

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who looked upon the
lowliness of the Blessed Virgin
Mary and chose her to be the
mother of your only Son:
grant that we who are
redeemed by his blood
may share with her in the
glory of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ your Son
our Lord, who is alive and
reigns with you, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and for ever.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 61.10-end

*A reading from the book of the
prophet Isaiah.*

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.

SECOND READING

Galatians 4.4-7

*A reading from the letter of Paul
to the Galatians.*

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.

GOSPEL Luke 1.46-55

*Hear the gospel of our Lord
Jesus Christ according to Luke.*

Mary said,
'My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my
Saviour,
for he has looked with favour
on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all
generations will call me
blessed;
for the Mighty One has done
great things for me,
and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear
him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his
arm;
he has scattered the proud in
the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the
powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with
good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he
made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his
descendants for ever.'

POST COMMUNION

God most high,
whose handmaid bore the
Word made flesh:
we thank you that in this
sacrament of our redemption
you visit us with your Holy
Spirit and overshadow us by
your power;
strengthen us to walk with
Mary the joyful path of
obedience and so to bring
forth the fruits of holiness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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