

27 November
OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

Memoria

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Apoc. 12:1

A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, robed with the sun, standing on the moon, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

Or

Cf. Jud. 13:23,25

You have been blessed, O Virgin Mary, above all other women on earth by the Lord the Most High God; he has so exalted your name that your praises shall never fade from the mouths of men.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord,
in granting us the blessings of salvation,
you chose the immaculate Virgin Mary
to be associated with your Son in a unique way.
Supported by her,
may we always experience your attentive care,
and devote ourselves in faith to the work of redemption.
We make our prayer.

FIRST READING

Apoc. 11:19;12:1,5,14-17

A Reading from the Book of the Apocalypse

A great sign appeared in heaven

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened, and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it.

Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, robed with the sun, standing on the moon, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

The woman was delivered of a boy, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne.

The woman was given a pair of the great eagle's wings to fly away from the serpent into the desert, to the place where she was to be looked after for a time, two times and half a time. So the serpent vomited water from his mouth, like a river, after the woman, to sweep her away in the current, but the earth came to her rescue; it opened its mouth and swallowed the river spewed from the dragon's mouth. Then the dragon was enraged with the woman and went away to make war on the rest of her children, who obey God's commandments and have in themselves the witness of Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 44 (45)

Response: *On your right stands the Queen in garments of gold.*

1. Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words:
forget your own people and your father's house.
So the king will desire your beauty:
he is your lord, pay homage to him. /**R.**
2. The daughter of the king is clothed with splendour,
her robes embroidered with pearls set in gold.
She is led to the king with her maiden companions. /**R.**
3. She is escorted amid gladness and joy;
they pass within the palace of the king.
Sons shall be yours in place of your fathers;
you will make them princes over all the earth. /**R.**

Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia. All beautiful are you, O Mary, and the original stain has never touched you.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Jn. 2:1-11

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to John

This was the first of Jesus' signs: it was at Cana in Galilee

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. And they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the feast had all been used, and the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman, what do you want from me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. Then he said to them, 'Draw some out now and take it to the president of the feast.' They did this; the president tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from - though the servants who had drawn the water knew - the president of the feast called the bridegroom and said, 'Everyone serves good wine first and the worse wine when the guests are well wined; but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of Jesus' signs: it was at Cana in Galilee. He revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

In venerating the memory of the Virgin Mary,
we offer you, Lord, this sacrifice of joy and praise;
as we rejoice in your gifts,
may our lives be filled with a spirit of thanksgiving.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

PREFACE of the Immaculate Conception

ANTIPHON AT COMMUNION

Lk. 1:48,49

All ages will call me blessed; for the Almighty works marvels for me. Holy is his name.

Or

Ps. 65:16

Come and hear, all who fear the Lord. I will tell you what he did for my soul.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Renewed by the sacrament of eternal redemption,
we ask you, Lord, that we who rejoice
on the feast of the immaculate Mother of your Son,
may continue more joyfully on our pilgrimage of faith,
until we glorify you, with Mary,
in the banquet of your kingdom.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.