



"So then the Lord Jesus . . . was taken up into Heaven."

ASCENSION DAY

WHITE VESTMENTS

THOUGHT FOR TODAY: Our Lord ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us. His apostles were sent to teach all nations what He had commanded them. We must now cleanse our hearts from sin, which cannot enter heaven, and store up good deeds, performed in the state of grace. These will speak for us when we appear before God.

● *Beginning of Mass, page 19.*

Introit. *Acts 1, 11.* Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up to heaven? Alleluia. He shall come in the same way as you have seen Him going up to heaven: alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. *Ps. 46, 2.* O, clap your hands, all ye nations: shout to God with the voice of exultation. *V.* Glory be.

● *Kyrie and Gloria, page 27.*

Prayer. Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that we who believe Thine Only-be-

gotten Son, our Redeemer, to have this day ascended into heaven, may ourselves also in mind dwell amid heavenly things. Through the same, etc. S. Amen. ♣

Epistle. *Acts 1, 1-11.* In the former book, O Theophilus, I spoke of all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day on which He was taken up, after He had given commandments through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom He had chosen. To them also He showed Himself alive after His passion by many proofs, during forty days appearing to them and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while eating with them, He charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, "of which you have heard," said He, "by My mouth; for John indeed baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days hence." They therefore who had come together began to ask Him, saying, "Lord, wilt Thou at this time restore the kingdom of Israel?" But He said to them, "It is not for you to know the times or dates which the Father has fixed by His own authority; but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you shall be witnesses for Me in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and even to the very ends of the

earth." And when He had said this, He was lifted up before their eyes, and a cloud took Him out of their sight. And while they were gazing up to heaven as He went, behold, two men stood by them in white garments, and said to them, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up to heaven? This Jesus Who has been taken up from you into heaven, shall come in the same way as you have seen Him going up to heaven." S. Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, alleluia. *V.* Ps. 46, 6. God is ascended with jubilee, and the Lord with the sound of trumpet. Alleluia. *V.* Ps. 67, 18. 19. The Lord is in Sinai, in the holy place: ascending on high, He has led captivity captive. Alleluia.

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Gospel. *Mark 16, 14-20.* At that time, Jesus appeared to the eleven disciples as they were at table; and He upbraided them for their lack of faith and hardness of heart, in that they had not believed those who had seen Him after He had risen. And He said to them, "Go into the whole world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved, but he who does not believe shall be condemned. And these signs shall attend those who believe: in My Name they shall cast out devils;

they shall speak in new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands upon the sick and they shall get well." So then the Lord Jesus, after He had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the preaching by the signs that followed. S. Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

● *Creed, page 33.*

Offertory. *Ps. 46, 6.* God is ascended with jubilee: and the Lord with the sound of trumpet. Alleluia.

● *Offertory Prayers, page 35.*

Secret. Receive, O Lord, the gifts which we lay before Thee in honor of the glorious Ascension of Thy Son, and mercifully grant that we may be delivered from present dangers, and arrive at everlasting life. Through the same, etc.

P. World without end. *S.* Amen. *P.* The Lord be with you. *S.* And with thy spirit. *P.* Lift up your hearts. *S.* We have lifted them up unto the Lord. *P.* Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. *S.* It is fitting indeed and just. ↯

Preface for Ascension

It is fitting indeed and just, right and helpful to salvation, for us always and every-

where to give thanks to Thee, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God; through Christ our Lord. Who, after His Resurrection, appeared openly to all His disciples, and, while they looked on, was taken up into heaven, that He might grant unto us to be sharers in His own divinity. And therefore, with angels and archangels, with thrones and dominations, and with all the hosts of the heavenly army, we sing the hymn of Thy glory, evermore saying: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are filled with Thy glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

● Canon, page 47.

Communion. Ps. 67, 33. 34. Sing ye to the Lord, Who mounts above the heaven of heavens to the East. Alleluia.

P. The Lord be with you. *S.* And with thy spirit. ↴

Postcommunion. Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty and merciful God, that what we have received in visible mysteries we may obtain by an invisible effect. Through our Lord, etc. *S.* Amen.

● Final Prayers, page 75.



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have been accomplished. Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away." S. Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

● Creed, page 33.

Offertory. *Ps. 129, 1. 2.* Out of the depths I have cried to Thee, O Lord; Lord, hear my prayer; out of the depths I have cried to Thee, O Lord.

● Offertory Prayers, page 35.

Secret. Be propitious, O Lord, to our supplications, and accepting the offerings and prayers of Thy people, convert the hearts of us all to Thyself, that being freed from earthly desires, we may pass on to the desires of heaven. Through our Lord, etc.

● Preface, page 43.

Communion. *Mark 11, 24.* Amen I say to you, all things whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you shall receive, and it shall be done to you.

P. The Lord be with you. *S.* And with thy spirit. ☩

Postcommunion. Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that by this sacrament, which we have received, whatever is corrupted in our souls may be restored by the gift of its efficiency. Through our Lord, etc. *S.* Amen.

● Final Prayers, page 75.



"I am the Immaculate Conception."

Dec. 8 - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

WHITE VESTMENTS

THOUGHT FOR TODAY: Because Mary was chosen to be the Mother of God, the singular privilege was bestowed upon her by which, in the first instant of her Conception, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, she was preserved from all stain of original sin. Unable to imitate her in her original sinlessness, let us follow her example of loving fidelity to God.

● Beginning of Mass, page 19.

Introit. *Isa. 61, 10.* I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, and my soul shall be joyful in my God: for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, and with the robe of justice He has covered me, as a bride adorned with her jewels. *Ps. 29, 2.* I will extol Thee, O Lord, for Thou hast upheld me: and hast not made my enemies to rejoice over me. *V.* Glory be.

• *Kyrie and Gloria, page 27.*

Prayer. O God, Who by the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin didst prepare a worthy habitation for Thy Son, we beseech Thee, that, as by the foreseen death of Thy same Son, Thou didst preserve her from all stain of sin, so Thou wouldst grant us also, through her intercession to come unto Thee with pure hearts. Through the same, etc. S. Amen. ¶

Epistle. *Prov. 8, 22-35.* The Lord possessed me in the beginning of His ways, before He made anything from the beginning. I was set up from eternity, and of old, before the earth was made. The depths were not as yet, and I was already conceived; neither had the fountains of waters as yet sprung out; the mountains with their huge bulk had not as yet been established: before the hills I was brought forth; He had not yet made the earth, nor the rivers, nor the poles of the world. When He prepared the heavens, I was present; when with a certain law and compass He enclosed the depths; when He established the sky above, and poised the fountains of waters; when He compassed the sea with its bounds, and set a law to the waters that they should not pass their limits; when He balanced the

foundations of the earth; I was with Him forming all things; and was delighted every day, playing before Him at all times; playing in the world: and my delight is to be with the children of men. Now, therefore, ye children, hear me: blessed are they who keep my ways. Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not. Blessed is the man who hears me, and who watches daily at my gates, and waits at the posts of my doors. He who shall find me shall find life, and shall have salvation from the Lord. S. Thanks be to God. ¶

Gradual. *Judith 13, 23.* Blessed art thou, O Virgin Mary, by the Lord the most high God, above all women upon the earth. √. *Jud. 15, 10.* Thou art the glory of Jerusalem, thou art the joy of Israel, thou art the honor of our people.

Alleluia, alleluia. √. *Cant. 4, 7.* Thou art all fair, O Mary, and there is in thee no stain of original sin. Alleluia.

During Paschaltime, the Gradual is omitted and the following Alleluia is said:

Alleluia, alleluia. √. *Judith 15, 10.* Thou art the glory of Jerusalem, thou art the joy of Israel, thou art the honor of our people. Alleluia. √. *Cant. 4, 7.* Thou art all fair, O

Mary, and there is in thee no stain of original sin. Alleluia.

● *Prayer: Cleanse My Heart, page 31.*

Gospel. *Luke 1, 26-28.* At that time, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And when the angel had come to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women." *S.* Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

● *Creed, page 33.*

Offertory. *Luke 1, 28.* Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women. Alleluia.

● *Offertory Prayers, page 35.*

Secret. Receive the saving oblation which we offer to Thee, O Lord, on the solemn feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and grant that, as we confess that, by Thy preventing grace, she was kept free from every stain of sin, so, by her intercession, we may be freed from all sin. Through our Lord, etc.

P. World without end. *S.* Amen. *P.* The Lord be with you. *S.* And with thy spirit. *P.* Lift up

your hearts. *S.* We have lifted them up unto the Lord. *P.* Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. *S.* It is fitting indeed and just. ♫

Preface of the Blessed Virgin

It is fitting indeed and just, right and helpful to salvation, for us always and everywhere to give thanks to Thee, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God, and that we should praise, bless, and proclaim Thee in the Immaculate Conception (*Assumption* or *Annunciation*, etc.) of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin; for she conceived Thine Only-begotten Son by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit, and while the glory of her virginity remained, brought forth to the world the Eternal Light, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Whom the angels praise Thy majesty, the dominations adore it, the powers stand in awe. The heavens and the heavenly hosts together with the blessed seraphim in triumphant chorus unite to celebrate it. Together with these we entreat Thee that Thou mayest bid our voices also say with lowly praise: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are filled with Thy glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

● *Canon, page 47.*

Communion. Glorious things are spoken of thee, O Mary, for He Who is mighty has done great things unto thee.

P. The Lord be with you. *S.* And with thy spirit. 📖

Postcommunion. May the sacrament which we have received, O Lord, our God, heal in us the wounds of that sin, from which Thou, by a singular privilege, didst preserve immaculate the Conception of Blessed Mary. Through our Lord, etc. *S.* Amen.

● *Final Prayers, page 75.*



"The Lord clothed . . . him with a robe of glory."

Mar. 19 - FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH

SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
WHITE VESTMENTS

THOUGHT FOR TODAY: In the eyes of the Jews, St. Joseph was an ordinary carpenter. His greatness lay in his inner life and in his relation to Jesus and Mary. We pray to him with great confidence for help in temporal needs, for progress in the spiritual life, and for a happy death.

If the Feast of St. Joseph falls in Holy Week, it is celebrated on the Tuesday after Low Sunday.

● *Beginning of Mass, page 19.*

Introit. *Ps. 91, 13-14.* The just man shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow up like the cedar of Libanus: planted in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God. (*P.T.* Alleluia.) *Ps. 91, 2.* It is good to give praise to the Lord: and to sing to Thy name, O Most High. 📖. Glory be.