



Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God- A (Page 142-145)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf, Isa 9:1;5 Lk1:13 Page 142

Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King, who rules heaven and earth for ever.

FIRST READING 6:22-27, page 143

A reading from the book of Numbers.

They will call down my name on the children of Israel and I will bless them.

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "Say this to Aaron and his sons: "This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them:

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord uncover his face and bring you peace."

This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them".

✠ The word of the Lord. ✠



SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians.

4:4-7, page 143

When the appointed time came, God sent his son, born of a woman.

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, "Abba, Father", and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave anymore; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

✠ The word of the Lord. ✠



Gospel Acclamation

Heb 1:1-2

Alleluia, alleluia!

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

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A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. 2:16-21

The shepherds found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the crib... When the eight day came, they gave him the name of Jesus.

★ The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they say the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. ★

★ As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told ★

When the eight day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.

◆ The Gospel of the Lord. ◆

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and for ever.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We have received this heavenly Sacrament with joy, O Lord; grant, we pray, that it may lead us to eternal life, for we rejoice to proclaim the blessed ever-Virgin Mary – Mother of your Son and Mother of the Church.

◆ Through Christ our Lord. ◆

