

SANCTUS *Missa Assumpta est Maria* by **Palestrina** (see page 13 of the Mass book)

During the singing of the Sanctus, the Celebrant silently continues the:

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER I - The Roman Canon (see Mass book page 12) until the Consecration, which he will sing from the words: "*Quam oblationem*" halfway down p. 15

After the consecration all sing the Acclamation **Mortem tuam** - see Mass book page 18

Thereafter the Choir sings the "**Benedictus qui venit**" from the *Missa Assumpta est Maria* while the Celebrant quietly continues the Eucharistic Prayer until the final doxology: "*Per ipsum*", which he will sing aloud (see at the bottom of p. 19).

The Lord's Prayer - see Mass book page 21

AGNUS DEI *Missa Assumpta est Maria* by **Palestrina** (see page 23 of the Mass book)

K COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Beatam me dicent omnes
generationes, quia fecit mihi magna
qui potens est.

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

**Communion Motet; "O Sacrum
Convivium"** by **Francisco Guerrero
(1528-1599)**

*O sacred Banquet in which Christ is
received, the memory of His Passion is
renewed; the mind is filled with grace,
and the pledge of future glory is given to
us. Alleluia.*



L POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Sumptis, Domine, salutaribus
sacramentis, da, quaesumus, ut,
intercessione beatae Maria Virginis in
caelum assumptae, ad resurrectionis gloriam
perducamur. Per Christum Dominum
nostrum. Amen.

*Grant to us who have received the
sacraments of salvation, we beseech Thee O
Lord, that through the intercession of the
Blessed Virgin Mary taken up into heaven,
we may be brought to share the glory of the
resurrection.*

**YOU ARE VERY WELCOME TO TAKE THIS SHEET HOME
BUT PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE THE MASS BOOK**

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Today's solemnity is the oldest and greatest of the Feasts of Our Lady. The Church believes firmly that at the end of her life on earth, the sinless Mother of God was not allowed to know the penalty of sin, that is, separation of body and soul, and corruption of the body in death. As the Preface says: God "did not wish that she who had so wonderfully borne His Son, the author of all life made man, should endure the grave's corruption." In her Triumphant Journey, body and soul into the glory of heaven, the Church sees Mary as the first to share in her Son's resurrection. As our



picture shows, this is interpreted in today's Gradual (from psalm 44) as the arrival of the Queen 'in vesture of gold' whose 'beauty has been the King's desire'.

We rejoice in this wonderful mystery both because of the honour done to God's holy Mother, and because it is a sign of our own glory to come. As the Preface puts it so succinctly: "Today the Holy Virgin Mother of God has been taken up to heaven; to be the beginning and image of Thy Church's heavenly fulfilment, and a sure token of hope and comfort to a pilgrim People."

INTROIT

A Signum magnum apparuit in caelo: *A great sign appeared in heaven: the mulier amicta sole, et luna sub pedibus eius, et in capite eius corona stellarum duodecim.*

The Choir, having finished the Introit, immediately begin the Kyrie from the Missa "Assumpta est Maria" by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina 1525-1594. Meanwhile, the Sacred Ministers having arrived at the Altar genuflect and make the Sign of the Cross and the Introductory Rites, all in a subdued voice (see Mass book p. 3). They then ascend the steps and having kissed the Altar, the Celebrant incenses it in the usual way. Then all sit as the Sacred Ministers go to the Sedilia. When the Kyrie is finished, all stand as the Celebrant intones the Gloria, which is continued by the Choir. All sit again. At the end all stand as the Celebrant greets the people: Dominus vobiscum:

All reply: Et cum spiritu tuo

COLLECT

B Omnipotens sempiterne Deus, qui immaculatam Virginem Mariam, Filii tui Genetricem, corpore et anima ad caelestem gloriam assumpsisti, concede, quaesumus, ut, ad superna semper intenti, ipsius gloriae mereamur esse consortes. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum...Per omnia saecula saeculorum. Amen.

O Almighty and eternal God, who didst take up the Sinless Virgin Mary, Thy Son's Mother, body and soul into heaven; grant, we beseech Thee, that with our minds ever set on heavenly things, we may be worthy to share in her glory.

C First reading - from the Apocalypse.

Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of His covenant was seen within His temple; and a great portent 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 with child and she cried out in her pangs of birth, in anguish for delivery. And another portent appeared in heaven; behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems upon his heads. 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 bear a child, that he might devour her child when she brought it forth; she brought forth 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."

Verbum Domini. **R. Deo gratias.**

D GRADUAL

Audi, filia, et vide, et inclina aurem tuam: quia concupivit rex speciem tuam. V. Specie tua, et pulchritudine tua intende, prospere procede, et regna.

Hear, o daughter, and incline thine ear to me, for the king has desired thy beauty. In thy beauty and loveliness go forth, advance in prosperity, and reign.

E Second reading – from St. Paul's first Epistle to the Corinthians.

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.

Verbum Domini. **R. Deo gratias.**

F GOSPEL ALLELUIA

Assumpta est Maria in caelum: gaudet exercitus angelorum.

Mary has been taken up into heaven: the army of angels rejoices.

G GOSPEL – A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

At that time: Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a city of Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe 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 me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe 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 regarded the low estate of his handmaiden. For behold, henceforth 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 on those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm, he has scattered the proud in the imagination

of their hearts, he has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted those of low degree; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his posterity for ever." And Mary remained with her about three months, and returned to her home.

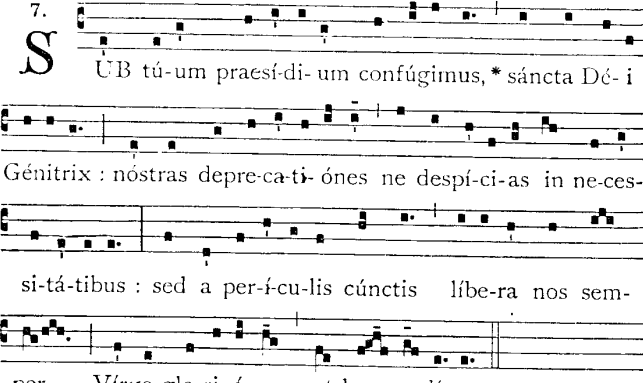
Verbum Domini. **R. Laus, tibi Christe.**

CREDO III (see page 27 of the Mass book)

At the end of the Bidding Prayers we sing this prayer to Our Lady.

We fly to thy protection, O holy Mother of God.

Despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us from all dangers, O ever glorious and blessed Virgin.

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S UB tú-um praesí-di-um confúgimus, * sáncta Dé-i
Génitrix : nōstras depre-ca-ti-ōnes ne despí-ci-as in ne-ces-
si-tá-tibus : sed a per-í-cu-lis cúnctis líbe-ra nos sem-
per, Vírgo glo-rí-ó-sa et be- ne-dícta.

The Offertory Motet is "Assumpta est Maria" by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

"Mary has been taken up into heaven; the Angels rejoice, they praise the Lord and bless Him."

H PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Ascendat ad te, Domine, nostrae devotionis oblatio, et, beatissima Virgine Maria in caelum assumpta intercedente, corda nostra, caritatis igne succensa, ad te iugiter aspirent Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

May the offering of our devotion rise up unto Thee, O Lord, and by the intercession of the most Blessed Virgin Mary taken up to heaven, may our hearts be on fire with the flame of love, and ever aspire unto Thee.

J PREFACE

Vere dignum et iustum est, aequum et salutare, nos tibi semper et ubique gratias agere: Domine, sancte Pater, omnipotens aeternae Deus: per Christum Dominum nostrum.

Quoniam in caelos hodie Virgo Deipara est assumpta, Ecclesiae tuae consummandae initium et imago, ac populo peregrinanti certae spei et solacii documentum; corruptionem enim sepulcri eam videre merito noluisti, quae Filium tuum, vitae omnis auctorem, ineffabiliter de se genuit incarnatum.

Et ideo, choris angelicis sociati, te laudamus, in gaudio confitentes:

It is truly meet and right and incumbent upon us for our salvation that we should always and everywhere give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty everlasting God.

For today the Holy Virgin Mother of God has been taken up to heaven; to be the beginning and image of Thy Church's heavenly fulfilment, and a sure token of hope and comfort to a pilgrim People. For Thou didst not wish that she who had so wonderfully borne Thy Son, the author of all life made man, should endure the grave's corruption.

And therefore, in company with the angelic choirs, we praise Thee, singing with joy: