

11th October

The Motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This feast was established in 1931 by Pope Pius XI to celebrate that 1,500 years earlier the Council of Ephesus had professed that Our Lady was not only the mother of the human form of Christ, as Nestorius had claimed, but that God in His fullness had become incarnate in her, so that she can be called Theotokos, Mother of God.

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INTROIT: *Is. 7:14*

Ecce Virgo concipiet, et pariet Filium, et vocabitur nomen ejus Emmanuel. *Ps. 97:1:* Cantate Domino canticum novum : quia mirabilia fecit. *℟. Gloria.*

Behold a virgin shall conceive and bring forth a Son and his name shall be called Emmanuel. Ps. 97:1: Sing ye to the Lord a new canticle : for he hath done wonderful things. ℟. Glory.

COLLECT

Deus, qui de beatæ Mariæ Virginis utero Verbum tuum, Angelo nuntiante, carnem suscipere voluisti : præsta supplicibus tuis; ut, qui vere eam Genitricem Dei credimus, ejus apud te intercessionibus adjuvemur. Per eundem Dominum.

O God, who didst will that thy Word should take flesh at the message of an Angel in the womb of the blessed Virgin Mary; grant to us thy suppliants, that we who believe her to be truly the Mother of God may be helped by her intercession with thee. Through the same Lord.

LESSON: *Ecclus. 24:23-31*

Lectio libri Sapientiæ

Ego quasi vitis fructificavi suavitatem odoris : et flores mei, fructus honoris et honestatis. Ego mater pulchræ dilectionis, et timoris, et agnitionis, et sanctæ spei. In me gratia omnis viæ et veritatis : in me omnis spes vitæ et virtutis. Transite ad me omnes qui concupiscitis me, et a generationibus meis implemini. Spiritus enim meus super mel dulcis, et hæreditas mea super mel et favum. Memoria mea in generationes sæculorum. Qui edunt me, adhuc esurient : et qui bibunt me, adhuc sitient. Qui audit me, non confundetur : et qui operantur in me, non peccabunt. Qui elucidant me, vitam æternam habebunt.

A lesson from the Book of Wisdom.

As the vine I brought forth a pleasant odour, and my flowers are the fruit of honour and riches. I am the mother of fair love, and of fear, and of knowledge and of holy hope. In me is all grace of the way and of the truth; in me is all hope of life and of virtue. Come over to me, all ye that desire me, and be filled with my fruits. For my spirit is sweet above honey, and my inheritance above honey and the honeycomb. My memory is unto everlasting generations. They that eat me shall yet hunger, and they that drink me shall yet thirst. He that hearkeneth to me shall not be confounded, and they that work by me shall not sin. They that explain me shall have life everlasting.

GRADUAL: *Is. 11:1-2*

Egredietur virga de radice Jesse, et flos de radice ejus ascendet. *℟. Et requiescet super eam Spiritus Domini.*

A branch shall come fourth from the root of Jesse, and a flower shall arise from his root. ℟. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him.

ALLELUIA

Virgo Dei Genitrix, quem totus non capit orbis, in tua se clausit viscera factus homo.

Virgin Mother of God, he whom the whole world cannot hold, becoming man was shut up within thy womb.

GOSPEL: *Lk. 2:43-51*

Sequentia sancti Evangelii secundum Lucam.

Continuation of the holy Gospel according to St Luke.

In illo tempore : Cum redirent, remansit puer Jesus in Jerusalem, et non cognoverunt parentes ejus. Existimantes autem illum esse in comitatu, venerunt iter diei, et requirebant eum inter cognatos, et notos. Et non invenientes, regressi sunt in Jerusalem, requirentes eum. Et factum est, post triduum invenerunt illum in templo sedentem in medio doctorum, audientem illos, et interrogantem eos. Stupebant autem omnes, qui eum audiebant, super prudentia et responsis ejus. Et videntes admirati sunt. Et dixit mater ejus ad illum : Fili, quid fecisti nobis sic? ecce pater tuus, et ego dolentes quærebamus te. Et ait ad illos : Quid est quod me quærebatis? Nesciebatis quia in his, quæ Patris mei sunt, oportet me esse? Et ipsi non intellexerunt verbum quod locutus est ad eos. Et descendit cum eis, et venit Nazareth : et erat subditus illis.

At that time: When they returned, the child Jesus remained in Jerusalem, and his parents knew it not. And thinking that he was in the company, they came a day's journey, and sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance. And not finding him, they returned into Jerusalem, seeking him. And it came to pass that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, hearing them and asking them questions. And all that heard him were astonished at his wisdom and his answers. And seeing him, they wondered. And his mother said to him: Son, why hast thou done so to us? Behold thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing. And he said to them: How is it that you sought me? Did you not know that I must be about my Father's business? And they understood not the word that he spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them.

OFFERTORY: *Mt. 1:18*

Cum esset desponsata mater ejus Maria Joseph, inventa est in utero habens de Spiritu Sancto.

When his Mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

SECRET

Tua, Domine, propitiatione, et beatæ Mariæ semper Virginis Unigeniti tui Matris intercessionem, ad perpetuam atque præsentem hæc oblatio nobis proficiat prosperitatem, et pacem. Per eundem Dominum.

Through thy mercy, O Lord, and the intercession of the blessed Mary, ever Virgin, mother of thine only-begotten Son, may this offering obtain for us prosperity and peace now and for evermore. Through the same Lord.

PREFACE

Of Our Lady

Vere dignum et justum est, æquum et salutare, nos tibi semper, et ubique gratias agere : Domine sancte, Pater omnipotens, æterne Deus : et te in festivitate beatæ Mariæ semper Virginis collaudare, benedicere, et prædicare. Quæ et Unigenitum tuum Sancti Spiritus obumbratione concepit : et virginitatis gloria permanente, lumen æternum mundo effudit, Jesum

It is truly meet and just, right and salutary, that we should always, and in all places, give thanks to thee, O holy Lord, Father almighty, eternal God; and on the Feast of the blessed Mary, ever a Virgin, should praise and bless and proclaim thee. For she conceived thine only-begotten Son by the overshadowing of the Holy Ghost; and, losing not the glory of her virginity, gave to the world the everlasting light, Jesus Christ

Christum, Dominum nostrum. Per quem majestatem tuam laudant Angeli, adorant Dominationes, tremunt Potestates. Cæli, cælorumque Virtutes, ac beata Seraphim, socia exultatione concelebrant. Cum quibus et nostras voces, ut admitti jubeas, deprecamur, supplici confessione dicentes :

our Lord. Through whom the Angels praise thy majesty, the Dominions adore, the Powers tremble. The Heavens, and the Virtues of the heavens, and the blessed Seraphim, do celebrate with united joy. In union with whom we beseech thee, that thou wouldst command our voices also to be admitted, with suppliant confession, saying:

COMMUNION

Beata viscera Mariæ Virginis, quæ portaverunt æterni Patris Filium.

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

POST-COMMUNION

Hæc nos communio, Domine, purget a crimine: et, intercedente beata Virgine Dei Genitrice Maria, cælestis remedii faciat esse consortes. Per eundem Dominum.

May this communion, O Lord, cleanse us from sin; and by the intercession of the blessed Virgin Mary Mother of God, make us sharers in the heavenly remedy. Through the same Lord.