

# The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sung Eucharist

Book of Alternative Services (p. 185)

*Mary is honoured because she was the Mother of Jesus Christ, the Son of God — and because the Gospels testify that she was a virgin when she conceived and gave him birth. Their witness to such a wonder has generated much of the devotion that is paid to her. But it is not the only reason, for the evangelists also portray her as the archetype of all the people of God and the person who leads their praises of the Almighty.*

*In Luke's account of the Annunciation, Mary was perplexed by the meaning of God's word to her and yet chose to accept the wondrous service which it ordained her to accomplish. After the birth of her son, Mary continued to be puzzled whenever she met with a further sign of his divine origin or with hints of what he was meant to do. But she was always patient in her puzzlement; in Luke's words, "Mary treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart." The fruit of her pondering may be reflected in the fact that all the evangelists say that she followed her son from Galilee to Jerusalem and stood with the small company of women who witnessed his crucifixion. The Book of Acts adds that, after the resurrection, she shared in the disciples' community of prayer and watched with them for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.*

*An ancient tradition testifies that Mary was taken up in glory as soon as she died, and Christian devotion has never begrudged her the place of highest honour in the presence of God. It has delighted in the conviction that she who responded to God's perplexing call with praise must already enjoy the reward of faith — and that she who gave the Son of God his human life has received all the fullness of the eternal life which he was born to give.*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

INVOCATION

INTROIT SENTENCE

Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.

*Luke 11:28*

THE GRACE

(STAND)

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

**SILENCE**

KYRIE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

(KNEEL OR SIT)

*Please say or sing the KYRIE ELEISON after each of the three petitions.*

**Kyrie Eleison. Christe Eleison. Kyrie Eleison.** (MERBECKE: CP 678/HB C177)  
*or*

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

GLORIA

(STAND)

Glory be to God on high, (MERBECKE: CP 679)

**and in earth peace, good will towards men.**

**We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory, O Lord God, heavenly king, God the Father almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. You that takes away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. You that sits at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.**

**For you only are holy; you only are the Lord; you only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

THE COLLECT

(STAND)

**SILENCE**

Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

(SIT)

*After each reading, except the psalm, the reader says 'The Word of the Lord' and all respond: **Thanks be to God.***

First Reading – 1<sup>st</sup> Reader

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good."

ISAIAH 7:10-15

PSALM – 1<sup>ST</sup> READER

"The Ark! We heard it was in Ephratah; we found it in the fields of Jearim.

**Let us go to God's dwelling place; let us fall upon our knees before his footstool."**

Arise, O Lord, into your resting-place, you and the ark of your strength.

**Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; let your faithful people sing with joy.**

For your servant David's sake, do not turn away the face of your anointed.

**"If your children keep my covenant and my testimonies that I shall teach them, their children will sit upon your throne for evermore."**

For the Lord has chosen Zion, he has desired her for his habitation.

PSALM 132:6-10, 13-14

Second Reading – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reader

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

GALATIANS 4:4-7

GOSPEL (STAND)

Gospeller: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia (CP: 708)

**All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

Gospeller: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. MATTHEW 5:3

**All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

Gospeller: The Lord be with you. (TONE - BAS P.920 OR CP: 718)

**All: And also with you.**

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

**All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. 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 powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever." LUKE 1:46-55

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

SERMON (SIT)

THE NICENE CREED - BAS p.188 (STAND)

Celebrant: We believe in one God,

**All: the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the**

**third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (KNEEL OR SIT)

*The response will be announced.*

THE PEACE (STAND)

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER III - BAS P.198 (REMAIN STANDING)

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS (REMAIN STANDING)

God our Father, your handmaid Mary fed your Son at her virgin breast. Nourish us at this table with the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SURSUM CORDA (MUSIC - BAS P.921)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

THE PREFACE

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS (MERBECKE: CP 683/ HB C177)

**All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Glory be to you, O Lord most high.  
Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

THE EUCHARISTIC CANON (KNEEL OR STAND)

*Response to: 'Therefore, Father, according to his command' is: we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory; & at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer: Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray. Our Father in heaven,

**All: Hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen**

SILENCE

FRACTION SENTENCE

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All: We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

AGNUS DEI (MERBECKE: CP 685/ HB C177)

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
Have mercy upon us. Lamb of God, you take away  
the sin of the world: Have mercy upon us. Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: Grant us your peace.**

COMMUNION SENTENCE (KNEEL OR SIT)

Celebrant: Behold what we are.

**All: May we become what we receive.** St Augustine, Sermon 57

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (KNEEL OR SIT)

**Silence**

God most high, whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh: we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption you visit us with your Holy Spirit and overshadow us by your power; strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SOLEMN BLESSING FOR THE ASSUMPTION (KNEEL)

RECESSIONAL HYMN

DISMISSAL (REMAIN STANDING)