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SUNDAY 16 AUGUST 2020

THE ASSUMPTION OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Year A

What are you looking forward to doing later today, or during this week?



ENTRANCE ANTIphon

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.

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...



We say these words
or sing a hymn as the
priest approaches
the altar.



We ask for God's help.
Listen now to the
priest as he offers
this prayer.



FIRST READING APOCALYPSE 11:19; 12:1-6. 10

The writer of this book
uses symbolic language
to give us a deep
meaning. At the start we
are told that God is here.
The ark of the covenant,
the place where God
lives, can be seen in the
heavens. A battle is taking

place between good
and evil, represented by
a ten-headed dragon
and a woman who is
giving birth. The baby is
born safely and is taken
straight to God where he
will rule. Goodness will
always win!

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN.

John's vision shows
the woman giving
birth to the saviour.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 44

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



The cantor or psalmist
sings or says the psalm.
Listen to the verses,
and then respond by
using these words.



SECOND READING 1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-26

Paul tells us in this
letter that Jesus brings
goodness and life into
the world. Many people
would say that death
is a bad thing, it is the
ultimate evil. But because
he died and then rose
again, Jesus has shown

us that death has no
power over him. Jesus'
goodness and power is
stronger than anything
bad, even death. The
great thing is that we
can share in Jesus'
life! Jesus' love is more
powerful than any evil.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN.

Jesus' resurrection
has destroyed death
and given us all life.



THINK

Mary's song in the Gospel
is known as the Magnificat.
This name comes from a
Latin word and says that
Mary's soul magnifies,
or glorifies God. Mary's
song is like Hannah's song
praising God for her son,
Samuel. A famous bishop
once said that Mary is
like "a magnifying glass
that intensifies our love
of her Son."

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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



We give a shout of
praise to God, using
these words taken
from the Bible.



GOSPEL LUKE 1:39-56

The Good News about Jesus is told to us by St Luke.

As soon as possible, Mary rushes to see her cousin Elizabeth. When Elizabeth hears Mary, the baby in her womb jumps for joy. Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit and calls out that Mary is the happiest of all women because her baby is so special. Mary believes in God's

promise and her trust in God means that God will come into the world in a new way. Mary sings a song, praising God for doing great things through her, even though she feels she does not deserve it. God's love is coming into the world and love will change everything.

STAND to LISTEN

to the priest or deacon as he prepares to read the Gospel. What does the priest or deacon do to the book when he has finished reading the Gospel?



PRAY

"He has come to the help of Israel."

What do you need to ask God to help you with? Have a chat with God about anything that is worrying you. Trust that God will answer your prayers.



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL



Dear Lord, I would like to pray for anyone who is expecting a baby. Please bless them and help their love for their baby to grow strong. Lord, hear my prayer.

Listen to the reader as he or she encourages us to pray for situations and people in need. Here is a prayer you could say privately.



OFFERTORY PROCESSION



As we take our gifts of bread, wine and money to the altar, think of a time this week when you were anxious and then think of a time when you were hopeful and happy.

Watch as the gifts are made ready and the priest washes his hands and prepares for the Eucharistic Prayer.

Say a little prayer offering these thoughts up to God.



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER



Today's special prayer thanks God for fulfilling all God's promises to us.

We listen to the prayer of praise and thanks to God.

What can you give special thanks for today?



THE LORD'S PRAYER



As the priest extends his hands, we say the prayer that Jesus taught us.

COMMUNION ANTIphon



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

You are invited to sing a Communion song or say this verse, which has been especially chosen for today's celebration.



MY PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, Jesus, for coming into my life and bringing life and love. Help me to share your love with everyone I meet this week. Amen.



ΙΧΘΥΣ

is the Greek word for "fish" and was used in the catacombs as a sign for early Christians. It is made up from the first letter of five Greek titles for the Lord:

- I (Jesus)
- X (Christos)
- Θ (Theou/God's)
- Y (Uios/Son)
- Σ (Soter/Saviour)



We take Jesus with us to carry on the work that he did on earth, until we meet again next Sunday.

Go in peace.



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