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Agnus Dei - from Mass IX "Cum Jubilo



K COMMUNION ANTIPHON
 Gloriosa dicta sunt de te, Maria, quia ex te
 ortus est sol iustitiae, Christus Deus noster.

*Glorious things are said of thee, O
 Mary, because from thee was born the
 sun of righteousness, Christ our God.*

Communion Motet is Ave Maria by
 Robert Parsons (died 1570)

*"Hail, Mary! Full of grace! The Lord is
 with thee. Blessed art thou among
 women, and blessed is the fruit of thy
 womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God,
 pray for us sinners, now and at the hour
 of our death. Amen."*



L POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Sacramenta quae sumpsimus, Domine *May the Sacrament which we have*
 Deus noster, illius in nobis culpa vulnera *received, O Lord our God, repair in us*
 reparent, a qua immaculatam beatae Mariae *the wounds of that sin, from which Thou*
 Conceptionem singulariter praeservasti. Per *didst in a singular manner preserve the*
 Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen *Immaculate Conception of Blessed Mary.*

Organ Voluntary

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

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF OUR LADY

Today's Feast is one of the greatest of those dedicated to Our Lady. It recalls the way in which God chose her to be the Mother of His Son "before the creation began", as St. Paul puts it in the Second reading. It is important for us to understand that God's choice of Mary for this most exalted of all roles in no way compromised her freedom of will. Mary was as free in her will as were Adam and Eve before the fall, about which we hear in the first reading. But whereas Adam and Eve chose to disobey God at the devil's prompting and deceit, Mary chooses to obey God, as we hear in the Gospel. She is therefore the true "handmaid of the Lord", and the Church recognises her to be the "New Eve", who by her obedience undoes the harm done first



by Eve. As the New Eve, Mary is the Mother not only of Christ, but also of all those whom she received and accepted at the foot of the cross to be her spiritual children. But whereas birth from Eve brings us the curse of original sin, birth from Mary, the Mother of the

Church, brings us the life of grace in Christ her divine Son.

For this reason, the early Fathers of the Church noted that the name Eve, in Latin "EVA", can be reversed to give the Angel's greeting: "AVE", which in Latin means "Hail!". This is referred to in our picture. Father Caswall of this Oratory, rendered the idea as *"Eva's name reversing, 'stablish peace below'".*

INTROIT

A Gaudens gaudebo in Domino, et
 exsultabit anima mea in Deo meo; quia
 induit me vestimentis salutis, et indumento
 iustitiae circumdedit me, quasi sponsam
 ornatam monilibus suis. *Psalm.* Exaltabo te,
 Domine, quoniam suscepisti me; nec delectasti
 inimicos meos super me.

*I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, and my
 soul shall be joyful in my God; for He hath
 clothed me with the garments of salvation,
 and with the robe of justice He hath covered
 me, as a bride adorned with her jewels.
 Psalm I will extol Thee, O Lord, for Thou
 hast upheld me; and hast not made my
 enemies to rejoice over me.*

Introductory rite - see Mass book page 3.

Kyrie & Gloria from the Coronation Mass by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

COLLECT

B Deus, qui per immaculatam Virginis
 Conceptionem dignum Filio tuo habitaculum
 praeparasti, quaesumus, ut, qui ex morte eiusdem
 Filii tui praevisa, eam ab omni labe praeservasti,
 nos quoque mundos, eius intercessione, ad te
 pervenire concedas. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum
 Christum.....Per omnia saecula saeculorum. Amen. *pure hearts to Thee.*

*O God who, by the Immaculate
 Conception of the Virgin, didst make her
 a worthy habitation for Thy Son, and
 didst, by His foreseen death, preserve her
 from all stain of sin; grant, we beseech
 Thee, that through her intercession we
 may be cleansed from sin and come with*

First Reading is taken from the book of Genesis

C After Adam had eaten of the tree, the Lord God called to him. 'Where are you?' he asked. 'I heard the sound of you in the garden,' he replied. 'I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.' 'Who told you that you were naked?' he asked. 'Have you been eating of the tree I forbade you to eat?' The man replied, 'It was the woman you put with me; she gave me the fruit, and I ate it.' Then the Lord God asked the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman replied, 'The serpent tempted me and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, 'Be accursed beyond all cattle, all wild beasts You shall crawl on your belly and eat dust every day of your life. I will make you enemies of each other: You and the woman, Your offspring and her offspring. It will crush your head and you will strike its heel.' The man named his wife 'Eve' because she was the mother of all who live. Verbum Domini. **R. Deo gratias.**

D GRADUAL

Benedicta es tu, Virgo Maria, a Domino Deo excelso, prae omnibus mulieribus super terram. V. Tu gloria Jerusalem, tu laetitia Israel, tu honorificentia populi nostri.

Blessed art thou, O Virgin Mary, by the Lord the most high God above all women upon earth.. V. Thou art the glory of Jerusalem, thou art the joy of Israel, thou art the honour of our people.

E Second Reading is taken from St. Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determining that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ, for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved. And it is in him we were claimed as God's own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes before he came. Verbum Domini. **R. Deo gratias.**

F GOSPEL ALLELUIA

Tota pulchra es, Maria; et macula originalis non est in te. *Thou art all fair, O Mary, and there is in thee no stain of original sin.*

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

At that time: In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Hail, O favoured one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there will be no end." And Mary said to the angel, "How shall this be, since I have no husband?" And the angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, your kinswoman Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her. Verbum Domini. **R. Laus, tibi Christe.**

CREDO III—see Mass

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At the end of the Bidding Prayers we sing this ancient 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.

7. **S** UB tú-um praesí-di-um confúgimus, * sáncta Dó-i
Génitrix : nóstras depre-ca-ti-ónes ne despí-ci-as in ne-ces-
sí-tá-tibus : sed a per-í-cu-lis cúntis líbe-ra nos sem-
per, Vírgo glo-ri-ó-sa et be- ne-dícta.

Offertory Motet "Ave Maria" by Sir Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

"Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen."

H PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Salutarem hostiam, quam in sollemnitate Graciously accept, O Lord, the saving immaculatae Conceptionis beatæ victim which we offer on the solemn feast of Virginis Mariae tibi, Domine, offerimus, the sinless conception of the Virgin Mary, suscipe dignanter, et praesta, ut, sicut illam tua and grant that as we profess her to be gratia praeveniente ab omni labe profitemur preserved from all sin by means of Thy immunem, ita, eius intercessione, a culpis grace, so we may be set free from all our omnibus liberemur. Per Christum Dominum sins by her intercession. nostrum. Amen.

J PREFACE

Vere dignum et iustum est, aequum et salutare, nos tibi semper et ubique everywhere give Thee thanks, O Lord, Holy gratias agere: Domine, sancte Pater, Father, almighty and everlasting God. For omnipotens aeternae Deus; Thou hast preserved the most blessed Virgin Qui beatissimam Virginem Mariam ab omni Mary from all stain of original sin, so that, originalis culpae labe praeservasti, ut in ea, endowed with the fullness of Thy grace, She gratiae tuae plenitudine ditata, dignam Filio might be prepared to be the worthy mother of tuo Genetricem praeparares, et Sponsae eius Thy Son; and that she might be the sign of the Ecclesiae sine ruga vel macula formosae dawning beauty of the Church, His spouse signares exordium. without spot or stain. Purest of Virgins, she was Filium enim erat purissima Virgo datura, qui to bring forth Thy Son, the innocent Lamb who crimina nostra Agnus innocens aboleret; et would do away with our sins; and Thou didst ipsam prae omnibus tuo populo disponebas form her before all others to be Thy people's advocatam gratiae et sanctitatis exemplar. advocate of grace and example of holiness. And Et ideo, choris angelicis sociati, te laudamus therefore, together with the angelic choirs we in gaudio confitentes: praise Thee, joyfully confessing:

Sanctus from plainsong Mass IX "Cum Jubilo"

San- ctus, * Sanctus, San- ctus Dóminus De- us Sá- ba- oth. Ple-ni sunt
coe-li et ter- ra gló-ri- a tu- a. Ho-sánna in excél- sis. Be- ne-díctus qui
ve- nit in nó- mi- ne Dó- mi- ni. Ho- sánna in ex-cél- sis.