

Music for Our Assembly

December 8, 2023

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation, and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bride adorned with her jewels.... Isaiah 61:10

Gathering Hymn – Immaculate Mary

1. Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing.
You reign now in heaven with Jesus our King.

Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria!

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2. In heaven the blessed your glory proclaim;
On earth we your children invoke your fair name.

3. We pray for our Mother, the Church upon earth,
And bless, Holy Mary, the land of our birth.

Text: 11 11 with refrain; anon. in Parochial Hymn Book, Boston, 1897; rev. of Hail Virgin of virgins by Jeremiah Cummings, 1814–1866, alt. Music: Trad. Pyren

Prayer of the Faithful

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Our response is: “Lord of Life, Hear Our Prayer.”

1. For Pope Francis and all church leaders . . . may their teaching echo the angel’s message to rise above fear and accept the boundless possibilities God offers, we pray. . .
2. For global, national, and civic leaders . . . strengthen them to joyfully embrace their mission of service to all Your people, we pray...
3. For this faith community of Saint Matthias . . . with Mary as our model, help us to respond “yes” to God’s will so that we can make Christ known to others, we pray. . .
4. For those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit, especially those on our parish and school sick lists . . . bring them comfort and healing in their daily journey, we pray . . .
5. For those who have died, especially ***Audrey Johnson-Hunt, John Sudia, and Martin Slyman***... may they join with Mary and all the saints in songs of praise before God’s heavenly throne, we pray. . .
6. For the silent intentions we hold deep in our hearts today
. through the intercession of our Blessed Mother, graciously answer our needs, we pray. . .

The presider announces the Mass intention and concludes.

Preparation Hymn – Come as We Journey Along the Way

1. Trav'ling on life's daily journey,
we never walk alone.
Mary, our Mother, is with us,
sharing our pilgrim road.

**Ven con nosotros al caminar;
Santa María, ven.
Ven con nosotros al caminar;
Santa María, ven.**

2. Though some will tell us, discouraged,
“Nothing can ever change,”
fight for a new world of justice;
fight till the truth is gained.

3. While people aimlessly wander,
Mary is at their side.
She lends her hand to her children,
those who in love abide.

4. Though many steps on the journey
seem to be made in vain,
still we are forging a pathway
others will walk one day.

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Communion Hymn – Holy Is His Name

1. My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord
And my spirit exalts in God my savior
For He has looked with mercy on my lowliness
And my name will be forever exalted
For the mighty God has done great things for me
And His mercy will reach from age to age

**And holy, holy, holy is His name. And holy, holy,
holy is His Name**

2. He has mercy in every generation
He has revealed His power and His glory
He has cast down the mighty in their arrogance
And has lifted up the meek and the lonely
He has come to help His servant Israel
He remembered His promise to our fathers
And holy, holy, holy is His name. And holy, holy, holy
is His name

**And holy, holy, holy is His name. And holy, holy,
holy is His Name**

Closing Hymn – Hail Holy Queen

1. Hail, holy Queen enthroned above,
O Maria.
Hail, Queen of mercy and of love,
O Maria.
Triumph, all ye Cherubim,
Sing with us, ye Seraphim,
Heav'n and earth resound the hymn:
Salve, Salve, Salve, Regina.
2. The cause of joy to all below,
O Maria.
The spring through which all graces flow,
O Maria.
Angels, all your praises bring,
Earth and heaven, with us sing,
All creation echoing:
Salve, Salve, Salve, Regina.
3. O gentle, loving, holy one,
O Maria.
The God of light became your Son,
O Maria.
Triumph, all ye Cherubim,
Sing with us, ye Seraphim,
Heav'n and earth resound the hymn:
Salve, Salve, Salve, Regina.

Text: Salve, Regina, mater misericordia; c.1080; tr. Roman Hymnal, 1884; st. 2-3 adapt. by M. Owen Lee, CSB, b.1930

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Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous deeds.

Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done wondrous deeds;
His right hand has won victory for him,
his holy arm.

The LORD has made his salvation known:
in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.
He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness
toward the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation by our God.
Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands;
break into song; sing praise.

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous deeds.