

10 December

## Our Lady of Loreto

(optional memorial)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Cf. Is 45: 8*

Drop down dew from above, you heavens,  
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;  
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Savior.

*Or:*

*Cf. Lk 1: 30-32*

The angel said to Mary: You have found favor with God.  
Behold, you will conceive and bear a son,  
and he will be called Son of the Most High.

*The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is not said.*

COLLECT

Let us pray (*pause*)

O God, who, fulfilling the promise made to our Fathers,  
chose the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to become the Mother of the Savior,  
grant that we may follow her example,  
for her humility was pleasing to you  
and her obedience profitable to us.

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. R. Amen.

*The Mass Readings of the day, or any Lectionary readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, or the following readings may be used:*

FIRST READING (*The virgin shall conceive and bear a son.*)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (7:10-14)

The Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying: Ask for a sign from the LORD, your God; let it be deep as the netherworld, or high as the sky!

But Ahaz answered, "I will not ask! I will not tempt the LORD!"

Then Isaiah said: Listen, O house of David! Is it not enough for you to weary people, must you also weary my God? Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel which means "God is with us". —The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (*Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50-51, 52-53, 54-55*)

R. The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

(*Lk 1:49*)

*Or:*

R. O Blessed Virgin Mary, you carried the Son of the eternal Father.

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior." (*R*)

"For he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name." (*R*)

"He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit." (*R*)

"He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty." (*R*)

"He has come to the help of his servant Israel, for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever." (*R*)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Lk 1:28*)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women. (*R*)

GOSPEL (*Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son.*)

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.

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, these offerings,  
and by your power change them into the Sacrament of salvation, in  
which, fulfilling the sacrifices of the Fathers,  
is offered the true Lamb, Jesus Christ your Son,  
born of the ever-Virgin Mary in a way beyond all telling.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. R. Amen.

PREFACE I *or* II OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, *or* PREFACE II OF  
ADVENT *may be used.*

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Cf. Is 7: 14*

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and his name will be called Emmanuel.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. (*pause*)

May the mysteries we have received,  
O Lord our God,  
always show forth your mercy in us,  
that we, who commemorate in faith the Mother of your Son  
may be saved by his Incarnation.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. R. Amen.

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