

# St Mary the Virgin - HD (White)

**Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

## **Collect**

O God,  
you have taken to yourself the blessed Virgin Mary,  
mother of your incarnate Son.  
May we who have been redeemed by his blood,  
share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## **First Reading**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good."

ISAIAH 7:10-15

**Psalm** 132:6-10, 13-14

**REFRAIN Arise, O Lord, into your resting place.**

"The Ark! We heard it was in Ephratah; we found it in the fields of Jearim.

Let us go to God's dwelling place; let us fall upon our knees before his footstool." **R**

Arise, O Lord, into your resting-place, you and the ark of your strength.

Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; let your faithful people sing with joy.

For your servant David's sake, do not turn away the face of your anointed. **R**

"If your children keep my covenant and my testimonies that I shall teach them, their children will sit upon your throne for evermore." For the Lord has chosen Zion, he has desired her for his habitation. **R**

## **Second Reading**

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE GALATIANS

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

GALATIANS 4:4-7

## **Gospel**

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE

Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

LUKE 1:46-55

Or

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In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

LUKE 2:1-7

**Prayer over the Gifts**

God of mercy,  
receive all we offer you this day.  
May we share with the Virgin Mary  
the joys of your eternal kingdom,  
and live with you in unending love.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Prayer After Communion**

God of grace,  
today we raise our voices  
to magnify your holy name,  
and, in our own generation, to call her blessed  
who became the mother of our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
May we who have shared this holy food  
continue, with her, in your glorious kingdom,  
founded and established in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
We ask this in his name.