

8 June
OUR LADY, SEAT OF WISDOM

Memoria

As in the Common of the B.V.M. except for the Opening Prayer; or as follows.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Blessed are you, Virgin Mary, who carried the creator of all things in your womb; you gave birth to your maker, and remain a virgin for ever.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, infinitely wise,
in order to raise fallen man
you decreed that the Virgin Mary
should be the dwelling place of your Wisdom.
Through her intercession
may we avoid the spirit of pride
and, following her example,
serve you with a true spirit of humility.
We ask this.

FIRST READING

Ecclus.24:1,3,4,8-12,19-22

A Reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus

Mary, seat of Wisdom

Wisdom opens her mouth in the assembly of the Most High, she glories in herself in the presence of the Mighty One: 'I came forth from the mouth of the Most High, and I covered the earth like mist. I had my tent in the heights, and my throne was a pillar of cloud. Then the Creator of all things instructed me and he who created me fixed a place for my tent. He said, "Pitch your tent in Jacob, make Israel your inheritance." From eternity, in the beginning, he created me, and for eternity I shall remain. In the holy tent I ministered before him and thus became established in Zion. In the beloved city he has given me rest, and in Jerusalem I wield my authority. I have taken root in a privileged people, in the Lord's property, in his inheritance. Approach me, you who desire me, and take your fill of my fruits, for memories of me are sweeter than honey, inheriting me is sweeter than the honeycomb. They who eat me will hunger for more, they who drink me will thirst for more. No one who obeys me will ever have to blush, no one who acts as I dictate will ever sin.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lk. 1:46-55

Response: *The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy is his name.*

1. My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my saviour. /**R.**
2. He looks on his servant in her lowliness;
henceforth all generations will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy is his name. /**R.**

3. His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him.
He puts forth his arm in strength
and scatters the proud hearted. /**R.**
4. He casts the mighty from their thrones
and raises the lowly.
He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty. /**R.**
5. He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy,
the mercy promised to our fathers,
for Abraham and his sons for ever. /**R.**

Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia. Blessed is the Virgin Mary, who treasured the word of God, and pondered it in her heart. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Lk. 2:15-19

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Mary treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart

The shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go to Bethlehem and see this event which the Lord has made known to us.' So they hurried away and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds said to them. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart.

The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Lord,
as we pay honour to your Son's Mother,
we pray that this sacrifice
may fill us with your grace
and make us an everlasting gift to you.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

PREFACE of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

ANTIPHON AT COMMUNION

Lk. 1:48-49

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God,
as we have honoured, in this Eucharist,
Mary, Mother of your Son,
you have shared with us everlasting life;
grant us more abundant grace
and constant growth in holiness.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.