



Liturgy Cycle A

The Assumption Of The Blessed Mother, 15th August The Glorification Of Mary

Introduction

Today we celebrate the glorification of Mary, the humble maid of Nazareth. It is because she once shared the life, passion, and death of Christ that she now shares his glory. We too are called to share in the glory of Christ, but we must first of all share in his life and death. Mary, our mother, will help us in moments of weakness, discouragement and failure.

First reading (Apocalypse 11:19-12:1-6.10)

As the mother of the Saviour, Mary was at the centre of the struggle between the powers of the evil and the powers of good. However, God took special care of her and her child.

Second Reading (1 Cor 15:20-26)

Christ is the new Adam who undoes all the harm done by the old Adam. (The church has long seen Mary as the new Eve who undoes the harm done by the old Eve)

Gospel (Luke 1:39-56)

Mary had no doubt about the importance of the role she had been given by God. However, she gave all the credit and glory to God.

Prayer Of The Faithful

On this joyful day let us pray for ourselves, for the Church, and for the world.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

For Christians: that Marty may inspire in them a greater generosity in following Christ. Let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the human family: that all of God's children may share in the fruits of Christ's redemption. Let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.



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For all those who are poor, humble, and lowly like Mary was: that God may raise them up like he raised her. Let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

That we may realize that in Mary we have a mother who loves us as her own children. Let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Reflection

Dorothy Day was great American Catholic.

One day a rich woman walked into her centre for the poor, and donated a diamond ring.

What should she do with it?

She could sell it.

It would fetch enough money to keep the centre in food for a month.

That afternoon she gave the ring to a poor woman who often came to the centre for her meals.

When one of her helpers protested, saying that it was a waste, Dorothy replied:

'Do you think that God made diamonds only for the rich?'

Mary acknowledged her poverty before God, and he enriched her.

'The almighty has done great things for me; holy is his name', she said.

Mary will help us to be poor and humble, open and trusting before God, so that he can enrich us, and we too will sing his praises.