

Sanctus  
from  
plain-  
song  
Mass  
IX  
"Cum  
Jubilo"

San- ctus, \* Sanctus, San- ctus Dóminus De- us Sá- ba- oth. Ple-ni sunt  
coe-li et ter- ra gló- ri- a tu- a. Ho-sánna in excél- sis. Be- ne-díctus qui  
ve- nit in nó- mi- ne Dó- mi- ni. Ho- sánna in ex-cél- sis.

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Agnus  
Dei  
from  
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Mass IX  
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A-gnus De- i, \* qui tol- lis peccá- ta mun- di: mi- se- ré- re no- bis. Agnus De-  
i, \* qui tol- lis peccá- ta mun- di : mi- se- ré- re no- bis. Agnus De- i, \* qui  
tol- lis peccá- ta mun- di : do- na no- bis pa- cem.

**K** COMMUNION ANTIPHON *All generations will call me blessed, Beatam me dicent omnes generationes, for the One who is mighty has done quia fecit mihi magna qui potens est great things for me.*

Communion Motet "Beata es Virgo" by Jacobus Clemens (Clemens non Papa (c1510-1556)  
*Blessed art thou, Virgin Mary, who gave birth to the Creator of all things. thou didst bear the very One Who made thee, and thou remainest for ever a virgin."*

**L** POST COMMUNION PRAYER *Grant to us who have received the sacraments of salvation, we beseech Thee O Lord, that through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary taken up into heaven, we may be brought to share the glory of the resurrection.*

Organ Voluntary: - "Sonata III" by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

YOU ARE WELCOME TO TAKE THIS SHEET HOME  
PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE THE MASS BOOK

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The first Reading tells of St. John's vision of "the woman clothed with the sun" who is an image, not so much of Our Lady as of the Church, our mother, bringing us to birth in Christ. Nevertheless, this reading is fitting because the Church is always seen as modelled on Our Lady. The child to whom she gives birth is attacked by the Beast, who is an image of Satan, always trying to destroy the Church on earth, yet foiled of his prey by God. The image of Mother Church being taken to a safe place is itself an echo of Our Lady's being taken



to the fullness of heavenly glory at the end of her earthly life. In the second reading, St. Paul foretells God's final victory over sin and death, which is already realised in Our Lady's triumphant arrival in heaven, whence she continues to pray for all her children on earth. The Gospel is Our Lady's "Magnificat", her hymn of praise at the Visitation, when she proclaims God's mercy and power shown to His lowly handmaid above all in this joyful triumph of her arrival in heaven.

**A** INTROIT *Signum magnum apparuit in caelo: mulier amicta sole, et luna sub pedibus eius, et in capite eius corona stellarum duodecim. Psalm. Cantate Domino canticum novum: quia mirabilia fecit.*

*A great sign appeared in heaven: the woman clothed with the sun, the moon beneath her feet, and a crown of twelve stars upon her head. Sing unto the Lord a new canticle: for He has worked wonders.*

Introductory rite—see Mass book page 3.  
Kyrie & Gloria - from Missa "Coronation Mass in C" by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

**B** COLLECT *Omnipotens sempiterne Deus, qui immaculatam Virginem Mariam, Filii tui Genetricem, corpore et anima ad caelestem gloriam assumpsisti, concede, quaesumus, ut, ad superna semper intenti, ipsius gloriae mereamur esse consortes. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum...*

*O Almighty and eternal God, who didst take up the Sinless Virgin Mary, Thy Son's Mother, body and soul into heaven; grant, we beseech Thee, that with our minds ever set on heavenly things, we may be worthy to share in her glory.*

**C** First Reading is taken from the Apocalypse *The sanctuary of God in heaven opened, and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it. Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready. Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ.*

Verbum Domini. **R. Deo gratias.**

## D GRADUAL

Audi, filia, et vide, et inclina aurem tuam: quia concupivit rex speciem tuam. *Hear, o daughter, and incline thine ear to me, for the king has desired thy beauty. In V. Specie tua, et pulchritudine tua intende, thy beauty and loveliness go forth, advance prospere procede, et regna. in prosperity, and reign*

## E Second Reading from St. Paul's Epistle to the Corinthians

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet - though when it is said that everything is subjected, this clearly cannot include the One who subjected everything to him.

Verbum Domini. **R. Deo gratias.**

## F GOSPEL ALLELUIA

Assumpta est Maria in caelum: gaudet *Mary has been taken up into heaven: the army exercitus angelorum. of angels rejoices.*

## G GOSPEL— A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

At that time: Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a city of Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her from the Lord." And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden. For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is on those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm, he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts, he has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted those of low degree; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his posterity for ever." And Mary remained with her about three months, and returned to her home.

Verbum Domini. **R. Laus, tibi Christe.**

**CREDO IV**—see Mass book page 29 or 30

At the end of the Bidding Prayers we sing this ancient prayer to Our Lady. (see next page)



*We fly to thy protection, O holy Mother of God. Despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us from all dangers, O ever glorious and blessed Virgin*

7. **S** UB tú-um praesí-di-um confúgimus,\* sáncta Dó-i  
 Génitrix : nóstras depre-ca-ti-ónes ne despí-ci-as in ne-ces-  
 si-tá-tibus : sed a per-í-cu-lis cúntis líbe-ra nos sem-  
 per, Vírgo glo-ri-ó-sa et be- ne-dícta.

## Offertory Motet "Assumpta est Maria" by Palestrina

*"Mary has been taken up into heaven; the Angels rejoice, they praise the Lord and bless Him."*



## H PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Ascendat ad te, Domine, nostrae devotionis oblatio, et, beatissima Virgine Maria in caelum assumpta intercedente, corda nostra, caritatis igne succensa, ad te iugiter aspirent Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

*May the offering of our devotion rise up unto Thee, O Lord, and by the intercession of the most Blessed Virgin Mary taken up to heaven, may our hearts be on fire with the flame of love, and ever aspire unto Thee.*

## J PREFACE

Vere dignum et iustum est, aequum et salutare, nos tibi semper et ubique gratias agere: Domine, sancte Pater, omnipotens aeternae Deus: per Christum Dominum nostrum. *It is truly meet and right and incumbent upon us for our salvation that we should always and everywhere give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty everlasting God. For today the Holy Virgin Mother of God has been taken up to heaven; to be the beginning and image of Thy Church's heavenly fulfilment, and a sure token of hope and comfort to a pilgrim People. For Thou didst not wish that she who had so wonderfully borne Thy Son, the author of all life made man, should endure the grave's corruption. And therefore, in company with the angelic choirs, we praise Thee, singing with joy:*

Et ideo, choris angelicis sociati, te laudamus, in gaudio confitentes: