READINGS

Solemn Votive Mass *Rorate Cæli* in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Advent



Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church Tacoma, Washington Saturday, December 16, 2017 6:00AM The liturgical books of the Ordinary Form of the Roman Rite possess great flexibility in the choices of liturgical texts for a Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The options presented below reflect a Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturdays in Advent whose texts—in particular the readings and chants—match most closely with those of the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite.

GR: Graduale Romanum 1974

LM: Lectionary for Mass (USA), 2002 (reference number)

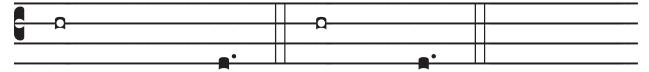
RM: Roman Missal Third Edition (ICEL), 2010

POF: Prayers of the Faithful (Very Rev. Peter J. Elliott), 2009

First Reading: LM 707.7 — Isaiah 7:10–14 (Prophecy Tone)

A reading from the Book of the Propet Isaiah:

The Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying:
Ask for a sign from the Lord, your God;
let it be deep as the netherworld, or high as the sky!
But Ahaz answered, "I will not ask! I will not tempt the Lord!"
Then Isaiah said: Listen, O house of David!
Is it not enough for you to weary people,
must you also weary my God?
Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign:
the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,
and shall name him Emmanuel.



The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: LM 710.4 — Galatians 4:4–7 (Epistle Tone)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians:

Brothers and sisters:

When the fullness of time had come,

God sent his Son, born of a woman,

born under the law,

to ransom those under the law,

so that we might receive adoption as sons.

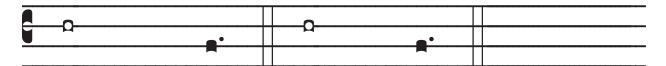
As proof that you are sons,

God sent the spirit of his Son into our hearts,

crying out, "Abba, Father!"

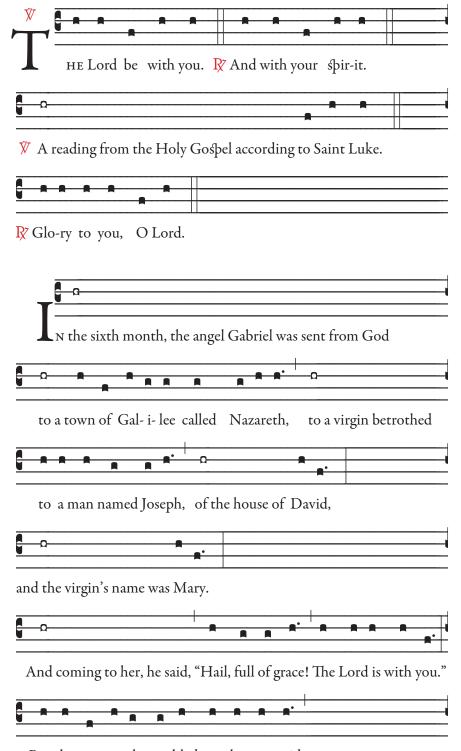
So you are no longer a slave but a son,

and if a son then also an heir, through God.

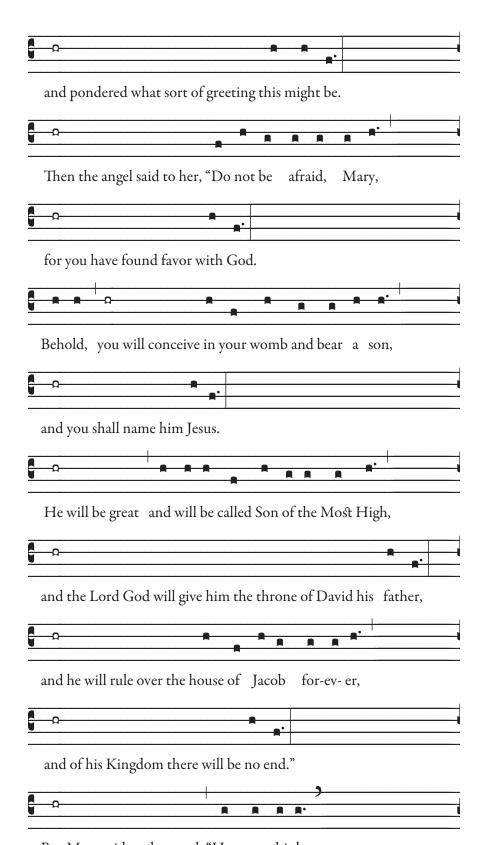


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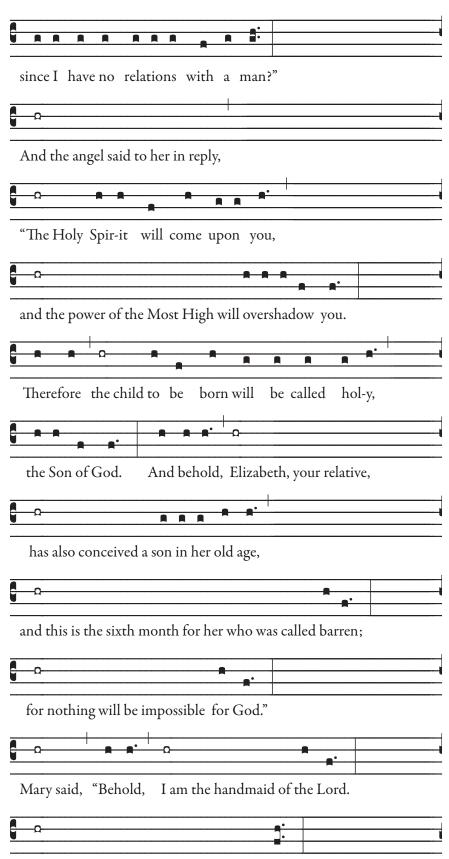
Gospel: LM 712.4 — Luke 1:26–38 (Simple Gospel Tone)



But she was greatly troubled at what was said



But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be,



May it be done to me according to your word."



Then the angel departed from her.



 \overline{V} The Gos-pel of the Lord. \overline{V} Praise to you, Lord Je-sus Christ.

Prayers of the Faithful (POF 210 with adaptations)

Celebrant:

In her Immaculate Conception,

Mary is revealed as the second Eve.

She is God's new beginning for our human race.

As we honor her today,

let us join her in prayer to our Father and Creator.

Reader:

- 1. For Holy Mother Church, that She may grow toward the perfection of Mary, our destiny and our hope, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2. For our world, that through prayer and penance it may enter an age of peace, the triumph of Mary's Immaculate Heart, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3. For the pure in heart, that they may spread decency and harmony throughout society, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4. For ourselves, that she who is "full of grace" may help us on our pilgrimage in this world, let us pray to the Lord.

- A. For the bereaved, the homebound, and the sick, and for those whose suffering is known only to God, let us pray to the Lord.
- B. For the dead, especially the deceased Benedictine priests and sisters who served at Holy Rosary, that they may rejoice forever with the blessed Mother, let us pray to the Lord.
- C. For the people of Tacoma, for which this Mass is offered, and for all the prayers we hold in the silence of our hearts, let us pray to the Lord.

Celebrant:

Father and Creator, hear us as we pray with the Immaculate ever-virgin Mary, chosen before the world was made to be the Mother of Jesus your Son, and grant these, our petitions, according to your holy will, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, world without end.

