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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

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 nativity 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: Proverbs 8:22-35

The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth — when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race. "And now, my children, listen to me: happy are those who keep my ways. Hear instruction and be wise, and do not neglect it. Happy is the one who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting beside my doors. For whoever finds me finds life and obtains favor from the LORD.

OR Micah 5:2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

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: Romans 8:28-30

Brethren: We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

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

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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

Matthew 1:1-16

An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of

Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of King David. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah.

The Nicene Creed may be omitted.

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 Nativity 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 **Nativity** 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 His protection, Who did illumine all the Churches on this day by the birth 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*