

Prayer after Communion

O Lord, you have been strengthened us at the table of your Word and Sacrament, grant that following in Mary's footsteps we may be hidden and unknown in this world so that the figure of Christ may manifest himself to others in us. Through Christ our Lord.

Solemn Blessing

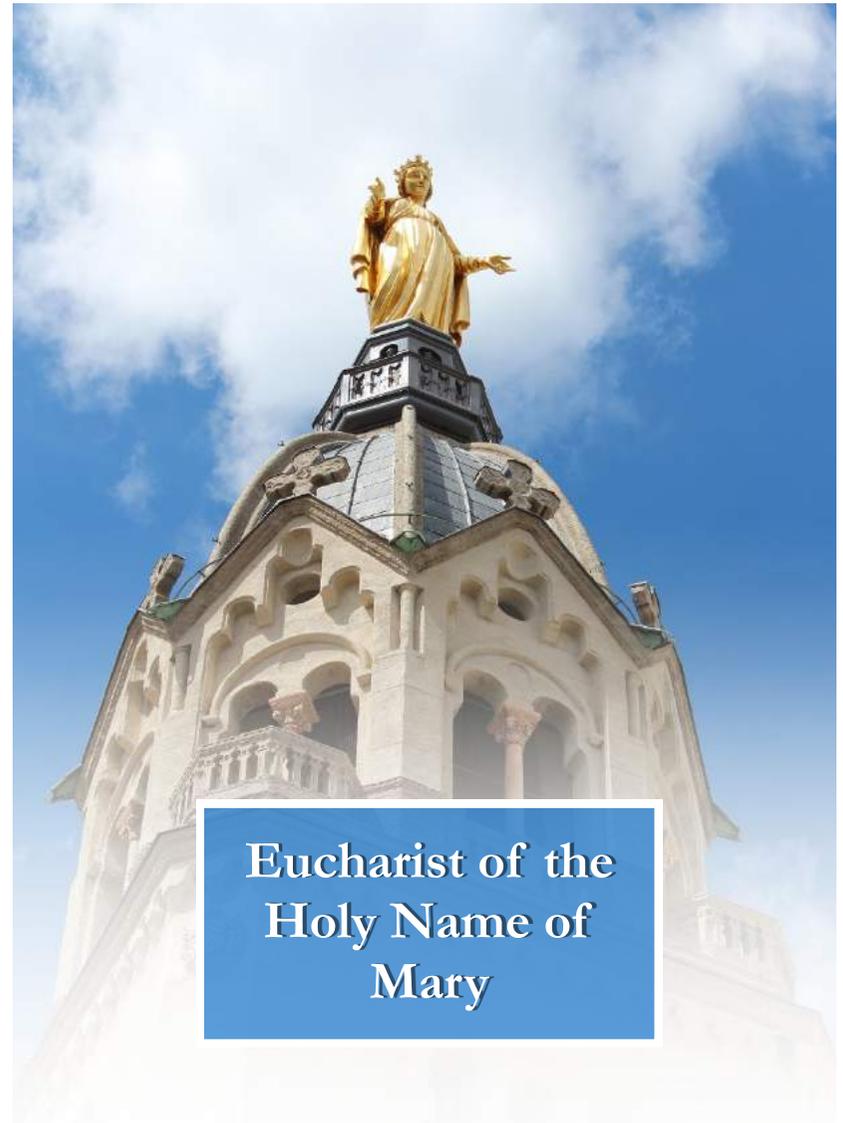
God our all-powerful Father has bestowed on you the name of Mary. In keeping with her example at Nazareth, may you listen with attentiveness to his Word and carry it to fulfilment in all you do. **R. Amen.**

He has given you the Early Church as the only model of your life together: may he make you one in heart and mind with your brothers (and sisters). **R. Amen.**

And so, joyfully doing the Father's will, trusting in the power of Christ alone, may you prepare the way for the coming of the Kingdom. **R. Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever. **R. Amen.**

Closing song



Eucharist of the
Holy Name of
Mary

Opening Song

or Entrance Antiphon:

Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary, by the Lord God Most High, above all women on earth; for he has so exalted your name that your praise shall be undying on our lips.

Opening Prayer

Grant, we pray, almighty God, to look upon the lowliness of your servants who labour under the name of Mary; do great things through them (us), filling them (us) with the spirit of their (our) Mother so that, not seeking their (our) own interests but those of Christ alone, they (we) may lead their (our) fellow men and women to the light of the Gospel. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Zechariah 8: 6-13;

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 112: 1-9 with response:

From the rising of the sun to its setting, praise the name of the Lord;

Second Reading - Acts 1:12-14;

Alleluia Verse

Blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled;

Gospel

Luke 1:26-38 *or* Mark 6: 1-6 *or* John 19: 25-28.

[Alternate readings may be selected from the Common of the BVM.]

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept our gifts, O Lord, and enlighten our hearts and minds with you Spirit, so that like Mary we may cling to Christ your Son, living for him alone and pleasing to him in all things. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, and to praise, bless, and glorify your name as we honour the Most Holy Name of Mary.

For she received your Word in the purity of her heart and conceived him in her virgin's womb; she fostered the first beginnings of the Church by giving birth to Christ its Head and Founder; she accepted your parting gift of love as she stood beside the Cross and so became the Mother of all the living, her children brought to new life through the death of her Son.

One in prayer with the Apostles as they waited for the promised gift of your Spirit she became the perfect pattern of the Church at prayer; raised to the glory of heaven, she cares for the pilgrim Church with a mother's love, following its progress homewards until the day of the Lord dawns in splendour.

And so, with the company of Angels and Saints, we sing the hymn of your praise, as without end we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts . . .

Communion Song

or Antiphon:

All generations will call be blessed, for God has looked on his lowly handmaid.