

RITE OF CROWNING

Gathering Song

Mary, First Among Believers
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Sign of the Cross and Greeting

Introduction

Celebrant: My brothers and sisters, we have come to crown this image of Mary. 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.

Collect

Celebrant: Father, as your Son was raised on the cross, his mother Mary stood by him, sharing his sufferings. May your Church be united with Christ in his suffering and death and so come to share in his rising to new life, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Liturgy of the Word

Juan Vargas, Archdiocese of Chicago

A Reading from the Book of Revelation (Spanish)

God's temple in heaven opened and in the temple could be seen the ark of his covenant. A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. Because she was with child, she wailed aloud in pain as she labored to give birth. Then another sign appeared in the sky: it was a huge dragon, flaming red, with seven heads and ten horns; on his heads were seven diadems. His tail swept a third of the stars from the sky and hurled them down to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman about to give birth, ready to devour her child when it should be born. She gave birth to a son—a boy destined to shepherd all the nations with an iron rod. Her child was snatched up to God and to his throne. The woman herself fled into the desert, where a special place had been prepared for her by God. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have

salvation and power come, the reign of our God and the authority of his Anointed One." The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Jared Kleinwaechter, Archdiocese of Atlanta

R. My heart rejoices in the Lord, my Savior.

As Hannah worshiped the Lord, she said:

"My heart exults in the Lord,
My horn is exalted in my God.
I have swallowed up my enemies;
I rejoice in my victory.

R. My heart rejoices in the Lord, my Savior.

The bows of the mighty are broken,
while the tottering gird on strength.
The well-fed hire themselves out for bread,
while the hungry batten on spoil.
The barren wife bears seven sons,
while the mother of many languishes.

R. My heart rejoices in the Lord, my Savior.

The Lord puts to death and gives life;
he casts down to the nether world;
he raises up again.
The Lord makes poor and makes rich,
he humbles, he also exalts.

R. My heart rejoices in the Lord, my Savior.

He raises the needy from the dust;
from the ash heap he lifts up the poor,
To seat them with nobles
and make a glorious throne their heritage.

R. My heart rejoices in the Lord, my Savior.

Gospel Acclamation

Joseph Nguyen, Diocese of San Jose

Blessed is the Virgin Mary who kept the word of God, and pondered it in her heart.

Gospel

Ritchie Ortiz, Archdiocese of Chicago

Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother* and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.

Homily

Father John Kartje, Rector

Choral Piece

**Ave Maria (Caccini)
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Thanksgiving and Invocation

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: 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

Ian Ordonez, Diocese of Rockford

Choral Piece

**Ave Maria de Lourdes
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Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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.

Solemn Blessing and Dismissal

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

R: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Bow down for the blessing.

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.

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

R: Amen.

Go in peace.

R: Thanks be to God.

Regina Caeli

Ethan Osborn, Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau