EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



14 SEPTEMBER

*If this feast falls on a Sunday, it replaces the Sunday in Ordinary Time.
When the Feast is celebrated on a weekday there is only one reading before the Gospel.*

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf Galatians 6:14

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

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COLLECT

O God, who willed that your Only Begotten Son should undergo the Cross to save the human race, grant, we pray, that we, who have known his mystery on earth, may merit the grace of his redemption in heaven. 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. Amen.