

Monday after the Ascension
OUR LADY, QUEEN OF APOSTLES

Memorial

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Acts 1:14

The disciples joined constantly in prayer with Mary, the mother of Jesus, alleluia.

OPENING PRAYER

O God,
you gave the Holy Spirit to the Apostles
while they were praying with Mary, the Mother of Jesus;
as she prays for us,
grant us the grace to serve you faithfully
and spread the glory of your name by word and example.
We make our prayer.

FIRST READING

Acts 1:12-14;2:1-4

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*With one heart all these joined constantly in prayer together with some women, including
Mary, the mother of Jesus*

The apostles went back to Jerusalem, a short distance away, no more than a Sabbath walk; and when they reached the city they went to the upper room where they were staying; there were Peter and John, James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Jude son of James. With one heart all these joined constantly in prayer, together with some women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met together, when suddenly there came from heaven a sound as of a violent wind which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and there appeared to them tongues as of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak different languages as the Spirit gave them power to express themselves.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 95 (96)

Response: *Mary received blessings from the Lord, and reward from God her Saviour.*

1. sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name. /**R.**
2. Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. /**R.**

3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name. /**R.**
4. Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' /**R.**

Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia. Beside the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, overwhelmed with grief, stood Blessed Mary, Queen of heaven and earth. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Jn 19:25-27

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to the disciple, 'This is your mother.'

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. Seeing his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing near her, Jesus said to his mother, 'Woman, this is your son.' Then to the disciple he said, 'This is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.

The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

In your goodness, Lord,
and through the prayer of Mary ever virgin,
grant that our offering may obtain for your Church
an increase in the number and holiness of your faithful people.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

PREFACE of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

ANTIPHON AT COMMUNION

Lk. 1:49

The Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name.

Or

Cf. Lk. 11:27

Blessed is the womb of the Virgin Mary, which bore the Son of the eternal Father.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having received the sacrament of salvation
on the feast of Mary Queen of Apostles,
we ask you, Lord,
that your people may persevere
in obedience to your will and in the service of mankind,
and so advance towards their salvation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.