



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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SOLEMNITY

PREFACE FOR THE INCARNATION OR THE ASSUMPTION

Isaiah 61:10-11

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

I exult for the joy in the Lord.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 34:1-9 [page 627]

Galatians 4:4-7

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians

When His appointed time comes, God sent his Son, born of a woman.

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who

were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, ‘Abba! Father!’ So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

The Word of the Lord.

Luke 1:39-56

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Mary is taken up to heaven,
and the angels of God shout for joy.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The ✠ Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Why should I be honored with a visit from the mother of my Lord?

Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah, and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! But why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord.” Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and

my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden. For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is on those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm, he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts, he has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted those of low degree; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his posterity for ever.” And Mary remained with her about three months, and returned to her house.

The gospel of the Lord.