Liturgical Leaflet for an Active Participation in the Celebration of the Eucharist



8 December

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

A Mother Fit for God's Son

he Immaculate Conception of Mary marked a decisive moment in the realization of God's plan of salvation, for she was to be the first to enjoy in full the liberating and sanctifying power of the redemption wrought by her Son Jesus.

Mary Immaculate is the most beautiful example of how we should live the advent/coming of the Lord in our lives: with humility, prayer, availability, and readiness to do what God wants. Only by following her example shall we be able to experience in ourselves the wonders of His life-giving presence.



INTRODUCTORY RITES



Entrance Antiphon

(To be recited only when no Entrance Hymn is sung.)

I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation, and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bride adorned with her jewels. (Is 61:10)

Greeting

P -The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who kept his Mother free from original sin, be with you all

All-And with your spirit.

Penitential Act

P -Coming together as God's family, with confidence let us ask the Father's forgiveness, for he is full of gentleness and compassion. (Pause)

P -Lord, you chose us to be holy and blameless in your sight. Lord, have mercy. **All-Lord, have mercy.**

P -Lord, you want us to be full of love and forgiveness. Christ, have mercy.

All-Christ, have mercy.

P -Lord, you wanted Mary Immaculate to be also our mother. Lord, have mercy.

All-Lord, have mercy.

P -May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **All** -Amen.

Gloria

All-Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have

mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect (Opening Prayer)

P -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, God, for ever and ever.

All-Amen.

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Reading Gn 3:9-15, 20 God did not abandon Adam and Eve after their first sin. Instead, in His love, He promised that a descendant of "the woman" would crush the head of the serpent. This message of hope found its perfect fulfillment in Mary's Immaculate Conception.

R -A reading from the Book of Genesis

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 the Lord God 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."

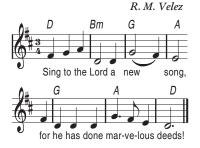
Then the Lord God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, you shall be banned from all the animals and from all the wild creatures; on your belly shall you crawl, and dirt shall you eat all the days of your life.

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. *All*-Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4

R -Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous deeds.



- * Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done wondrous deeds; his right hand has won victory for him, his holy arm.

 R.
- * The Lord has made his salvation known: in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice. He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel. R.
- * All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God. Sing joyfully to the Lord, all you lands; break into song; sing praise. R.

2nd Reading

Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 St. Paul praises God for having bestowed every spiritual blessing on all believers. These words apply in an imminent way to Mary Immaculate, the woman chosen from all eternity to be the Mother of God's Son.

R -A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians

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.

He chose us in him, 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 him 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. *All*-Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 1:28

All-Alleluia, alleluia.

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

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Lk 1:26-38 Today's Gospel passage is commonly known as "The Annunciation." It contains the first proclamation of the "Good News" and shows Mary's exceptional role in the fulfillment of God's plan.

P –The Lord be with you. *All* – **And with your spirit.**

P -A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All-Glory to you, O Lord.

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. The virgin's name was Mary.

And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But Mary 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?" 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.

All-Praise to you, Lord Jesus
Christ.

Homily

Profession of Faith

(Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed) All—I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (bow)* and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.* For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Faithful

P -Today our hearts are filled with joy at the thought that our Immaculate Mother loves us so much and is so eager to help us. Let us present our petitions to the Lord, trusting in the intercession of Mary Most Holy, as we say:

All-Lord, graciously hear us.

C -For the Universal Church: may She always mirror the holiness of Mary Immaculate in a world still darkened by sin. Let us pray. *R*.

C -For all those who love Mary Most Holy: may the honor they give Her be accompanied by the practice of Her virtues. Let us pray.

C -For Christians who do not accept the dogma of the Immaculate Conception: may they come to understand that what the Church teaches about Mary is a profession of faith in the perfection of God's saving love. Let us pray.

R.

C -For each of us: m ay our devotion to Mary Immaculate lead us to total availability to fulfill God's plan in our lives. Let us pray.

P -Lord our God, heal us with Your love, strengthen us with Your grace, and lead us where Mary is, happy in Your presence for ever and ever.

All-Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST



Preparation of the Gifts

P—Pray, brethren...
All—May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Prayer over the Offerings

P—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. *All* – **Amen.**

Preface

P -The Lord be with you.

All-And with your spirit.

P -Lift up your hearts.

All-We lift them up to the Lord.

P –Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All-It is right and just.

P—It is truly right and just, our 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:

All—Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation

P -The mystery of faith.

All-When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE



All-Our Father...

P -Deliver us, Lord . . .

All-For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

Sign of Peace

Breaking of the Bread

All-Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. (2^{\times})

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Communion

P -Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the Supper of the Lamb.

All-Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Antiphon (To be recited only when no Communion Hymn is sung.)

Glorious things are spoken of you, O Mary, for from you arose the sun of justice, Christ our God.

Prayer after Communion

P -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. *All*-Amen.

CONCLUDING RITES



P–The Lord be with you. *All* – **And with your spirit.**

- **P** -Bow down for the blessing. (Pause)
 - -Born of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Son of God redeemed mankind. May he enrich you with his blessings.

All-Amen.

P -You received the author of life through Mary.
 May you always rejoice in her loving care.

All-Amen.

P -You have come to rejoice at Mary's feast. May you be filled with the joys of the Spirit and the gifts of your eternal

home.

All-Amen.

P -May almighty God bless you: the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All-Amen.

P -Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

All-Thanks be to God.

(Editor's Note: Please pray the Consecration Prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary below.)

Editor's Note: Mary – under her title of "Immaculate Conception" – is the Principal Patroness of the Philippines. Thus, today, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, "in all cathedrals and parish churches, the consecration of the Philippines to Mary Immaculate is to be prayed according to the approved formula." (See ORDO 2026, page 8.)

ACT OF ENTRUSTMENT AND CONSECRATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Beloved Mother of Jesus, and our Mother, trustingly we gather before you. We lay before you all the longings and hopes, sufferings and anxieties of all our people. To your Immaculate Heart we raise from our hearts this Act of Entrustment and Consecration. Embrace us, dear Mother, and gather each one of us within your saving mantle; take us within your motherly love.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, we seek to unite ourselves with the consecration which Jesus the Son made to His heavenly Father on the night before He gave His life for us, when He prayed: "For their sakes I consecrate myself, that they also may be consecrated in truth." (John 17:19) His consecration obtains pardon and mercy and secures redemption for all sinners and from all sin. Its power overcomes every evil which the powers of darkness awaken in human hearts throughout history. It joins us in His heart to make us one in the grace of His Paschal Mystery.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, your heart is most wholly united with your Son's redeeming consecration. As we entrust ourselves to you, help us to live in truth Jesus' consecration, faithfully each day. Deliver us from the power of sin, in all its forms and manifestations, in per-



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sonal and social living. Help us strive to raise up in our land a civilization of solidarity, justice and love, by the grace of the Spirit of Jesus.

May the infinite power of the merciful love of God, through your motherly intercession, be revealed in our history as a people. May it change our hearts to the likeness of the Pierced Heart of Jesus,

and the likeness of your own Immaculate Heart.

By this consecration, may we become ever more truly, "pueblo amante de Maria," a people which loves you mightily in its own heart, a people you make each day ever more your own, held securely and cherished in your Immaculate Heart. AMEN!

