



The Introit *Salve sancta Parens, Sedulius, 5C., Ps 45:1* TONE VII



Antiphon: Hail, holy Mother! *
The child to whom you gave birth
is the King of heaven and earth for ever.

Psalm. My heart overflows with a beautiful song; *
As I sing my song for the King

Gloria Patri. Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit, *
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever,
for all ages of ages. Amen **Antiphon**

The Kyrie or Litany

The Gloria is omitted in Votive Masses

The Collect:

Pour into our hearts, O Lord, the abundance of your heavenly grace; that, as the childbearing of the Blessed Virgin Mary was to us your servants the beginning of salvation, so the devout observance of her maternity may avail for the increase of our peace; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. *Amen*

The First Reading: Numbers 6:22-27

Brethren: The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them, The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

The Gradual



Blessed and venerable are you O Virgin Mary; *
for without losing your virginity
you became the Mother of God.

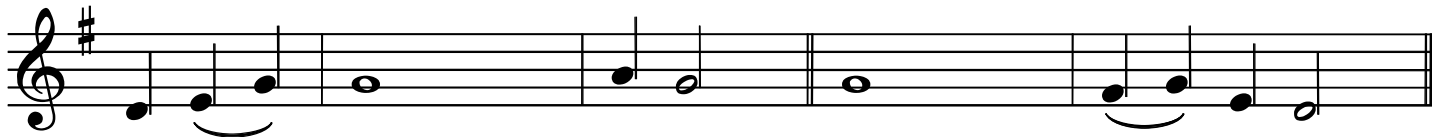
O Virgin Mother of God, ↓
he whom the whole world cannot contain, being made man, *
shut himself up within your womb.

The Epistle: Galatians 4:4-7

Brethren: But 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.

The Tract **In votive masses after Septuagesima omit the Alleluia and its verses and say:**



Rejoice O Virgin Mary *
for alone have you destroyed all heresies.

You believed the words of the Angel Gabriel. ↓
As a virgin, you brought forth God and Man; *
and after childbirth you remained an inviolate virgin.

O Mother of God, *
intercede for us.

Alleluia **Numbers 17:8/ Luke 1 :28**

PSALM TONE LAUDATE



Al-le-lu-ia, Al - le-lu-ia, Al-le - lu - ia,

The rod of Jesse has blossomed, *
a virgin has brought forth God and man:

God has given peace, *
reconciling in himself the lowest with the highest.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you; *
blessed are you among women

The Gospel Luke 2:16-21

At that time... So the shepherds went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

The Nicene Creed may be omitted on weekdays.

Offertory: Beata es, Anonymous

TONE III



Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary, *
who bore the Creator of all things;
you gave birth to your Maker, *
and forever remain a Virgin.

The Prayer over the gifts:

O Lord, may the humanity of your only-begotten Son help us, as he, who, born of a virgin did not lessen but consecrated the purity of his Mother, so on the festival of her Maternity may he free us from our sins and render our sacrifice acceptable to you; through the same Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. *Amen.*

Preface of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

It is truly right and just, our joy and helpful to salvation, that we, always and everywhere, give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father, Almighty and eternal God, and to praise, bless, and extol you on the **Maternity** of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin.

For she conceived your only-begotten Son by the over-shadowing of the Holy Spirit, and, keeping the glory of her virginity, brought forth for the world, the everlasting light, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through whom the angels praise your majesty, dominions adore it, and powers tremble, the heavens and heavenly host in unison with the blessed Seraphim extol it with exceeding joy.

May our voices be united to theirs while in humble praise we acclaim:...

Blessing of the Feast at the Peace

Priest: May Almighty God bless you Who did illumine all the Churches on this day by the maternity of the holy Mother of God.

People: Amen

Priest: May He Who willed His Son to be born of our most pure Lady Mary, defend you, at her intercession, from all adversity.

People: Amen

Priest: May you, being helped now and always by her holy prayers, be worthy to attain the joys of everlasting life.

People: Amen

Priest: May the Lord God Almighty, Whose glorious Kingdom endures for ever, be pleased to bestow these blessings upon you; and...

Priest: The ✠ Peace of The Lord be always with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Communion:

TONE I



Blessed is the womb of the Virgin Mary *
which bore the Son of the eternal Father.

The Postcommunion Collect:

O Lord, we have partaken of the Holy Mysteries on this solemn feast, grant, we pray, that it may bring us assistance both for the present and for life everlasting; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. *Amen*