

THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY



FIRST READING: *Revelation 12:1-2, 5-6, 10b*

This is a reading from the book of Revelation.

I, John, had a vision.
I saw a woman with the sun shining on her,
and the moon was under her feet.
She was wearing a crown on her head,
and it was made of twelve stars.
The woman was expecting a child,
and she was crying in pain.
She had a baby boy,
and he immediately was taken up to God's throne,
because this child was to become ruler of the world.
And the woman went into the desert,
where God had prepared a place for her.

Then I heard a voice in heaven say,

“Christ has come with all the power
and authority of God's kingdom.
Now salvation is here.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSE: *Psalms 24*

Open the gates! Open the gates! Let the King of glory in!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

“You are blessed among women, Mary, you are blessed.
You believed in God's promise.
You are blessed among women, the Mother of my Lord!”
Alleluia, alleluia! “The Mother of my Lord!”

(After Gospel, repeat Acclamation.)



GOSPEL: *Luke 1:39-56*

This is a reading from the Gospel of Luke.

When the angel Gabriel told Mary that her cousin, Elizabeth, was also going to have a baby, Mary went as quickly as she could to the town where Zechariah and Elizabeth lived, up in the hill country of Judah. As soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's voice, the baby inside her began to move. Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she said to Mary, "Of all the women on earth, you are most blessed. And the baby in your womb is also blessed. I am so honored because you, the mother of my Lord, have come to visit me! You are blessed, Mary, because you believed in the promise that God made to you."

And Mary said,

"I sing with praise the greatness of the Lord, and my heart finds joy in my Savior. The Lord has chosen me, a humble servant: now all people will say I am blessed. The Lord, who is mighty, has done great things for me. Holy is God's name. God has destroyed the power of people who are proud, and honored those who are poor and humble. God has given good food to hungry people, and sent the rich away with nothing. God has come to help the people of Israel because of the promise made to Abraham and Sarah and their family forever."

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then returned to her home in Nazareth.

This is the Good News of the Lord.