



The Assumption Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Introduction

In celebrating the feast of Mary's Assumption into heaven we are celebrating the fact that she now shares fully in the Easter victory that Christ her son gained over death. As Mother of the Saviour it is right that she should have a very special place at the eternal banquet. And it is right that we should be happy on this day for she is our Mother too. Mary attained to the glory of heaven because she was a humble person who sought to do the will of God at all times. Often we deliberately choose to do our own will rather than that of God. This means that we sin.

First Reading (Apocalypse 11: 19; 12: 1-6,10)

As the mother of the redeemer, Mary was at the very centre of the struggle between good and evil, between God and Satan. However, God took special care of her.

Second Reading (1 Cor 15: 20-26)

Christ is the new Adam who undoes all the harm done by the old Adam.

Gospel (Luke 1: 36-56)

Mary had no doubt about the importance of the role God had given her. However, she takes no credit for herself but gives all the glory to God.

Prayer Of The Faithful

We are all straining towards the glorious state Mary has arrived at. Christ left her to us to be our Mother. Let us then with confidence pray to him.

R: Give us a share in Mary's joy.



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For all Christians: that they may hear the gentle voice of Jesus calling them to trust, to trust, to hope, and to follow him. Let us pray to the Lord.

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For the world and all mankind: that all God's people may see heaven as their final goal and come to share in Mary's glory. Let us pray to the Lord.

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For all those whose lives are hard, hidden, and meaningless: that they may find faith and hope. Let us pray to the Lord.

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That we may be thankful to God when life is joyful and peaceful: that we may seek his help when life is dark and difficult. Let us pray to the Lord.

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Communion Reflection

Mary was a very humble person.

A humble person is a transparent person,
and cares nothing for acclaim.

He or she receives praise and honour
the way a clean window takes in the light of the sun.

The brighter and more intense the light is,
the less you see of the glass.

It attracts no attention to itself,
for it retains nothing of the light for itself
but lets it shine through.

Humble people know that without the light of God
they themselves would be in darkness.

Such an attitude makes it possible for them
to receive the help and gifts of God.

So it was with Mary.

"All generations will call me blessed", she said,
"because God has done great things for me".

Hence her soul was filled with joy and serenity,
and the light of God shone through her.



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Mary, teach us to be humble and trustful before God,
and we will find rest for our souls,
and the light of God will shine through us.