MAY CROWNING



ST. GERTRUDE PARISH

PRAYER

Presider: Father God, you gave us eternal salvation

through the motherhood of the Virgin Mary. May we experience the help of her prayers in our lives, for through her we received the very source of life, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

MAGNIFICAT

<u>Girls</u>: My soul proclaims your greatness, O my God,

and my spirit rejoices in you, my Savior, For you have blessed me, a poor servant.

Boys: From this day all generations will call me

blessed, for you, who are mighty, have made

me great. Holy be your Name.

Girls: Your mercy is on those who fear you

through every generation.

<u>Boys</u>: You have showed strength with your arm.

You have scattered the proud in their fantasy.

Girls: You have put down the mighty from their seat,

and have lifted up the powerless.

Boys: You have filled the hungry with good things,

and have sent the rich away empty.

<u>Girls</u>: Remembering your mercy,

You have helped your people Israel.

Boys: As you promised Abraham and Sarah.

Mercy to their children, forever.

PRESENTATION TO MARY

(While the flowers to the Blessed Mother are presented, ALL sing:)

HYMN: HAIL MARY, GENTLE WOMAN BY CAREY LANDRY

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blest is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of death. Amen.

Refrain Gentle woman, quiet light, morning star, so strong and bright, gentle Mother, peaceful dove, teach us wisdom; teach us love.

- 1. You were chosen by the Father; you were chosen for the Son. You were chosen from all women and for woman, shining one.
- 2. Blessed are you among women, blest in turn all women, too.Blessed they with peaceful spirits.Blessed they with gentle hearts.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

ALL: Mary, Mother of God and my mother too, all things are made new through the power of your Son, Jesus.

I come to you, my Queen and Mother. I dedicate to you all I am and all I have. I consecrate to you my work, my play, my body, my mind and my heart.

Guide and protect my family, my school, my friends, our country and our world.

We are proud to call you our Queen. We ask for your prayers and your protection always. Help all of us in this life and bring us to life in the kingdom of heaven. Amen.

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL: SING WITH ALL THE SAINTS IN GLORY

Sing with all the saints in glory, sing the resurrection song! Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, to the former days belong. All around the clouds are breaking, Soon the storms of time shall cease; In God's likeness, we awaken, knowing everlasting peace.

O what glory, far exceeding all that eye has yet perceived! Holiest hearts for ages pleading, never that full joy conceived. God has promised, Christ prepares it, There on high our welcome waits. Ev'ry humble spirit shares it, Christ has passed the eternal gates.

Life eternal! Heav'n rejoices: Jesus lives who once was dead; Shout with joy, O deathless voices! Child of God, lift up your head! Patriarchs from distant ages, saints all longing for their heav'n, Prophets, psalmists, seers and sages, All await the glory giv'n!