

MARY, MOTHER OF THE LORD**P 19**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks.**

**In the mother of your Son
you showed the wonders of your power
and through her you still continue
to accomplish in us our salvation.**

**In your wisdom and love
she fulfills a mother's role
in the household of the Church
and is entrusted with the distribution of grace.
Through her words you instruct us,
through her example you draw us to follow her Son,
through her prayers you grant us forgiveness.**

**With thankful praise,
in company with the choirs of heaven,
we glorify your power
as we sing with one voice:**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

MARY, THE NEW EVE**P 20**

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**ather, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**You gave to Christ, author of the New Covenant,
the Blessed Virgin Mary as his mother and companion
and you made her the firstfruits of your new people.**

**Conceived without stain,
enriched by gifts of grace,
she is indeed the new woman,
the first disciple of the New Law.**

**She is a woman who finds joy in your service,
who is attentive to the voice of the Spirit,
who is always ready to obey your word.**

**She is a woman blest for her faith,
a woman blest in her child,
a woman raised up from among the lowly.**

**She is a woman standing firm in adversity,
keeping faith by the cross of her Son,
entering into glory at the end of her days.**

**With the whole company of the angels
we praise you with one voice:**

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heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

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MARY, IMAGE AND MOTHER OF THE CHURCH I P 25

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Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks;
we especially praise you and proclaim your glory
as we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**She received your Word in the purity of her heart
and, conceiving in her virgin womb,
gave birth to our Savior
and so nurtured the Church at its very beginning.**

**She accepted God's parting gift of love
as she stood beneath the cross
and so became the mother of all those
who were brought to life
through the death of her only Son.**

**She joined her prayers with those of the apostles,
as together they awaited the coming of your Spirit,
and so became the perfect pattern of the Church at prayer.**

**Raised to the glory of heaven,
she cares for the pilgrim Church with a mother's love,
following its progress homeward
until the day of the Lord dawns in splendor.**

**Now, with all the angels and saints,
we proclaim your glory
and join in their unending hymn of praise:**

Holy, holy, holy . . .

MARY, IMAGE AND MOTHER OF THE CHURCH II P 26

1. I AM THE VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF THE CHURCH.

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Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

In your infinite goodness
you have given to the virgin Church
the model of true worship in the Virgin Mary.

She is the Virgin who listens,
who embraces your words with joy,
treasuring them in the silence of her heart.

She is the Virgin of prayer,
who sings of your mercy in her canticle of praise,
who shows concern for the bridegroom and bride of Cana
and intercedes for them with her Son,
who prays with the apostles in oneness of mind and heart.

She is the Virgin Mother,
who gives birth to your Son
by the power of the Holy Spirit
and at the foot of the cross
is proclaimed as mother
of the people of the New Covenant.

She is the Virgin who offers,
presenting the Firstborn in your temple
and sharing in his self-offering
beside the tree of everlasting life.

She is the Virgin who keeps vigil,
awaiting the resurrection of her Son
with unwavering hope
and looking forward to the coming of the Holy Spirit,
with steadfast faith.

In our joy we sing to your glory
with all the choirs of angels:

Holy, holy, holy . . .

MARY, IMAGE AND MOTHER OF THE CHURCH III P 27

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ather, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks.

You have given the Blessed Virgin Mary to your Church
as the perfect image
of its role as mother
and of its future glory.

She is a virgin unsurpassed in purity of faith,
a bride joined to Christ
in an unbreakable bond of love
and united with him in his suffering.

She is a mother by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit,
filled with loving concern for all her children.

She is a queen adorned with the jewels of grace,
robed with the sun and crowned with stars,
sharing eternally in the glory of her Lord.

Through him the angels of heaven
offer their prayer of adoration
as they rejoice in your presence for ever.
May our voices be one with theirs
in their triumphant hymn of praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

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MARY, MOTHER AND MEDIATRIX OF GRACE

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 ather, all-powerful and ever-living God,
 we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Truly God and truly human,
he was chosen by you
as the one mediator between you and the human family,
always living to make intercession for us.
In your wisdom and goodness
the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother and companion of the
 Redeemer,
was to have a maternal role in the Church:
of intercession and pardon,
of prayer and grace,
of reconciliation and peace.
The love that she bestows as a mother
is entirely the gift of Christ, the one mediator,
from whom alone she receives her power.
Her children, in their trials and fears,
turn with confidence to the Blessed Virgin,
calling to her as mother of mercy and handmaid of grace.
In our joy we sing to your glory
with all the choirs of angels:

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heaven and earth are full of your glory.
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