

8 December

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Patroness of the Catholic Diocese of Hong Kong
Solemnity

Entrance Chant (*page 1, white leaflet*)

Gloria

Collect

O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin prepared a worthy dwelling for your Son, grant, we pray, that, as you preserved her from every stain by virtue of the Death of your Son, which you foresaw, so, through her intercession, we, too, may be cleansed and admitted to your presence. 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.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading (*I will put enmity between your offspring and hers.*)

A reading from the book of Genesis 3:9-15, 20

After the man, Adam, had eaten of the tree, the Lord God called to the man and asked him, ‘Where are you?’ He answered, ‘I heard you in the garden; but I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself.’ Then he asked. ‘Who told you that you were naked? You have eaten, then, from the tree of which I had forbidden you to eat?’ The man replied, ‘The woman whom you put here with me—she gave me fruit from the tree, and so I ate it.’ The Lord God then asked the woman, ‘Why did you do such a thing?’ The woman answered, ‘The serpent tricked me into it, so I ate it.’

Then the Lord God said to the serpent: ‘Because you have done this, you shall be banned from all the animals and from all the wild

creatures; on your belly shall you crawl, and dirt shall you eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike at your head, while you strike at his heel.’

The man called his wife Eve, because she became the mother of all the living.—The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps.98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4 (page 2, white leaflet)*

Second Reading *(He chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world.)*

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12

Brothers and sisters:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in Christ, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him.

In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will, for the praise of the glory of his grace that he granted us in the beloved.

In Christ we were also chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things according to the intention of his will, so that we might exist for the praise of his glory, we who first hoped in Christ. —The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation *(page 2, white leaflet)*

Gospel *(Hail, full of grace! the Lord is with you!)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin’s name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, “Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you.” But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. “Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” But Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?” And the angel said to her in reply, “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, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God.”

Mary said, “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her. —The Gospel of the Lord.

Homily and Sharing

Congratulations to the Jubilarians (*pages 2-3, white leaflet*)

The Creed

General Intercessions (*page 3, white leaflet*)

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Chant (*page 3, white leaflet*)

Prayer over the Offerings

Graciously accept the saving sacrifice which we offer you, O Lord, on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and grant that, as we profess her, on account of your prevenient grace, to be untouched by any stain of sin, so, through her intercession, we may be delivered from all our faults. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Preface

It is truly right and just, out duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For you preserved the Most Blessed Virgin Mary from all stain of original sin, so that in her, endowed with the rich fullness of your grace, you might prepare a worthy Mother for your Son and signify the beginning of the Church, his beautiful Bride without spot or wrinkle. She, the most pure Virgin, was to bring forth a Son, the innocent Lamb who would wipe away our offenses; you placed her above all others to be for your people an advocate of grace and a model of holiness. And so, in company with the choirs of Angels, we praise you, and with joy we proclaim:

Communion Chant *(page 4, white leaflet)*

Prayer after Communion

May the Sacrament we have received, O Lord our God, heal in us the wounds of that fault from which in a singular way you preserved Blessed Mary in her Immaculate Conception. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Deacon: Bow down for the blessing.

Bishop: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

All: Now and for ever.

Bishop: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All: Who made heaven and earth.

Bishop: May almighty God bless you, ✠the Father, ✠and the Son,
✠and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Deacon: With the prayer of the Virgin Mary, Patroness of our Diocese, let us go in peace to evangelize the world.

All: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Chant *(page 4, white leaflet)*