



Crowning an Image  
of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary

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## CROWNING AN IMAGE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

“Both in the East and the West the practice of depicting the Blessed Virgin Mary wearing a regal crown came into use in the era of the Council of Ephesus (A.D. 431)... It is especially from the end of the 16<sup>th</sup> Century that in the West the practice became widespread for the faithful, both religious and laity, to crown images of the Blessed Virgin” (see *Order of Crowning an Image of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, 3-4)

This service is intended for parish celebrations in which an image of the Blessed Virgin Mary is to be crowned. The rite may be used appropriately as a part of May devotions in honor of Our Lady.

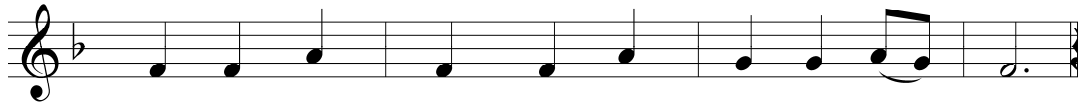
### INTRODUCTORY RITES

#### HYMN

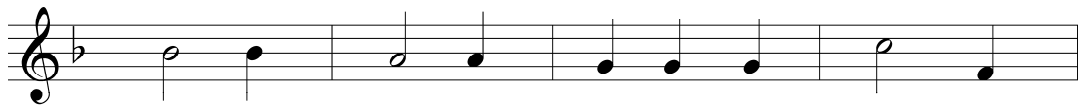
##### Immaculate Mary



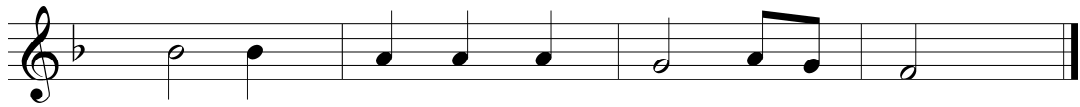
1. Im - mac - u - late Mar - y, your prais - es we sing; You  
2. In heav - en the bles - sed your glo - ry pro - claim; On  
3. We pray for our Moth - er, the Church up - on earth; And



reign now with Christ, our Re - deem - er and King.  
earth, we, your chil - dren, in - voke your fair name.  
bless, ho - ly Mar - y, the land of our birth.



A - ve, A - ve, A - ve Ma - ri - a.



A - ve, A - ve, Ma - ri - a.

SIGN OF THE CROSS

INVITATION TO PRAY

The minister invites those present to pray in these words:

**Come, let us worship Christ, the Son of Mary.**

All respond:

Let us give praise and thanks to the Lord as we keep this day in loving memory of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

INTRODUCTION

The minister then introduces the celebration.

**My brothers and sisters, we have come to crown this image of Mary (and her Son, Jesus). This ceremony reminds us that the greatest in the kingdom are those who serve with love.**

**Our Lord himself came to serve and not to be served, and Our Lady was the humble servant of the Lord when she was on earth. Now, in the glory of heaven, she is still the God-bearer who cares about our salvation; she is the minister of holiness and queen of love.**

OPENING PRAYER

**Let us pray.**

All pause for silent prayer.

**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.**

**R:** Amen.

## CELEBRATION 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: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 |
| Gospel             | Luke 1: 26-38                 |
| Homily             |                               |

## RITE OF CROWNING

### **Thanksgiving and Invocation**

After the homily, the minister stands before the image of the Mother of God and alternates saying the prayer of thanksgiving and invocation with the assembly, or the minister may read the entire prayer alone.

**Minister:**       **Lord,  
we bless you,  
for you are full of mercy and justice:  
you humble the proud  
and exalt the lowly.**

**All:**               You gave us the highest example  
of your divine wisdom  
in the mystery of the Word made flesh  
and of his virgin Mother.

**Minister:**       **Your Son,  
humbled by death,  
rose glorious at your right hand,  
the king of all creation.**

**All:**               The Virgin, who acknowledged herself  
to be a servant,  
became the Mother of our Redeemer  
and of those reborn in her Son.  
Now, raised above the angels, she prays for all:  
the Queen of mercy and grace.

**Minister:** Bless us as we crown this image  
of the Mother of Your Son.

**All:** We confess Christ to be King of creation  
and call upon Mary, our Queen.  
May we walk in their likeness,  
spending ourselves for the sake of others.

Content with our place in this life,  
may we one day hear your voice  
inviting us to take our place in heaven  
and receive the crown of victory.

### Crowning

The minister or another person places the crown on the image of Mary. If the image is of both 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



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



Hail, Queen of mer - cy and of love, O Ma - ri - a.  
Our hope in sor - row and in woe.  
Show us thy Son, Christ Je - sus.



Tri - umph, 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 - na.

## Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary

After the crowning, the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary is sung or recited. All kneel during the litany, except on Sunday and during the Easter season when they stand.

Minister:

Lord, have mercy  
Christ, have mercy  
Lord, have mercy

All:

Lord, have mercy  
Christ, have mercy  
Lord, have mercy

God our Father in heaven  
God the Son, redeemer of the world  
God the Holy Spirit  
Holy Trinity, one God

have mercy on us  
have mercy on us  
have mercy on us  
have mercy on us

Holy Mother of God  
Mother of the Church  
Model of Motherhood  
Virgin most wise  
Virgin most powerful  
Throne of Wisdom  
Mystical Rose  
Gate of heaven  
Morning Star  
Help of Christians  
Queen of angels  
Queen conceived without sin  
Queen assumed into heaven  
Queen of the rosary  
Queen of peace  
Queen of the universe

pray for us  
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Lamb of God, you take away  
the sins of the world  
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the sins of the world

have mercy on us  
have mercy on us  
have mercy on us

Pray for us, holy Mother of God.

that we may become  
worthy of the promises of Christ.

**Minister:**       **Eternal God,**  
                          **let your people enjoy constant health**  
                          **in mind and body.**  
**Through the intercession of the Virgin Mary**  
                          **free us from the sorrows of this life**  
                          **and lead us to happiness in the life to come.**

**Grant this through Christ our Lord.**

**R:** Amen.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Any announcements are made at this time.*

#### BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

*A minister who is a priest or deacon concludes the rite by saying:*

**The Lord be with you.**

**R:** And also with you.

*Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.*

*With hands outstretched over the people, the minister blesses them by saying:*

**Through the motherhood of Mary,**  
**God in his goodness has chosen**  
**to redeem the human race.**  
**May he enrich you with his blessing.**

**R:** Amen.

**May you always and everywhere**  
**experience the protection of Mary,**  
**through whom you have received the author of life.**

**R:** Amen.

**May you who have come here today out of devotion**  
**take away with you the gift of joy in your hearts**  
**and the rewards of heaven.**

**R:** Amen.

*Then he blesses all present.*

**And may almighty God bless you,**  
**the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.**

**R:** Amen.

*Go in the peace of Christ.*

**R:** Thanks be to God.

A lay minister concludes the rite by making the sign of the cross saying:

May you always and everywhere  
experience the protection of Mary,  
through whom you have received the author of life.

In the name of the Father  
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

R: Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ.

R: Thanks be to God.

## HYMN

### Sing of Mary



1. Sing of Mar - y, pure and low - ly, Vir - gin moth - er un - de -  
2. Sing of Je - sus, Son of Mar - y, In the home at Naz - a -  
3. Glo - ry be to God the Fath - er, Glo - ry be un - to the



filed. Sing of God's own Son most ho - ly, Who be - came her  
reth. Toil and la - bor can - not wear - y Love en - dur - ing  
Son; Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it; Glo - ry to the



lit - tle child. Fair - est child of the fair - est moth - er,  
un - to death. Con - stant was the love he gave her,  
Three in One. From the heart of bles - sed Mar - y,



God the Lord who came to earth, Word made flesh, our  
Though he went forth from her side, Forth to preach, and  
From all saints the song a - scends, And the Church the



ver - y broth - er, Takes our na - ture by his birth.  
heal, and suf - fer, Till on Cal - va - ry he died.  
strain re - ech - oes Un - to earth's re - mot - est ends.



## WORD OF GOD

Queenship of Mary - Lectionary Readings # 627

### First Reading

Isaiah 9: 1-6

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah:

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
Upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom  
a light has shone.  
You have brought them abundant joy  
and great rejoicing,  
As they rejoice before you as at the harvest,  
as men make merry when dividing spoils.  
For the yoke that burdened them,  
the pole on their shoulder,  
And the rod of their taskmaster  
you have smashed, as on the day of Midian.  
For every boot that tramped in battle,  
every cloak rolled in blood,  
will be burned as fuel for flames.

For a child is born to us, a son is given us;  
upon his shoulder dominion rests.  
They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero,  
Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.  
His dominion is vast  
and forever peaceful,  
From David's throne, and over his kingdom,  
which he confirms and sustains  
By judgment and justice,  
both now and forever.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this!

The word of the Lord.

**R. The Lord will give him a seat with the leaders of his people.**

*or:* **R. Alleluia.**

Praise, you servants of the LORD,  
praise the name of the LORD.  
Blessed be the name of the LORD  
both now and forever.

**R. The Lord will give him a seat with the leaders of his people.**

*or:* **R. Alleluia.**

From the rising to the setting of the sun  
is the name of the LORD to be praised.  
High above all nations is the LORD;  
above the heavens is his glory.

**R. The Lord will give him a seat with the leaders of his people.**

*or:* **R. Alleluia.**

Who is like the LORD, our God, who is enthroned on high  
and looks upon the heavens and the earth below?

**R. The Lord will give him a seat with the leaders of his people.**

*or:* **R. Alleluia.**

He raises up the lowly from the dust;  
from the dunghill he lifts up the poor  
To seat them with princes,  
with the princes of his own people.

**R. The Lord will give him a seat with the leaders of his people.**

*or:* **R. Alleluia.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke:

In the sixth month, 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 coming to her, he said, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you."  
But she was greatly troubled at what was said  
and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.  
Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary,  
for you have found favor with God.  
Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,  
and you shall name him Jesus.  
He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High,  
and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father,  
and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever,  
and of his kingdom there will be no end."

But Mary said to the angel,  
"How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?"  
And the angel said to her in reply,  
"The holy Spirit will come upon you,  
and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.  
Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.  
And behold, Elizabeth, your relative,  
has also conceived a son in her old age,  
and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren;  
for nothing will be impossible for God."

Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.  
May it be done to me according to your word."  
Then the angel departed from her.

The Gospel of the Lord.