

7th October

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary

According to the legend, the modern Rosary, thus the recitation of 150 Hail Mary's in imitation of the 150 Psalms, was first revealed to St Dominic by Our Lady, yet others forms of this prayer are much older, and some precursors go back to early Christianity. In the late 15th century the first Rosary confraternities were established, and now the prayer beads also frequently occur in works of art. Two important victories in the defence of Christendom against the infidels were ascribed to the power of this prayer, the battle of Lepanto (1571) and that of Peterwardein (1716).

In England, the Mass for this feast may be celebrated on the first Sunday of October.

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INTROIT

Gaudeamus omnes in Domino, diem festum celebrantes sub honore Mariæ Virginis : de cujus solemnitate gaudent Angeli, et collaudant Filium Dei. Ps. 44:2: Eructavit cor meum verbum bonum : dico ego opera mea regi. *℟.* Gloria.

or (if the Mass is celebrated on the first Sunday in October)

Salve, sancta parens, enixa puerpera regem, qui cælum terramque regis in sæcula sæculorum. Ps. 44:2: Eructavit cor meum verbum bonum : dico ego opera mea regi. *℟.* Gloria.

*Let us all rejoice in the Lord, celebrating a festival day in honour of the blessed Virgin Mary, for whose solemnity the Angels rejoice and give praise to the Son of God. Ps. 44:2: My heart hath uttered a good word : I speak my works to the king. *℟.* Glory.*

*Hail, holy parent, who didst bring forth the king who rules heaven and earth for ever. Ps. 44:2: My heart hath uttered a good word : I speak my works to the king. *℟.* Glory.*

COLLECT

Deus, cujus Unigenitus per vitam, mortem et resurrectionem suam nobis salutis æternæ præmia comparavit : concede quæsumus; ut hæc mysteria sacratissimo beatæ Mariæ Virginis Rosario recolentes, et imitemur quod continent, et quod promittunt assequamur. Per eundem Dominum.

O God, whose only-begotten Son, by his life, death and resurrection, hath purchased for us the rewards of eternal salvation; grant, we beseech thee, that meditating upon these mysteries in the most holy Rosary of the blessed Virgin Mary, we may both imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise. Through the same Lord.

LESSON: *Prov.* 8:22-24, 32-35

Lectio libri Sapientiæ.

Dominus possedit me in initio viarum suarum, antequam quidquam faceret a principio. Ab æterno ordinata sum, et ex antiquis, antequam terra fieret. Nondum erant abyssi, et ego jam concepta eram. Nunc ergo filii, audite me : beati qui custodiunt vias meas. Audite disciplinam, et estote sapientes, et nolite abjicere

A lesson from the Book of Wisdom.

The Lord possessed me in the beginning of his ways, before he made anything, from the beginning. I was set up from eternity, and of old, before the earth was made. The depth were not as yet, and I was already conceived. Now, therefore, ye children, hear me: blessed art they that keep my ways. Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not. Blessed is the man

eam. Beatus homo qui audit me, et qui vigilat ad fores meas quotidie, et observat ad postes ostii mei. Qui me invenerit, inveniet vitam, et hauriet salutem a Domino.

that heareth me, and that watcheth daily at my gates and waiteth at the posts of my doors. He that shall find me shall find life, and shall have salvation from the Lord.

GRADUAL: Ps. 44:5, 11, 12

Propter veritatem, et mansuetudinem, et justitiam : et deducet te mirabiliter dextera tua. *℟.* Audi, filia, et vide, et inclina aurem tuam : quia concupivit rex speciem tuam.

Because of truth and meekness and justice; and thy right hand shall conduct thee wonderfully. ℞. Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline thy ear : for the king hath greatly desired thy beauty.

ALLELUIA

Solemnitas gloriosæ Virginis Mariæ, ex semine Abrahæ, ortæ de tribu Juda, clara ex stirpe David.

This is the solemnity of the glorious Virgin Mary, of the race of Abraham, of the tribe of Juda, of the illustrious family of David.

GOSPEL: Lk. 1:26-38

Sequentia sancti Evangelii secundum Lucam.

Continuation of the holy Gospel according to St Luke.

In illo tempore : Missus est Angelus Gabriel a Deo in civitatem Galilææ, cui nomen Nazareth, ad Virginem desponsatam viro, cui nomen erat Joseph, de domo David, et nomen Virginis Maria. Et ingressus Angelus ad eam, dixit : Ave gratia plena : Dominus tecum : benedicta tu in mulieribus. Quæ cum audisset, turbata est in sermone ejus : et cogitabat qualis esset ista saluatio. Et ait Angelus ei : Ne timeas, Maria, invenisti enim gratiam apud Deum : ecce concipies in utero, et paries filium, et vocabis nomen ejus Jesum. Hic erit magnus, et Filius Altissimi vocabitur, et dabit illi Dominus Deus sedem David patris ejus : et regnabit in domo Jacob in æternum, et regni ejus non erit finis. Dixit autem Maria ad Angelum : Quomodo fiet istud, quoniam virum non cognosco? Et respondens Angelus, dixit ei : Spiritus Sanctus superveniet in te, et virtus Altissimi obumbrabit tibi. Ideoque et quod nascetur ex te Sanctum, vocabitur Filius Dei. Et ecce Elisabeth cognata tua, et ipsa concepit filium in senectute sua : et hic mensis sextus est illi, quæ vocatur sterilis : quia non erit impossibile apud Deum omne verbum. Dixit autem Maria : Ecce ancilla Domini, fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum.

At that time: The Angel Gabriel was sent from God into a city of Galilee, called Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the Angel being come in, said unto her: Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women. Who having heard, was troubled at his saying; and thought with herself what manner of salutation this should be. And the Angel said to her: Fear not, Mary, for thou hast found grace with God. Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and shalt bring forth a son; and thou shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of David his father; and he shall reign in the house of Jacob for ever. And of his kingdom there shall be no end. And Mary said to the Angel: How shall this be done, because I know not man? And the Angel answering said to her: The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee. And therefore also the Holy which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And behold thy cousin Elizabeth, she also hath conceived a son in her old age; and this is the sixth month with her that is called barren, because no word shall be impossible with God. And Mary said: Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it done to me according to thy word.

OFFERTORY: *Ecclus. 24:25, 39:17*

In me gratia omnis viæ et veritatis, in me omnis spes vitæ et virtutis : ego quasi rosa plantata super rivos aquarum fructificavi.

In me is all grace of the way and of the truth; in me is all hope of life and of virtue. As a rose planted by the water-brooks have I budded forth.

SECRET

Fac nos, quæsumus, Domine, his muneribus offerendis convenienter aptari : et per sacratissimi Rosarii mysteria, sic vitam, passionem et gloriam Unigeniti tui recolere; ut ejus digni promissionibus efficiamur. Qui tecum vivit.

Make us worthy, O Lord, to offer these gifts and, by means of the mysteries of the most holy Rosary, let us so keep in mind the life, passion and glory of thine only-begotten Son, that we may be made worthy of his promises. Who liveth.

PREFACE

Of Our Lady

Vere dignum et justum est, æquum et salutare, nos tibi semper, et ubique gratias agere : Domine sancte, Pater omnipotens, æterne Deus : et te in festivitate beatæ Mariæ semper Virginis collaudare, benedicere, et prædicare. Quæ et Unigenitum tuum Sancti Spiritus obumbratione concepit : et virginitatis gloria permanente, lumen æternum mundo effudit, Jesum Christum, Dominum nostrum. Per quem majestatem tuam laudant Angeli, adorant Dominationes, tremunt Potestates. Cæli, cælorumque Virtutes, ac beata Seraphim, socia exultatione concelebrant. Cum quibus et nostras voces, ut admitti jubeas, deprecamur, supplici confessione dicentes :

It is truly meet and just, right and salutary, that we should always, and in all places, give thanks to thee, O holy Lord, Father almighty, eternal God; and on the Feast of the blessed Mary, ever a Virgin, should praise and bless and proclaim thee. For she conceived thine only-begotten Son by the overshadowing of the Holy Ghost; and, losing not the glory of her virginity, gave to the world the everlasting light, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through whom the Angels praise thy majesty, the Dominions adore, the Powers tremble. The Heavens, and the Virtues of the heavens, and the blessed Seraphim, do celebrate with united joy. In union with whom we beseech thee, that thou wouldst command our voices also to be admitted, with suppliant confession, saying:

COMMUNION: *Ecclus. 39:19*

Florete flores quasi liliū, et date odorem, et frondete in gratiam : collaudate canticum, et benedicite Dominum in operibus suis.

Send forth flowers, as the lily, and yield a smell, and bring forth leaves in grace, and praise with canticles, and bless the Lord in his works.

POST-COMMUNION

Sanctissimæ Genitricis tuæ, cujus Rosarium celebramus, quæsumus, Domine, precibus adjuvemur : ut et mysteriorum quæ colimus virtus percipiatur; et sacramentorum quæ sumpsimus obtineatur effectus. Qui vivis.

May we be helped, O Lord, we beseech thee, by the prayers of thy most holy Mother, whose Rosary we are celebrating; so that we may draw strength from the mysteries which we reverence and receive the fruit of the sacraments which we have received. Who livest.