

Sunday 16 August 2026

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

COLLECT

Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Revelation 11.19-12.6, 10

A reading from the book of Revelation

God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple; and there were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail. A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pangs, in the agony of giving birth. Then another portent appeared in heaven: a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bear a child, so that he might devour her child as soon as it was born. And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron. But her child was snatched away and taken to God and to his throne; and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, so that there she can be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming:

'Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been

thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.'

For the word of our Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 45

On your right hand stands the queen, in garments of gold.

The daughters of the king are among your loved ones.
On your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.
Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words: Forget your own people and your father's house.

So will the king desire your beauty.
He is your Lord, pay homage to him.
They are escorted amid gladness and joy:
They pass within the palace of the king.

SECOND READING

I Corinthians 15.20-27a

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For God has put all things in subjection under his feet.

For the word of our Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Luke 1.46-55

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Mary said "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour. For he has looked with favour on his lowly servant; from this day all generations will call me blessed. The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant, Israel, for he has remembered his promise of mercy. The promise he made to our forebears: to Abraham and his children for ever"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION

God most high, whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh: we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption you visit us with your Holy Spirit and overshadow us by your power; strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.