

— AT-HOME SERVICE FOR —
CROWNING AN IMAGE *of the*
Blessed Virgin Mary



ARCHDIOCESE *of* MILWAUKEE


INTRODUCTORY RITES

HYMN


IMMACULATE MARY

Lourdes Hymn

Verses




1. Im - mac - u - late Ma - ry, your prais - es we sing. You
2. In heav - en the bless - ed your glo - ry pro - claim; On
3. We pray for our Moth - er, the Church up - on earth, And



1. reign now in heav - en with Je - sus our King.
2. earth we your chil - dren in - voke your fair name.
3. bless, Ho - ly Ma - ry, the land of our birth.

Refrain



A - ve, A - ve, A - ve, Ma - ri - a! A - ve, A - ve, Ma - ri - a!

Text: 11 11 with refrain; anon. in *Parochial Hymn Book*; Boston, 1897;
rev. of *Hail Virgin of virgins*, by Jeremiah Cummings, 1814-1866, alt.
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SIGN OF THE CROSS

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Leader: Come, let us worship Christ, the son of Mary...

All: ...who crowned his mother
as queen of Heaven and Earth.

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Leader: Today we have come together to crown this image of Mary,
the Virgin Mother of God.
What we are about to do reminds us that
the greatest in the kingdom of heaven
are those who serve with love.

Our Lord himself came to serve, not to be served,
and he reigned from the Cross
by the power of gentleness and love.

Our Lady, whose glory we proclaim today,
was the humble servant of the Lord when she was on earth.
She gave herself entirely to her Son and his work;
with him and under him, she was an instrument of our redemption.

Now, in the glory of heaven, she is still the God-bearer,
who brings Christ to all of us, cares about our salvation,
models us in the way of holiness, and is the the queen of love.

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray.

O God,
since you have given us Mary, the Mother of your Son,
to be our mother and our queen,
grant that we, who crown her image,
may attain the glory of your children in the kingdom of heaven.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

*The readings from the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 22, Lectionary #627)
or other appropriate scripture readings may be used.*

FIRST READING	Isaiah 9:1-6
RESPONSORIAL PSALM	Psalm 113:1-8
GOSPEL	Luke 1:26-38

REFLECTIVE SILENCE

CROWNING THE IMAGE *of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY*

The Leader begins with the invitation to pray and those present take turns praying each of the following intercessions.

Leader: We look to the Blessed Virgin Mary as an example for our lives
for how she fully and responsibly accepted the will of God (cf. Lk. 1:38),
As a young girl, Mary heard the word of God and acted on it,
and charity and a spirit of service became the driving force of her actions.

She is worthy of imitation because
she was the first and the most perfect of Christ's disciples.

Let us now call upon Mary, Mother of God, to teach us how to live as she lived.
(adapted from Pope Paul VI, *Marialis Cultus*, 35)

- Mary of the Annunciation:
teach us to respond in loving obedience to God's voice.
- Mary at Elizabeth's door:
teach us to be lavish in our care for another.
- Mary giving birth to Jesus:
teach us to see your Son in those who are poor and homeless.
- Mary fleeing to the land of Egypt:
teach us to welcome those who are immigrants from foreign lands.
- Mary at the Presentation of Jesus:
teach us to boldly proclaim Christ's presence to the world.
- Mary in the Temple where your child Jesus preached:
teach us to listen to his word as we seek our own spiritual treasure.
- Mary at home in Nazareth with your family:
teach us to cherish the gift of our relationships.
- Mary at the wedding feast of Cana:
teach us to humbly ask for what we need.
- Mary meeting Jesus on the way to Calvary:
teach us to meet our own sorrows with patience.
- Mary standing beneath the Cross:
teach us compassion for all those who suffer in our world.
- Mary receiving your crucified Son into your arms:
teach us that we can courageously embrace our losses.
- Mary at the tomb:
teach us to not be afraid of our own grief.
- Mary in the Upper Room with the Disciples:
teach us the value of community and the power of prayer.


CROWNING

The leader, or another person present, places the crown on the image of Mary. If the image is both of Mary and the infant Jesus, the image of Christ is crowned before that of the Virgin Mary. As the image is crowned an appropriate song is sung.

HAIL, HOLY QUEEN


Salve Regina Coelitum

Verses

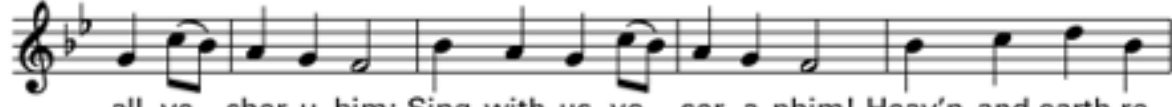


1. Hail, ho - ly Queen en - throned a - bove; O Ma - ri - al! Hail,
2. Our life, our sweet - ness here be - low, O Ma - ri - al! Our
3. And when our life - breath leaves ___ us, O Ma - ri - al Show

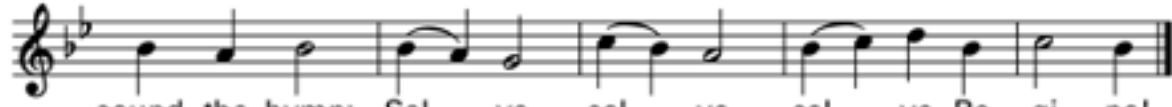
Refrain



1. moth - er of mer - cy and of love. }
2. hope ___ in sor - row and in woe. } O Ma - ri - al! Tri - umph,
3. us ___ thy Son, Christ Je - sus. }



all ye cher - u - bim; Sing with us, ye ser - a - phim! Heav'n and earth re -



sound the hymn: Sal - ve, sal - ve, sal - ve, Re - gi - nal

Text: 84 84 with refrain; *Salve, Regina, mater misericordiae*, ca. 1080; tr. anon. in *Roman Hymnal*, 1884.
Music: Melchior Ludwig Herold, 1753-1810; *Choralmelodien zum Heiligen Gesänge*, 1808.

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Following the crowning and the hymn, Concluding Prayer is prayed.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Leader: O God,
you have given us Mary, the mother of Jesus,
to encourage and teach us on our way to union with you.
Let her life of loving obedience and humble prayer
be a beacon of light and hope for us
as we seek to follow your Son Jesus.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Leader concludes with the Dismissal and Sign of the Cross.

DISMISSAL

Leader: Through the example of Mary
may we who have gathered here today
out of our love and devotion
take away with us
the gift of joy in our hearts
and the rewards of heaven. Amen.

SIGN OF THE CROSS


HYMN

One verse of the Immaculate Mary may be sung.

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