

ORDER OF CROWNING AN IMAGE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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Assisting minister:

For all here present, that, recognizing the unique dignity of the blessed Virgin, we may try to imitate her humility and spirit of service and daily love her more and more. Let us pray to the Lord.

R. Lord almighty, hear us.

The bishop concludes the intercessions with the following prayer.

Lord God,
through the prayers of blessed Mary, ever Virgin,
whom you have given us for our mother and queen,
grant that we too may share in the fullness of your grace.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

19 After the incensation of the gifts, the altar, and the cross, the bishop may also incense the image [images]. Then the minister and the people may be incensed. The Mass continues as usual.

CONCLUDING RITE

ANTIPHON OR SONG

20 After Mass one of the following antiphons or another suitable song in honor of Mary is sung.

- 1** Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy,
hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope.
To you we cry, the children of Eve;
to you we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this land of exile.
Turn, then, most gracious advocate,
your eyes of mercy toward us;
lead us home at last

Assisting minister:

Christ, heir to the universe, gather your inheritance into the holy Church, so that all nations may inherit the kingdom with you.

R). Reign in our hearts, O Lord!

Assisting minister:

Christ, eternal judge, when you deliver up your kingdom to God the Father, place us at your right hand and grant that we may possess the kingdom prepared for us before the creation of the world.

R). Reign in our hearts, O Lord!

Assisting minister:

Christ, Mediator between God and humankind, you made your Mother the Queen of mercy for us. Through her pleading, give strength to the weary, comfort to the afflicted, and pardon to sinners.

R). Reign in our hearts, O Lord!

Assisting minister:

Christ, Savior of the world, who crowned Mary as Queen of heaven, grant that those who have died may rejoice in your kingdom for ever in the company of the saints.

R). Reign in our hearts, O Lord!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

In the following or similar words, the bishop then introduces the Lord's Prayer.

And now, as beloved children of God, rejoicing in the glory of the Blessed Virgin Mary and trusting in her prayers, let us humbly approach God the Father in the words that our Savior gave us:

All:

Our Father . . .

And coming to her, he said,

“Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you.”

But she was greatly troubled at what was said

and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

Then the angel said to her,

“Do not be afraid, Mary,

for you have found favor with God.

“Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,

and you shall name him Jesus.

He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High,

and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father,

and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever,

and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

But Mary said to the angel,

“How can this be,

since I have no relations with a man?”

And the angel said to her in reply,

“The Holy Spirit will come upon you,

and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.

Therefore the child to be born

will be called holy, the Son of God.

And behold, Elizabeth, your relative,

has also conceived a son in her old age,

and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren;

for nothing will be impossible for God.”

Mary said, “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.

May it be done to me according to your word.”

Then the angel departed from her.

The Gospel of the Lord.